**WGGB Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 6th July 2022

From 10.30am online via Zoom

**Final Agenda**

1. Standing Orders Committee report
2. Draft minutes of the 2021 AGM
3. Chair’s report
4. General Secretary’s report
5. Treasurer’s report
6. Presentation and adoption of audited accounts
7. Appointment of auditors
8. Results of Executive Council elections (see Appendix 1)
9. Motions (see Appendix 2)
10. Annual report: section by section
11. Election of Standing Orders Committee for 2023
12. Any other business
13. President’s closing remarks – Sandi Toksvig

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**Appendix 1**

**Valid nominations for President, Officers, and Executive Councillors**

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| Single and Co-chair Candidates | WGGB office/position | Nos of Candidates |
| Sandi Toksvig |  | President | One |
| Lisa Holdsworth |  | Chair | One |
| William Gallagher |  | Deputy Chair | One |
| Emma Reeves |  | Deputy Chair | One |
| Gail Renard |  | Treasurer | One |
| Simon Guerrier  |  | Books | One |
| Nathaniel Tapley |  | Comedy | One |
| Tom Williams |  | Film | One |
| Sukey Venables Fisher  | Television | One |
| Richard Pinner and Poppy Corbett | Theatre | One |
| Manon Eames |  | Wales | One |
| Tim Stimpson |  | West Midlands | One |
| Sumerah Srivastav and Miranda Walker | Equality, Diversity & Inclusion | One |

Notes: In the event that only one candidate is nominated for any office or position, that person shall be declared duly elected forthwith. Co-chairs are considered one candidate as they occupy one seat with one vote on the Executive Council.

The remaining vacant seats on the Executive Council will be announced, and the General Secretary will seek further nominations after the AGM.

**Appendix 2**

**Motions to WGGB AGM 2022**

1. **Government White Paper ‘Up next – the government’s vision for the broadcasting sector’**

The TV Committee believes that the Government’s White Paper has far-reaching implications for the creative industries,

Motion: The AGM calls upon the Executive Council to campaign to ensure that any resulting legislation provides positive outcomes for writers.

Proposed by TV Committee

Supported by the Executive Council

1. **Ofcom regulation of Children’s programming**

The TV Committee regret Ofcom’s decision to further diminish the requirement for original UK children’s programming in the BBC’s charter and urge them to change this decision.

Motion: The AGM calls upon the Executive Council to lobby Ofcom to increase the regulatory requirements on the BBC in respect of Children’s programming

Proposed by TV Committee

Supported by the Executive Council

1. **Channel 4 Privatisation**

The TV Committee opposes the privatisation of Channel 4 and we recommend the WGGB to campaign against this privatisation.

Motion: The AGM calls upon the Executive Council to continue to actively campaign against the privatisation of Channel 4

Proposed by TV Committee

Supported by the Executive Council

1. **Editorial and Communications Committee**

The Editorial & Communications Committee has done great work in the past but seldom if ever meets. It's become redundant because we now have a Communication’s Manager on staff, doing an excellent and professional job. Resources should be given to new committees like Diversity and Equality, and Videogames.

Motion: This AGM resolves to change the rules so that the Editorial and Communication’s seat on the Executive Council is deleted.

* To delete paragraph (iv) ‘A representative for Editorial and Communications matters, to be elected in a ballot of all members entitled to vote. This representative will also serve as the Chair of the Editorial and Communications Committee’, in section 13.1
* Renumber following paragraphs in section 13.1

Proposed by Gail Renard (Treasurer)
Seconded by Emma Reeves

Note: Motion (d) is a rule-changing motion and therefore requires a two-thirds majority.