



Dear Brothers, Sisters & Kin,

My name is Lisa Pacitto-Russo and I am your Treasurer by acclamation. I have been a member of Local 873 since 2001 and a member of the Special Effects department since 2003. Joining the SPFX committee in 2005 was a way to influence change in the department. As part of that committee we updated and developed trade tests, developed training courses, and encouraged more female members to join the department. I have remained part of the committee, also serving as the first female Chairperson in the SPFX Department.

I served on the Executive Board from 2008-2010 and during that time we developed the in house training programs and was part of the first group of trainers to take the Worker's Health & Safety Centre train the trainer program and deliver the training to our members.

I was a trustee of the Health and Welfare trust from June 2012 up until the last term.

The Health & Welfare Trustees are responsible for making changes to the health plan as well as ensuring the trust's growth through proper governance. I am proud to say that we were able to set up the retired member's health plan that is steadily growing. It is so important that we look after our members who have worked so hard all of their lives and paved the way for the rest of us, making this the great union it is.

Working in film and television for the last 20 years, my roles have ranged from head of department, assistant, and daily. For the last 12 years I have worked primarily as a buyer on Feature Films and most recently have been working as a buyer on a number of long format productions.

It is an honor to have been nominated by Alex Kavanagh, our current Treasurer. Alex has done an amazing job and her dedication to the membership and to this role is evident. I am excited to take on the position of Treasurer and also ask for your vote as Convention Delegate.

**Yours in Solidarity,
Lisa Pacitto-Russo**