

A Letter from the President

Hello all. I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on the happenings of The Spokane Film Project. It's been a busy year and because so many things have been accomplished, I think a short recap is in order:

- Last spring and early summer, we finalized our efforts to officially become a 501c3 Non-Profit Corporation. We have received our City and Washington State licenses and our IRS identification number. We did it!
- We held 4 successful educational panels with collaboration with CMTV as our hosts. All the panels were well attended and included extremely relevant content from local and regional industry professionals. Our panel topics were Screenwriting, Producing, Directing and a discussion and overview of working with our national and regional Film Unions.
- In addition to our educational panels for our members, we also held 3 industry educational seminars for local school district film and media teachers. These were hands on events that covered cinematography, sound, directing and film production.
- We held a membership mixer last February that was well attended and provided a great opportunity for our members to network with other members and industry people.
- We added two new board members early in the year: Adrienne Dellwo as our Executive Director and myself as President. Sadly, Adrienne had to step down, so we are currently looking to fill the Executive Director position. As a group we were so fortunate to have Adrienne as our Executive Director through the finalization of our Non-Profit status. She is not only a very talented producer and writer of local screenplays and films, she was a great resource of knowledge of the ins and outs of non-profits and she worked extremely hard with the Gonzaga Law Center finalizing our Non-Profit status. Thank you so much Adrienne for all that you did for us!
- Additionally, just a few weeks ago at our November 4th board meeting we welcomed two new board members: Taylor Patrick and Devante Smith. Previous to becoming official board members, they had been helping Rebecca on the membership committee.
- In the last week of September we held a board retreat where, as board members, we discussed future plans for the Spokane Film Project. This was a very productive planning meeting where we discussed not only the things we want to do next year, but we went over our Mission Statement, a proposed membership code of conduct, organization insurance requirements, available grants, proposed budgets and fund raising. Lots to talk about.
- And finally, just last week, several of our members participated in the Seattle Film Summit. SFP put on a panel on "How and Why you should put on a Film Festival," that was well received. There will be more discussion on the "Film Summit" in my next letter and at our January annual meeting.

On December 5th, Washington Film Works will update us on what is going on in our industry at a meeting scheduled at David's Pizza, 803 West Mallon. Meeting to begin at 6:30pm.

We also have a Membership Meet Up scheduled for the second week in January at the Big Dipper. We're finalizing the exact day and time right now.

Finally, I wanted to list your Board Officers and Committee Chairs:

Executive Director: Open

President: Marc Harvey

Vice-President: Rebecca Cook

Secretary: Jamie Junction

Treasurer: Adam Harum

Education & Outreach: Juan Mas

Ira Gardner

Communication: Tom Dineen

Membership: Rebecca Cook, Chair

Taylor Patrick

Devante Smith

Board Member: Brandon Smith

Thank you for reading and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming.

Marc Harvey