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Writers Guild of America, West, Inc.

One-Time Review of the Foreign Levy Program

February 28, 2012

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"ANY OTHER PARTY TO RELY
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WRITERS OF AMERICA
READ THE SMALL PRINT
FROM THE WGA BOARD OF
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IF FOR WGAW'S 'SOLE BENEFIT'
THEN IT DOES NOT RELATE TO THE
SETTLEMENT, WHICH IS BREACHED
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## Schedule A: Amount of Foreign Levy Funds Collected, Distributed to Writers and Held by WGAW

								Collected						Distributed		Held	
4.0		Beginning Fund		9		Investment Income/Interest <sup>4</sup>		WGAW Total Funds Collected including Interest		Investment Income/Interest Transferred <sup>5</sup>		Assessed Administrative Fee <sup>6</sup>		WGAW Funds Distributed to Writers <sup>7</sup>		WGAW Funds Held Balance 8	
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FY 1992	\$	2	S	1,257,691	\$	25,152	\$	1,282,843	\$	216	\$		\$	=	\$	1,282,628	
FY 1993		1,282,628		2,149,931		45,806		2,195,737		68,479		-		594,207		2,815,678	
FY 1994		2,815,678		2,658,324		82,363		2,740,686		84,627		348		630,775		4,840,963	
FY 1995		4,840,963		1,093,359		154,799		1,248,158		429,692		-		579,658		5,079,771	
FY 1996		5,079,771		840,748		234,815		1,075,563	1	(173,043)		-		405,074		5,923,304	
FY 1997		5,923,304		2,143,225		348,062		2,491,287	A	354,321		-		666,623		7,393,647	
FY 1998		7,393,647		1,060,825		428,916		1,489,741		389,315		_		169,670		8,324,403	
FY 1999		8,324,403		4,672,061		524,908		5,196,969	A	461,532				2.396.429		10,663,410	
FY 2000		10,663,410		2,165,535		482,650		2,648,185	Ø	556,447		<u> </u>		1,946,246		10,808,902	
FY 2001		10,808,902		3,637,092		842,684		4,479,776		603,836		-		604,365		14,080,478	
FY 2002		14,080,478		3,005,593		382,141		3,387,734		638,780		950		1,574,321		15,255,110	
FY 2003		15,255,110		3,631,882		563,407		4,195,290	ii.	248,753				1,513,469		17,688,178	
FY 2004		17,688,178		6,923,103		296,556		7,219,658	1	586,082		49,395		458,012		23.814.348	
FY 2005		23,814,348		5,351,786		295,503		5,647,289		393,432		588,974		7,040,470		21,438,761	
FY 2006	4	21,438,761		6,552,914		722,983		7,275,897		656,699		441,999		7,207,710		20,408,251	
FY 2007		20,408,251		10,721,258	3300	1,196,352		11,917,610		1,032,135		577,707	400	9,226,913		21,489,106	
FY 2008	Å	21,489,106		19,755,282		1,381,460		21,136,742		(#6	9	950,624	7	19,153,981		22,521,244	
FY 2009	J	22,521,244		18,340,832		309,936		18,650,768		2	9	539,934	the same	11,876,747		28.755,332	
FY 2010		28,755,332		17,200,809		455,719		17,656,528		-	9	977,390	Till Call	16,845,093		28.589,377	
FY 2011	1	28,589,377	-	16,073,632	-	179,111		16,252,743	_	1,323,149	2	863,749	1000	21,035,129		21,620,093	
Total			\$	129,235,882	\$	8,953,324	\$	138,189,206	\$	7,654,451	\$	4,989,771	\$	103,924,891		A	

#### Notes

All values rounded to the nearest dollar.

ALL OF THE ABOVE WAS SUPPLIED TO KMPG BY WGAW. NO OTHER ACCOUNTINGS WERE GIVEN TO LEAD PLAINTIFF





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WGAW initiated its foreign levy collection efforts in 1987. It received the first remittances from foreign Collecting Societies in 1992.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> WGAW's fiscal year ends on March 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Remittances from foreign collection societies to WGAW on behalf of writers, net of transfers to other foreign levy payors (e.g. DGA) and refunds to foreign Collecting Societies of improperly transmitted funds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Investment Income/Interest on funds held is net of bank and custodial fees. Investment Income/Interest is determined by investment performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Investment Income/Interest is transferred to WGAW general fund to offset the cost of administering the foreign levies program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> WGAW began charging an administrative fee in 2004 to offset the cost of administering the foreign levies program. The fee is assessed when remittance is distributed to writers.

