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## **DGC BC Collective Agreement Ratified**

The Directors Guild of Canada, British Columbia has renewed its Agreement with the CFTPA, BC Producers' Branch and the AMPTP Canadian Affiliates. The balloting on the Agreement resulted in the endorsement of the 3-year pact by the DGC BC Membership. The Agreement is effective April 1, 2009 through to March 31, 2012.

The DGC BC represents over 900 Members who work in key creative and logistical capacities in the film and television industry. This Agreement is the fifth Collective Agreement since 1996, when the parties first negotiated. These Agreements have provided a stable labour relations framework that has been essential to the continued growth of the motion picture industry in British Columbia.

The Agreement provides a 2 percent wage increase in each year, as well as a \$4 per day supplemental Health & Welfare contribution in Year 1, with an additional \$4 per day increase in each of years 2 and 3. Also approved is a rate improvement for the first 4 Member Production Assistants hired after the Key Production Assistants, penalty fees for overdue payments of Director Buyouts, and a New Media sideletter covering projects made for the internet and other mobile devices.

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