

Voter's Guide and Voting Instructions for the 2021 New Mexico Local Election

July 30, 2021

Please note that the candidates have been requested to provide statements for this brochure in accordance with rules outlined in the SAG-AFTRA Constitution and the Nominations and Election Policy ("Guidelines"). Photos and statements for Convention Delegate positions are not permitted.

If a candidate for any office is unopposed, the candidate shall be declared elected without the necessity of a membership vote.

Please note that the following candidates ran unopposed and will be installed in office on September 2, 2021:

President - Marc Comstock; 1st Vice President - Tom Schuch; 2nd Vice President - Talia Pura; Secretary - Jackie Jones

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IMPORTANT!

Before marking your ballot, please read the "Voting Instructions" on back of this guide. Following these instructions assures that your vote will be cast properly. The National Board member, by virtue of their election to that position, shall also serve as a Convention Delegate. The National Board Member will also serve as a Local Board Member during the first two years of the term. The Local Board Members and Convention Delegates, by virtue of their election to those positions, are eligible to serve as Alternate National Board Members.

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER / 4 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE (1)



01 / HEATH HENSLEY

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02 / MEL MACKARON

It's a privilege and honor to run for **New Mexico's National Board member**, a position I've served in for ten years. A **30-year New Mexico local board member**, I'm a passionate, energetic voice for New Mexico actors, with good **relationships with other locals' leaders (no matter their politics)** and **SAG-AFTRA staff**. As your National Board representative, I serve on committees like **Professional Representatives**, **Background**, **Committee of Locals**, **Reinstatement Obligations Review**, and **local committees**. Visit <u>www.melmackaron.com</u> and click *News and Views* to see my commitment and qualifications. Also, feel free to write to **melmackaron@gmail.com** or call **310.633.0615**. Thank you for your confidence and your vote.



o₃ / MICHAEL MILLER

Dear SAG/AFTRA Family, I am asking for your vote to be your next National Board Representative for New Mexico. It's time for a new perspective representing New Mexico members in the National Board Room. It's been an honor to serve you on the local board for most of the last 13 years. This election will not be uncontested. Other candidates will have strong credentials also. Each of us in our own capacity can do the job. My focus is on the membership of this local. I want to hear you and listen to your ideas.

LOCAL BOARD MEMBER / 2 YEAR TERM

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04 / ELISE FALANGA

My name is Elise Falanga Taylor. I've been an actress since I was 7 years old and I always knew it was a calling. I joined AFTRA in 2002 and became eligible for SAG in 2011 in New York. I am from the NY/NJ area and began pursuing my career in NYC. Years later, I moved to Los Angeles to build my credits in Television. I worked on over 75 Television shows as a Co-Star, Stand-In, Featured Background as well as being a part of a crowd. Acting is my true passion and although I still continue to audition and work



o5 / HEATH HENSLEY

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LOCAL BOARD MEMBER / 2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) – *CONTINUED*



o6 / BOB JESSER

My purpose in running for a board member position is to help the New Mexico community become as formidable as it is capable of being. I believe in the talent here and want our community to not only be thought of as "local hires", but as first choice actors in an international industry.



07 / MEL MACKARON

I've served on the **New Mexico legacy-SAG and SAG-AFTRA boards for 30 years**. My passion is representing actors and your best interests. I'm actively involved in the issues and serve on committees such as **Professional Representatives**, **Legislative, Background, Member Reinstatement**, and **Wages and Working Conditions**, chairing many. I represent you on the **New Mexico Federation of Labor**, protecting and improving your rights in New Mexico, collaborating with sister unions. Please visit <u>www.melmackaron.com</u> and click *News and Views* for details on my commitment and qualifications. You're also welcome to write to **melmackaron@gmail.com** or call **310-633-0615**. Thank you for your confidence and your vote.



o8 / DANI PAYNE No Statement



og / PAUL BLOTT

I have been a union member for a few years now and have witnessed the many changes this local board has adapted to. Having said that, adaptation is only a portion of this boards' responsibilities. The NM board must also stay proactive in order to remain ahead of the curve and that fellow members, requires a multi talented, multi faceted board in order to develop strong relationships with the National Board, local legislators, its' members and so many others. It has been my pleasure to be affiliated with such a dedicated core and I would appreciate the chance to continue.

CONVENTION DELEGATE / 2 YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FIVE (5)

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