



DGA Agrees Tentative Four-Tier Deal with Studios

Description

Christopher Nolan expressed disinterest in negotiating a five-year agreement with studios and streaming services, but the president of the Directors Guild of America (DGA) is now aligned with the Writers Guild of America (WGA) and SAG-AFTRA for a four-year deal.

Following nearly a month of discussions with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, the DGA announced a tentative agreement. This agreement will be put to a vote by the guild's board and then by its nearly 20,000 members. It extends the existing contract from three to four years, mirroring agreements reached by the WGA and the actors' union earlier this year.

In a statement, the DGA confirmed they have reached a tentative agreement with the AMPTP. This announcement comes nearly three weeks before the current contract is set to expire on 30 June. The DGA's National Board will review the agreement before sharing details with the full membership for ratification. As per tradition, specifics will not be disclosed until the board completes its review.

The studios also issued a statement expressing satisfaction with the tentative agreement. The AMPTP stated they appreciate the efforts of their guild partners in achieving a fair deal that promotes stability and success in the entertainment sector.

Historically, the DGA has been the most flexible of the three main unions, yet this time it faced a longer negotiation process compared to the WGA, which typically takes a more assertive approach. The DGA's priorities this time were notably different from those of SAG-AFTRA and the WGA, with a strong focus on employment issues.

While the DGA has also experienced challenges like declining job opportunities and rising healthcare costs, the severity is not as high as that faced by the other unions. Full details of the deal are expected to emerge after rank-and-file members ratify the agreement.

Vocabulary List:

1. **negotiating** //nə'gɔʃjiɛtɪŋ// (verb): talking to reach an agreement or deal
2. **aligned** //ə'laɪnd// (adjective): in agreement with someone or something
3. **tentative** //'tɛntətɪv// (adjective): not final and may change later
4. **ratification** //,rætəfɪ'keɪʃən// (noun): official approval by a group's members or leaders
5. **employment** //ɛm'plɔɪmənt// (noun): work provided by a company or an employer
6. **stability** //stə'bɪləti// (noun): continuing without big changes or serious problems



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the duration of the tentative agreement reached by the DGA?
Option: Three years
Option: Four years
Option: Five years
Option: Two years
2. What will the DGA's tentative agreement be reviewed by before sharing with full membership?
Option: The Board of Directors
Option: The National Board
Option: The Executive Committee
Option: The Writers Guild
3. How many members does the DGA have approximately?
Option: 15,000
Option: 20,000
Option: 25,000
Option: 30,000
4. By what date is the current DGA contract set to expire?
Option: 30 May
Option: 30 June
Option: 30 July
Option: 30 August
5. Who is aligned with the DGA for the four-year deal?
Option: The Producers Guild
Option: Writers Guild of America and SAG-AFTRA
Option: The Actors' Equity
Option: The Directors Association
6. What has historically been the nature of the DGA compared to the WGA?
Option: More aggressive



- Option: Less flexible
- Option: More flexible
- Option: More confrontational

True-False

7. The DGA's tentative agreement will be put to a vote by the guild's members immediately.
8. The DGA focused heavily on employment issues during negotiations.
9. The studios expressed dissatisfaction with the tentative agreement reached with the DGA.
10. The DGA traditionally completes its negotiations faster than the WGA.
11. Rising healthcare costs are one of the challenges faced by the DGA.
12. The DGA has faced more severe challenges than SAG-AFTRA and WGA.

Gap-Fill

13. The DGA announced a tentative agreement that extends the existing contract from three to _____ years.
14. The current contract of the DGA is set to expire on _____ June.
15. A significant focus of the DGA's negotiations this time was on _____ issues.
16. The DGA has nearly _____ members.
17. The DGA's National Board will review the agreement before sharing it with the full _____ for ratification.
18. The studios appreciate the efforts of their guild partners in achieving a _____ deal.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Four years 2. The National Board 3. 20,000 4. 30 June 5. Writers Guild of America and SAG-AFTRA



6. More flexible

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

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