

**Texas Filmmakers  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Texas Filmmakers  
405 S. Elm St., Suite 102  
Denton, TX 76201**

**SAT. January 26, 2008**

**Board Members Present**

**Joshua Butler**

**Chairman**

**Treasure**

**Kay Roach**

**Secretary**

**Matt Crawford**

**Present (by Phone)**

**I. Joshua called the meeting to order at 10:00AM**

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

Nomination for new Board Seats

- Joshua nominates Leah Nolan to the Board of Directors
- Matt Seconds
- Discussion on other possible nominees

Joshua and Matt ask for Kay to stay on until other members could be voted onto the board. Kay agrees. Resignation letter of Kay Roach – will be effective 1-28-08

Review and act on previous minutes – No Action

Vote on new membership levels – No Action

Vote on new Fee Schedule – No Action

**Treasury Report – No Action**

**New Business**

Review and adopt by-Law Amendments – No Action

Distribution – No Action

Baseball Fundraiser – No Action

Thin Line Film Fest – No Action

Hearing for Eliborio Beltran

All other agenda items were not addressed due to the time constraint.

The hearing of Eliborio Beltran began at 11:30am present with Mr. Beltran was his attorney named Karen Garrett. Ms. Garrett stated she would be representing Mr. Beltran and would be speaking on behalf of her client. Mr. Butler stated the first piece of

equipment that came back damaged was the tri-pod with screws missing which in turn hold the camera in place while in use. Mr. Butler showed the tri-pod to everyone demonstrating where the screws are missing and how the tri-pod cannot be used in its current condition. Ms. Garret stated her client used the tri-pod without incident then when he did return the tri-pod he offered to Mr. Butler to replace the screws. Ms. Garret stated Mr. Beltran has a taped conservation regarding the replacing of the screws for the tri-pod. Mr. Butler asked if Mr. Beltran tapes every conservation they have. Ms. Garrett stated since the assault of her client in Sept of 07 there is a history. According to Mr. Beltran, Mr. Butler stated not to worry about screws; he would follow up to get them replaced. Ms. Garrett stated her client would like to offer to replace the screws. Mr. Butler stated Texas Filmmakers is not holding her client financial responsible for the damage. Mr. Butler asked Mr. Beltran how he transports the equipment back to Texas Filmmakers. Ms. Garrett stated he uses a dolly. Mr. Beltran stated he uses a dolly and place the tri-pod with the shaft upright and uses a bungee cord to hold this in place. Mr. Butler stated he has seen the tri-pod attached to the dolly in other unsafe positions. Mr. Beltran stated he has not and would not transport in this matter. Ms. Garrett stated there are executive issues that cloud this hearing. Mr. Butler stated the other equipment that has been damaged is a mini DV playback deck in the office of Texas Filmmakers. Ms. Garrett stated there were other clients in the office using the equipment in the office beside Mr. Beltran. This was an accident when Mr. Beltran's chair was wrapped around the cord of the DV playback deck and when Mr. Beltran pushed back in the chair this pulled the deck off onto the floor. Ms. Garrett asks if the damage has been assessed. Mr. Butler stated no that it would cost \$100 for the assessment and the insurance on the equipment has a \$500 deductible. Mr. Crawford stated that Texas Filmmakers does not have the financial means to have the equipment assessed at this time. Ms. Garrett, Mr. Butler and Mr. Crawford discussed in length the location of the deck. Everyone agreed the location of the deck beside another computer is not an usual place for this equipment to be sitting. Ms. Garrett stated at the time of the fall Mr. Beltran was not using the equipment. Mr. Butler stated Mr. Beltran needed to be more aware of the equipment around him while editing at Texas Filmmakers. Discussion about increase of insurance premiums going up when a claim is turned in to the company. There is a probability this would happen. Texas Filmmakers has so far had no claims; this would be the first one. Mr. Butler stated he has contacted the manufacturing company in New York to get the screws replaced on the tri-pod but has not received a reply back. Mr. Crawford asked Mr. Butler what financial loss could be contributed to the loss of equipment. Mr. Butler stated that Texas Filmmakers' total equipment assets total \$10,000 and the mini DV playback deck and tri-pod damaged are worth a total \$2,000 and therefore represent 25% of equipment assets. Mr. Crawford stated the significant impact to Texas Filmmakers for their members to rent and use equipment. Mr. Butler stated on one occasion a Mr. Kace let Mr. Beltran use his equipment which was lost or misplace. Ms. Garret asked this not be brought forth due to Mr. Kace not being present to attest to this statement. Mr. Crawford stated that Texas Filmmakers is establishing a pattern of Mr. Beltran's behavior. Ms. Garret stated relation against Mr. Beltran by Texas Filmmakers. Ms. Garrett stated whether it is simple neglect or gross neglect, the membership should not have been suspended. Ms. Garrett stated the past history between Mr. Beltran and Mr. Butler. Ms. Garrett also stated the impact of Mr. Beltran suspension impact to the Democratic Party versus Texas Filmmakers

receiving large financial support from a person “known to be a prominent Republican.” Mr. Beltran would like to make use of the camera for filming the democratic gathering tonight. Mr. Crawford stated Texas Filmmakers does not have a political side to take. Mr. Butler stated if Ms. Garrett and Mr. Beltran would wait outside while the board deliberates on the membership of Eliborio Beltran to Texas Filmmakers.

Mr. Beltran’s membership will continue.

Hearing adjourned.

Texas Filmmakers meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.