



WGA West Staff Strike Before Key AMPTP Negotiations

Description

The Writers Guild of America West's staff is on strike. This work stoppage began a month before the writers' group is set to negotiate with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

The Writers Guild Staff Union (WGSU) announced the strike on Tuesday. Members plan to picket outside the WGA West offices in Los Angeles. The staff union organized last spring and started negotiating a contract with management in September. They accuse management of unfair practices, claiming they have watched workers, fired union supporters, and negotiated without real intentions of agreements.

These claims follow a charge filed with the National Labor Relations Board, which states a member of the organizing committee was fired without proper reasons.

A spokesperson for the WGA West said they respect the right to strike and will continue negotiations. They mentioned offering many protections and improvements to staff conditions. The WGA West believes the allegations of unfair labor practices are not true.

The WGA headquarters will be closed until further notice, cancelling all upcoming events. This is a tough time as they need to negotiate a new contract with Hollywood studios in March, before the current one expires on May 1. The WGAW staff includes many roles, such as IT workers, researchers, and legal personnel.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Strike** /straɪk/ (noun): A work stoppage initiated by workers in order to gain concessions from their employer.
2. **Picket** /'pɪk.ɪt/ (verb): To stand or march outside a place of business to protest or demonstrate.
3. **Accuse** /ə'kju:z/ (verb): To claim that someone has done something illegal or wrong.
4. **Allegation** /,æ.l.ə'geɪ.ʃən/ (noun): A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically made without proof.
5. **Negotiation** /nɪ,gəʊ.fɪ'eɪ.ʃən/ (noun): Discussion aimed at reaching an agreement.
6. **Conditions** /kən'dɪʃ.ənz/ (noun): The circumstances and factors affecting a situation especially in a work environment.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. When did the Writers Guild Staff Union announce their strike?
 - Option: Monday
 - Option: Tuesday
 - Option: Wednesday
 - Option: Friday
2. What is the main accusation against management by the Writers Guild Staff Union?
 - Option: Firing union supporters and unfair practices
 - Option: Providing excellent working conditions
 - Option: Negotiating in good faith
 - Option: Offering generous benefits
3. What will happen to the WGA headquarters during the strike?
 - Option: It will be open as usual
 - Option: It will be closed until further notice
 - Option: It will relocate
 - Option: It will hold events as scheduled
4. When is the WGA West set to negotiate a new contract with studios?
 - Option: May 1
 - Option: April 15
 - Option: March
 - Option: June 1
5. Which organization is the Writers Guild West negotiating with?
 - Option: Alliance of Television Producers
 - Option: Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers
 - Option: Writers Guild of America East
 - Option: National Labor Relations Board
6. Which roles are included in the WGAW staff union?
 - Option: Actors and Directors
 - Option: IT workers, researchers, and legal personnel
 - Option: Producers and Studio Executives
 - Option: Editors and Cinematographers



True-False

7. The Writers Guild of America West's staff is currently on strike.
8. The WGA headquarters is open during the strike.
9. Members of the WGSU are planning to picket outside the WGA East offices.
10. The strike is taking place a month after negotiations with the producers.
11. Management has been accused of negotiating in good faith.
12. The current contract is set to expire on May 1.

Gap-Fill

13. The Writers Guild Staff Union announced the strike on _____.
14. The staff union started negotiating a contract with management in _____.
15. The WGA West believes that the allegations of unfair labor practices are _____.
16. The WGA headquarters will remain closed until _____.
17. A charge was filed with the _____ stating a member of the organizing committee was unjustly fired.
18. The current contract needs to be negotiated before it expires on _____.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Tuesday 2. Firing union supporters and unfair practices 3. It will be closed until further notice 4. March 5. Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers 6. IT workers, researchers, and legal personnel
- True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True
- Gap-Fill:** 13. Tuesday 14. September 15. not true 16. further notice 17. National Labor Relations Board 18. May 1



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What title is often awarded to the winner of a significant competitive event?
Option: League
Option: Tournament
Option: Championship
Option: Competition
2. What term refers to the methods employed to achieve a goal during a competition?
Option: Strategies
Option: Plans
Option: Tactics
Option: Methods
3. What is the outcome called when a competitor wins a contest?
Option: Defeat
Option: Loss
Option: Draw
Option: Victory
4. What action is taken when someone claims that another person is guilty of wrongdoing?
Option: Defend
Option: Argue
Option: Accuse
Option: Ignore
5. What term refers to the capacity to affect someone's decisions or actions?
Option: Power
Option: Influence
Option: Control
Option: Promotion
6. Which of the following is used to describe a comfortable friendly atmosphere?
Option: Cool
Option: Cold
Option: Warm
Option: Icy
7. What is the term for an individual who presents a play concert or other art form?



- Option: Organizer
- Option: Audience
- Option: Director
- Option: Performer

8. What term best describes an art form created by arranging sounds?

- Option: Art
- Option: Poetry
- Option: Drama
- Option: Music

9. What is the process of serious thought about past experiences called?

- Option: Analysis
- Option: Reflection
- Option: Review
- Option: Assessment

10. What is the process called where parties discuss terms to reach an agreement?

- Option: Discussion
- Option: Negotiation
- Option: Debate
- Option: Argument

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. To fully understand oneself it is crucial to explore personal _____.
12. In today's world many value _____ in art and performance.
13. The government's _____ was necessary to address the crisis effectively.
14. The _____ of the new policies created a stir among the public.
15. The news article was centered around an _____ of misconduct against the executive.
16. Workers protested against the poor working _____ they had to endure.
17. Her sudden departure left everyone in a state of _____.
18. Laborers decided to _____ outside the factory during the strike.



19. He walked into the meeting feeling _____ about his presentation.

20. The dancer's _____ was mesmerizing and captivated the audience.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The team dominated the championship showcasing exceptional skills and teamwork.
22. The audience was impressed by the musician's incredible talent and stage presence.
23. The workers organized strikes to demand better wages and working conditions.
24. Many performers are criticized for lip-synching instead of singing live during their acts.
25. The editing team focused on syncing the audio with the video for a flawless production.
26. Her passion for music was evident in every performance she gave.
27. The editors played a crucial role in refining the final cut of the film.
28. The clarity of her speech made it easy for everyone to understand her points.
29. The committee will examine the allegations before making any decisions.
30. The harsh conditions faced by the refugees were highlighted in the report.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Championship 2. Tactics 3. Victory 4. Accuse 5. Influence 6. Warm 7. Performer 8. Music 9. Reflection 10. Negotiation

Gap-Fill: 11. identity 12. authenticity 13. intervention 14. announcement 15. allegation 16. conditions 17. shock 18. picket 19. confident 20. performance

Matching sentence: 1. dominated 2. impressed 3. strikes 4. lip-synching 5. syncing 6. passion 7. editors 8. clarity 9. examine 10. conditions

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