

Dear Members and Friends,

Some of you have received an appeal to write my name into your ballots (which will arrive today in your mailbox). I have decided not to let another opportunity pass by and so I now personally appeal to you to write me in. This is a highly unusual process, all the more so with a position as important as our President.

Stepping in to serve as the Acting President after the resignation of our former President has given me a most immediate and urgent insight into what it will take to lead during the transition we are in currently undergoing. I am serving on the search committee for our next Executive Director – an E.D. that will need guidance, education and yes, insight from all of the elected leadership, especially as he or she will have both Production and LORT negotiations in that very first year of tenure.

I have been on Council since 2000 and an officer since I became 1st Vice President in 2007; once again arising from an emergency situation. I ran unopposed in 2008 and my term concludes in two years.

When I did not receive the nomination for President by the Nominating Committee, I abided by that decision and chose not to run by petition. But based on the hundreds of bewildered emails and questions I've fielded asking why I wouldn't want to continue as President, I can no longer maintain the position that I do not want to continue serving.

Taking nothing away from the noble people already on the ballot, I simply feel I am the best person for this important job. I offer my experience, my reputation and my relationships with actors and theatres that span the entire country. I promise to dedicate my time, my creativity and my leadership to this union, this industry and to all the people that create live theatre.

Please write my name in on your ballot. If you feel strongly about another candidate - indeed ANY candidate - please vote. These candidates are volunteers who will make decisions that affect YOU: on health and pension, on wages and rules, on how we spend your dues and how we respond to a changing economy and to changes in our industry. Voting is good for you.

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Sincerely,
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