Includes payments to both writers and their heirs, successors or other proper parties.

<sup>8</sup> Balance as of the end of WGAW's fiscal year on March 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> No Investment Income/Interest was transferred during these fiscal years.

Exhibit 2 -

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### 2012 WGAW Annual Report to Writers

Writers Guild of America, West, Inc.

#### Download the 2012 Annual Report

June 8, 2012

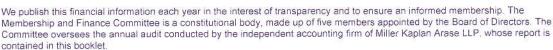
Dear Fellow Members,

We are pleased to present the Guild's annual financial report. This year's report reflects that, as the economy continues its slow recovery from a deep recession, the Guild remains financially sound and strong.

In this booklet, you will find the WGAW's financial statements and a summary of industry and employment data for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012. These are the headlines:

- The Guild ended the fiscal year with total net assets of \$34.4 million. The Guild owns its headquarters free of mortgage debt and our investments stand at \$19.6 million, including a total of \$12.2 million in our Strike and Good & Welfare Funds.
- The Guild had an operating surplus for the fiscal year of \$2.8 million based on total revenues of \$26.1 million, up from \$25.3 million last year. The increased revenues were the product of a 3.1% increase in total revenue and investment gains generated by a recovering equities market.
- Annual expenditures of \$23.3 million were lower than FY 2011's total of \$24.6 million. The biggest contributor to this decrease
  was lower legal expenses in FY 2012.





Sincerely,

The Membership and Finance Committee

Carl Gottlieb (chair). Marjorie David, Tony DeSena, Adam Rodman and Ari B. Rubin

2011 Annual Report to Writers 2010 Annual Report to Writers 2009 Annual Report to Writers 2008 Annual Report to Writers 2007 Annual Report to Writers 2006 Annual Report to Writers 2005 Annual Report to Writers 2004 Annual Report to Writers 2003 Annual Report to Writers 2002 Annual Report to Writers 2001 Annual Report to Writers 2001 Annual Report to Writers

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class members: this is what the WGA put on their website as per the settlement. The settlement is breached.

## WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, WEST, INC. FOREIGN LEVIES FUNDS COLLECTED, DISTRIBUTED TO WRITERS AND HELD BY WGAW March 31, 2012

								Collected						Distributed		Held
Fiscal Year <sup>1,2</sup>	Beginning Balance				Investment Income/Interest <sup>4</sup>		WGAW Total Funds Collected including Interest		Investment Income/Interest Transferred <sup>5</sup>		Assessed Administrative Fee <sup>6</sup>		12-0-201	WGAW Funds Distributed to Writers <sup>7</sup>		WGAW Funds Held Balance <sup>8</sup>
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FY 1992 - FY 2011	9 \$	548	\$	129,235,882	\$	8,953,324	s	138,189,206	\$	7,654,451		\$ 4,989,771	\$	103,924,891	\$	21,620,093
FY 2012		21,620,093	10	18,294,675		203,687		18,498,362		-	11	847,107		17,321,468		21,949,880
			\$	147,530,557	\$	9,157,011	\$	156,687,568	\$	7,654,451	=	\$ 5,836,878	\$	121,246,359		

#### Notes:

All values rounded to the nearest dollar.

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- 3 Remittances from foreign collection societies to WGAW on behalf of writers, net of transfers to other foreign levies payors (e.g. the DGA) and refunds to foreign Collecting Societies of improperly transmitted funds.
- <sup>4</sup> Investment Income/Interest on funds held is net of bank and custodial fees. Investment Income/Interest is determined by investment performance.
- Investment Income/Interest is transferred to WGAW general fund to offset the cost of administering the Foreign Levies Program.
- WGAW began charging an administrative fee in 2004 to offset the cost of administering the Foreign Levies Program. The fee is assessed when funds are distributed to writers.
- Includes payments to both writers and their heirs, successors or other proper payees.
- Balance as of the end of WGAW's fiscal year on March 31.
- FY 1992 FY 2011 data are based on the February 29, 2012 One-Time Review of the Foreign Levies Program, prepared by the accounting firm KPMG LLP (the "KPMG Review"
- <sup>10</sup> FY 2012 beginning balance is based on the KPMG Review
- <sup>11</sup> No Investment Income/Interest was transferred during fiscal year 2012.

