

My maiden and 'stage name' is Amanda Burke, my married last name is Panon Desbassayns de Richemont, and I am running for the position of Director.

I proudly joined UBCP/ACTRA as an apprentice member in 2004 and as a full member in 2011.

I have loved working in principal performer and actor categories for “big budget” film and TV **AND** 'indie' feature and short films.

I also thrive on using my organizational skills to help “get things done”.

For example:

- I served on the board of Women in Film & Television (now GEMS) for 4 years (two terms, 2013 to 2017). Three years as chair of their International Film Festival Programming Committee and one as Vice President.
- I was actively involved with UBCP's Womens' Committee during my years at WIFTV, to cross-communicate each group's initiatives. (UBCP specific: In 2014 I helped draft the spreadsheet/template for the, then newly proposed, Gender Equity Checklist to be included with UBCP's Low Budget Agreement paperwork. In 2017 I submitted the “Lorena Gale Woman of Distinction Award” to IMDB so it could be populated under the *UBCP/ACTRA Awards, Vancouver* event, and added the winners from 2009 to 2017.)
- In 2017 I began attending UBCP's Diversity and Inclusion Committee meetings, as an ally, to learn and to support their initiatives. (I helped produce the Diversity Live Reads event held at the UBCP office in 2018.)

If elected, I will listen carefully to our sisters and brothers, and act with care and diligence.