



Statement from the Association of Talent Agents Regarding WGA Negotiating Meeting

April 12, 2019

Following today's meeting, Karen Stuart, Executive Director of the ATA released the following statement:

The WGA leadership today declared a pathway for compromise doesn't exist. Agencies have been committed to reaching an agreement with the WGA but, despite our best efforts, today's outcome was driven by the Guild's predetermined course for chaos. The WGA is mandating a "Code of Conduct" that will hurt all artists, delivering an especially painful blow to mid-level and emerging writers, while dictating how agencies of all sizes should function. We came to the negotiating table in good faith and put forth comprehensive proposals providing choice, disclosure, transparency, shared revenue and a significant investment in inclusion programs. Unfortunately, not to our surprise, the WGA did not accept our offer, did not provide counterproposals and refused to negotiate further. We're prepared to continue to fight for the best interests of writers and all artists.

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