

Sideletter No. 22

As of July 1, 2005;
Revised as of July 1, 2008

Ms. Carol A. Lombardini
Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, Inc.
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Sherman Oaks, California 91403-5885

Re: Diversity

Dear Ms. Lombardini:

During the negotiations for the 2008 BA and FLTTA, the parties discussed their respective concerns regarding diversity in the production of television programs. The Employers and the DGA have agreed to address concerns regarding the implementation of BA Article 15 and FLTTA Article 19 as follows:

1. Both parties mutually understand the need to continue the diversity meetings with high level creative, production or programming executives, pursuant to BA 15-700 and FLTTA Article 19, Section E.
2. The Major Production Companies have agreed to continue their commitment of substantial resources to increase the employment of both experienced and emerging women and minority Directors in television. To this end, several programs have been instituted including the ABC/Touchstone Directing Assignment Initiative, the NBC Director in Training Program and the HBO/DGA Directing Fellowship. These programs and other initiatives have the potential to be an important source of employment opportunities. The DGA will continue to provide lists of women and minority Directors who may be available for assignment.
3. The DGA will endeavor to educate the DGA executive producers, supervising producers and/or showrunner members about the need to enhance the employment of women and minority Directors. In addition, the DGA will cooperate with other organizations, including the WGAw, at the Employer's request, to further the goal of diversity.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Roth
National Executive Director

Agreed:

Carol A. Lombardini