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## **WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA, EAST ANNOUNCES COUNCIL CANDIDATES FOR 2013 ELECTION**

**New York** – The Writers Guild of America, East (WGAE) announced today the 2013 nominees (order determined by lot\*) for its Council election. The term is for two years from 2013-2015.

There are nine (9) open Council seats (six Freelance seats and three Staff seats) in this election.

The twelve (12) candidates for the six (6) open Freelance seats are: Zhubin Parang, Bonnie Datt (i), David Atkins, Henry Bean (i), Bernardo Ruiz (i), Susan Kim (i), Robert Levi, Michael Lannan, Amy Sohn, Courtney Simon (i), Norman Steinberg and George Strayton.

The five (5) candidates for the three (3) open Staff seats are: Duane Tollison (i), Jeff Christman, Phil Pilato (i), Matt Nelko and Sue Brown McCann (i).

Guild President Michael Winship and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Schneider are running for reelection unopposed. Vice President Jeremy Pikser is running for reelection and faces Jeff Christman.

The WGAE annual membership meeting and election is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2013.

Freelance seats on the Council are available to Guild members in good standing who write for film, television or digital media and whose employers are Guild signatories.

Staff seats on the Council are available to Guild members in good standing who work in news shops, under Guild negotiated contracts.

The WGAE does not endorse or recommend any candidates for Guild office.

*\*The order of listing candidates is determined by a drawing of candidates' names by lot, conducted by two members with a WGAE staff member acting as witness.*

**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](http://www.wgaeast.org).

Editor's Notes:

“(i)” denotes incumbent