

TAEMUN IX

Alphabet Soup Strike: WGA SAG-AFTRA Strike Negotiations

Position Dossier:

Meredith Stiehm: President of WGA West

American television producer, writer, and trade union leader. Previously on the Board of Directors for six years, served as President of the Writers Guild of America West since 2021. Creator of *Cold Case* (2003) and *The Bridge* (2011).

Michele Mulroney: Vice President of WGA West

American screenwriter, director, and producer. Vice President since 2021, previously on the Board of Directors in 2017-19, and secretary-treasurer in 2019-21. Co-chair in 2020 MBA (Minimum Basic Agreement) negotiating. Known for *Power Rangers* (2017), *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows* (2011), and *Sunny & Share Love You* (2007).

Ellen Stutzman: Chief Negotiator for WGA West

Chief Negotiator during the strike, stood in for David Young. Assistant Executive Director since 2018. Promoted to Executive Director after David Young's departure.

Fran Drescher: SAG-AFTRA President

American actress, comedian, writer, activist, and trade union leader. SAG-AFTRA President since 2021, known for her role as Fran Fine in the television sitcom *The Nanny*, which she co-created and co-produced.

Duncan Crabtree-Ireland: SAG-AFTRA National Executive Director and Chief Negotiator

National Executive Director and Chief Negotiator since 2021. Led and oversaw negotiations for SAG-AFTRA's Netflix Agreement and its videogames, commercials, music, and network television contracts, and was a prominent participant in the merger with SAG and AFTRA in 2012.

Lisa Takeuchi Cullen: WGA East President

Japanese-American writer and producer, elected President in September 2023, previously the vice president, and co-chair of its Committee for Inclusion & Equity. Created *The Ordained*.

Erica Saleh: WGA East Vice President

Playwright and TV writer, elected Vice President in September 2023, creator and showrunner of *One of Us Is Lying*. Previously a member of the 2020 negotiating committee.

Geoff Betts: Director of Contract Enforcement & Credits for WGA East

Manages the Guild's Minimum Basic Agreement (MBA) on behalf of all WGA film, television and digital media writers on the East Coast. Actor, known for *Soul Flyers* (2008), *American Indian Graffiti: This Thing Life* (2003), and *Bells of Innocence* (2003).

TAEMUN IX

Alphabet Soup Strike: WGA SAG-AFTRA Strike Negotiations

Carol Lombardini: AMPTP President

Appointed President in 2009. Works as Chief Negotiator of labor negotiations with entertainment industry guilds and unions.

Jeffrey Jacob Abrams: American filmmaker and composer

Prominent donor in WGA, wrote and produced *Regarding Henry* (1991), *Forever Young* (1992), *Armageddon* (1998), *Cloverfield* (2008), *Star Trek* (2009), *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (2015), and *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* (2019). Warner Bros. suspended a deal with him due to the strike.

Adam McKay: American film director, producer, screenwriter, and comedian

Head writer for the NBC sketch comedy show *Saturday Night Live (SNL)* from 1995 to 2001. Prominent donor in WGA, Apple suspended a deal with him due to the strike.

Michael Herbert Schur: American television producer, writer, director and actor

Part of the negotiating committee in WGA. Head producer and writer for *The Office*, created/co-created *Parks and Recreation*, *Brooklyn 99*, *The Good Place*, and *Rutherford Falls*. Prominent donor in WGA.

Charles Rivkin: Chairman/CEO of MPA (Motion Picture Association)

American media executive, former United States diplomat. Also serves as Chairman of the Alliance for Creativity and Entertainment (ACE), the world's largest content protection coalition dedicated to combating digital piracy.

Brian Robbins: President and CEO of Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon

American media proprietor and film producer, President since 2021, co-founded AwesomenessTV.

Kimberly Godwin: President of ABC News

American television executive, named president in 2021, the first black woman to lead a major American broadcast news network.

Reed Hastings: CEO of Netflix

American businessman, co-founder, and CEO of Netflix since 1998.

Rob Wade: CEO of Fox Entertainment

CEO since 2022, President for Alternative Entertainment and Specials of FOX Entertainment for five years. Previously served as the showrunner on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* and was the head of Entertainment Development at BBC Worldwide, also an executive producer on FOX's *The X Factor* and NBC's *America's Got Talent*.

Alan Bergman: Chairman of Disney Entertainment

Chairman since 2019, previously President from 2005 to 2019. Leads Disney's filmmaking studios that produce cinematic storytelling for both theatrical and streaming releases, including Disney, Walt Disney Animation Studios, Pixar Animation Studios, Marvel Studios, Lucasfilm, 20th Century Studios, and Searchlight Pictures. Also oversees the marketing, operations, technology, theatrical distribution, and business groups of said brands.

Meryl Streep: Actress

Initially threatened to strike along with WGA (before SAG-AFTRA joined the picket lines). Helped lead a donation campaign, along with George Clooney, which raised over \$15 million. Contributed \$1 million herself. Known for her versatility and accent adaptability, starred in *Mama Mia! Here We Go Again* (2018), *Out of Africa* (1985), *Sophie's Choice* (1982), *Into the Woods* (2014), and more.

George Clooney: Actor and Producer

Known for *The Ides of March* (2011), *Michael Clayton* (2007), *Up in the Air* (2009), and *From Dusk Till Dawn* (1996). Led a donation campaign with Meryl Streep, and contributed \$1 million. Also led a \$150 million proposal to SAG-AFTRA in an effort to find a resolution.

Anne Hathaway: Actress

Known for *Les Misérables* (2012), *The Dark Knight Rises* (2012), *Rachel Getting Married* (2008), and *The Princess Diaries* (2001). In a project that was granted an exception to continue filming (*She Came to Me*) which received an Interim Agreement, allowing promotion and filming without violating strike rules.

Jennifer Lawrence: Actress

Known for *Hunger Games* (2012), *American Hustle* (2013), and *X-Men: First Class* (2011). Threatened to join the writers in striking in the early days, wrote a letter to the SAG-AFTRA leadership and negotiating committee.

Drew Barrymore: Actress, Producer, and Talk Show Host

Produced *Charlie's Angels* (2000) and *Never Been Kissed* (1999), known for *50 First Dates* (2004), and *Ever After: A Cinderella Story*. Hosts her own talk show, *The Drew Barrymore Show*, and announced she would continue her talk show without writers during the strike, which she received heavy backlash for.

Stephen Amell: Actor

Known for *Arrow* (2012), and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows* (2016). Stated that he supported his union, but did not support striking as a whole. Later seen joining the picket line with his union.

TAEMUN IX

Alphabet Soup Strike: WGA SAG-AFTRA Strike Negotiations

Jamie Lee Curtis - Actress and Producer

Known for *Halloween* (2018), *Everything Everywhere All at Once* (2022), and *True Lies* (1994). Expressed neutrality for the strike, stating that she wanted to “be like Switzerland in all of this” then later backtracked and stated her support for the strike

