

My name is Ian Gregson and I am running for the Director position on the UBCP/ACTRA board of directors.

I have been a single right leg amputee since the age of 15. Having a physical disability has given me a unique perspective on the film industry, all of my credits are due to me being an amputee, I have turned what many would consider a limitation to work in film in to an advantage.

The main reason I am running for the BOD is mainly due to the recent Geena Davis study that reported that whilst on screen time for traditionally under represented communities was up, screen time for people with disabilities was significantly reduced. My time on the UBCP Disability committee has made some headway, but due to various reasons the committee floundered and is essentially non-functional at the moment. It is extremely important for UBCP to get this committee up and functional once again. The benefits for people with disabilities in society at large and within the film community to have fair and accurate representation on our television and movie screens is immeasurable.

If elected I will endeavour to represent UBCP and subsequently my community fairly and accurately utilizing the lessons learned over a lifetime of living with a physical disability.

Notable achievements:

Competed for Canada 1984 and 1988 Paralympics.

Chair BC Disability Games 1990 -1996

Published Irresistible Force: A History of Disability Sport in Canada 1998

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