MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, September 13, 2006

1. Membership meeting called to order by President Lois Kirkup at 12:03 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**
M/ by Gord Holder to approve the agenda. S/ by Wes Dearham. CARRIED.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**
M/ by Terry Garner to adopt the Minutes of the June 21, 2006 General Membership Meeting. S/ by Janet Hunter. CARRIED.

4. **President's Report**
(a) Executive activity since last general meeting: Lois Kirkup reported that Guild activity has been fairly quiet since the June meeting. She said the Citizen intends to hire a designer this fall to work on the CanWest website and she will check again with the company about this in a week or so. Lois reported that the RS&S discipline grievance has been settled/ resolved. Lois and Tony Cote attended the CWA Convention in July and an agreement was signed with CWA working towards financial autonomy for TNG Canada. Most of our money will stay in Canada but CWA will be looking for some payment each month to cover common costs. Canadian members will still be part of the CWA defence fund. TNG Canada will be responsible for our legal program and per caps. A referendum vote will be held in Canada, likely late in the fall. Lois reported on the action at the CWA convention when the Canadians proposed an amendment asking that the TNG Canada director have a seat on the CWA executive board. The proposal was agreed to on the first day of the convention and was then overturned the next day when the executive tabled the motion from the previous day, effectively overturning it. The Canadian delegation walked off the floor in protest of this action. Lois advises that TNG Canada has sent a letter of protest to CWA to try to resolve this matter before the CWA Convention next year in Toronto. We are looking for some sort of representation on the executive board for Canadians. Lois advises that lots of meetings are being held on the national level and the intent is to bring this matter to a positive conclusion. Part of the problem is that for financial reasons CWA is trying to reduce the size of the board, not increase it.
Lois reported the TNG Canada fall National Representative Council meeting is being held in Ottawa the weekend of Sept. 29-Oct. 1/06. The ONG will host a hospitality suite on the Friday and Saturday evenings starting at 6 p.m. at the Minto Suites Hotel downtown and ONG members are welcome to drop by.
Contract bargaining continues at DLR International and Lois thinks that one more meeting could result in a new contract. The Pay Equity review at the Citizen is moving slowly and the next joint meeting at the Citizen with the provincial review officer is September 22.
Extensive discussion about the bomb threat one night last week at the Citizen. Concern expressed because supervisors in the newsroom didn't advise staff about the threat and company policy and procedures were not followed. Guild will discuss this incident further at the executive meeting today and will send a letter to the company with our concerns. Supervisors need to be educated on company policies and trained on procedures and their responsibilities during such incidents.

(b) Presentation of 25-year TNG Pins:
Pin presented to Graham Hughes - Citizen/Editorial Dept.