WHAT AN AMAZING MISLEADING, SNEAKY, DOCUMENT THIS IS, USING THE KMPG 'REVIEW' AS BASIS FOR ACCOUNTING FOR THE NON UNION WRITERS' AND WGAW MEMBERS MONEY -- WHEN THE REVIEW COMES FROM THE WGAW BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BEGIN WITH.

THERE NEVER HAS BEEN ANY ACCOUNTING, TRUE HONEST ACCOUNTING, OF 200 MILLION OWED U.S. WRITERS, NOT TO MENTION MILLIONS MORE DIVERTED TO STUDIOS. THE WGA ALSO SUPPLIED FOREIGN LEVIES TO THE DGA MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS, ALONG WITH PORN WRITERS ETC. -- THIS IS RIDICUOULS AND

ABSURD -- William Richert, Class Representative

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I, BRIAN O'ROURKE, declare as follows:

I am the Chief Financial Officer for Defendant Directors Guild of America, Inc. ("DGA") and have held that position since June 2009; previously, I was the Controller of the DGA. I have been involved in the DGA's foreign levies program since 2006, and have been supervising the program since I became CFO in 2009. In this capacity, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and, if called upon to testify, I could and would do so competently. I submit this declaration in support of the DGA's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion To Compel Compliance With & Execution Of Settlement Agreement.

**DECLARATION OF BRIAN O'ROURKE** 

The DGA has fully complied with the terms and requirements set forth in the Class Settlement Agreement (the "CSA").

## PKF Engagement

- 3. The DGA engaged PKF as the independent accounting firm to conduct the annual review of its foreign levy program (the "Annual Review") pursuant to Section V(1) of the CSA. PKF has performed the Annual Reviews for the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- 4. PKF's engagement in connection with the Annual Reviews is consistent with and dictated by the terms of the CSA. A true and correct copy of the engagement letter for PKF's work on the Annual Review for the year ended December 31, 2010 is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The engagement letters for prior years were identical in all material respects to this one.
- 5. PKF is a well-known accounting firm within the entertainment community. It is a member of PKF International Limited, the tenth-largest global accounting network in the world. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the biography of Mark Hennelley, the engagement partner, available at http://www.pkfcalifornia.com/pageview.aspx?id=33520.
- PKF and the DGA have an arms-length relationship. PKF is not the regular 6. auditor for the DGA, and performed only minimal work for DGA in the past ten years. Specifically, PKF (a) performed ballot counting for the DGA Awards in one instance in 2003; and (b) is among several accounting firms which, from time to time, conduct "Tri-Guild" audits - gross receipts audits conducted pursuant to collective bargaining agreements between the

major entertainment guilds (DGA, Screen Actors Guild (SAG), and Writers Guild of America (WGA)) and producers, and primarily funded by the major motion picture and television studios pursuant to those collective bargaining agreements.

 Since 2008, the DGA has paid PKF a total of \$70,558 in connection with the Annual Reviews.

### **Annual Reviews**

- 8. PKF issues a written report confirming the results of each Annual Review, which includes the twelve categories of information specified in Section V(1)(a). This report follows an extensive review process conducted by PKF; among other things, the DGA provides PKF with access to information on the total foreign levies received by the DGA, assigned by the DGA to directors, and paid out to directors (both members and non-members).
- 9. Per Section V(1)(e) of the CSA, the results of each Annual Review have been posted on the DGA's website, with electronic copies available for download. The DGA has never received any request (whether by phone, email, or writing) for a hard copy of any of the Annual Reviews.
- 10. To my knowledge, and based on a log of telephone and written inquiries the DGA has received regarding foreign levies, no person has contacted the DGA to complain or otherwise raise concerns about the scope or quality of the Annual Reviews conducted by PKF, or the information provided in the Annual Reviews.
- 11. The CSA does not require that the Annual Reviews identify "when the foreign levies being distributed each year were actually collected" as Class Counsel now requests. Providing this information would impose substantial cost and burden to the DGA, due in large part to the quality of information the DGA receives from foreign collecting societies, and the gaps in time between our receipt of funds and our receipt of distribution information for the funds. In addition, distribution files we receive from collecting societies can contain 90,000

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## EXHIBIT 4

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