



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 8, 2013

Jay Strell
Sunshine Sachs
strell@sunshinesachs.com
212.691.2800

WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, EAST AND ABC NEWS AGREE TO NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

New York -- The Writers Guild of America, East announced today that it reached a tentative agreement on a new three-year contract with ABC News, covering newswriters, producers, assignment editors, promo producers, graphic artists and desk assistants. The agreement provides for 2% increases in pay each year, plus increased contributions to the WGA pension plan. The plan affects approximately 142 ABC News employees in New York and Washington, D.C. The agreement runs from February 1, 2013 to January 31, 2016, replacing the previous agreement which expired on January 31, 2013.

WGAE members will vote to ratify the tentative agreement in the next two weeks.

“We were able to negotiate contributions necessary to maintain one of the best pension benefits available in the industry, as well as respectable pay increases,” said WGAE Executive Director Lowell Peterson. “We continue to build a productive relationship with ABC News, ensuring that our members remain central to the news gathering and production operations, and that they are appropriately compensated for the enormous value they bring.”

Writers Guild of America, East

The Writers Guild of America, East, AFL-CIO (WGAE) is a labor union representing writers in motion pictures, television, cable, digital media, and broadcast news. The Guild negotiates and

administers contracts that protect the creative and economic rights of their members; conducts programs, seminars, and events on issues of interest to writers; and presents writers' views to various bodies of government. For more information on the Writers Guild of America, East, visit www.wgaeast.org.