



The WGC Announces New President, Council

Toronto – May 7, 2018 — The Writers Guild of Canada is pleased to announce that showrunner Dennis Heaton is the WGC's new president, elected by WGC council to serve the 2,200 members of the Guild from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2020. Dennis is an award-winning screenwriter based in Vancouver; currently showrunner of the upcoming Netflix show, *The Order*.

"We're very excited to work with Dennis," says WGC Executive Director Maureen Parker. "His showrunning experience will hold us in good stead as we go into Independent Production Agreement bargaining within the next year."

Dennis has been a member of the WGC since 2001 and has served on the Guild's council since 2012. He was showrunner of the internationally renowned police procedural *Motive* (CTV/ABC seasons one and two), and has written for *The Listener* and *Blood Ties*, among other shows.

"It's great to be the new WGC president," says Heaton. "I'm looking forward to building on the Guild's past successes, as well as facing the challenges ahead."

In addition to electing a new president, the Guild also has a new council, responsible for setting policies and overseeing Guild activities. The 2018-20 WGC council is made up of experienced screenwriter members from across the country: Vice President Andrew Wreggitt (*Mayerthorpe*), Treasurer Mark Ellis (*X Company*), Marsha Greene (*Mary Kills People*), Alex Levine (*Orphan Black*), Anne-Marie Perrotta (*Max & Ruby*), and Michael Amo (*Pure*).

The WGC's new council, along with Executive Director Maureen Parker, is ready to move ahead in a time of industry flux, and to continue the Guild's ongoing work on behalf of Canadian screenwriters.

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