

My name is Ashlea Earl and I am announcing my intention to run for a position as a UBCP/ACTRA Executive Board Director.

24+ years ago I had the privilege to start working in this industry. I have worked as a background performer, stand in, stunt performer, actor, stunt coordinator, and producer. I have managed my career mostly as a single mom and I've navigated through it as a first-generation Canadian lacking generational support. I have had profound life experiences that have shown me many industry struggles for women, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, people who wish to maintain autonomy over their bodies, children in film, and people contending with mental health issues. This is nowhere near a complete list, and I want to be part of a union that invites open dialogue about people's challenges and makes our members feel heard.

The last few years have been challenging for all of us and I recognize that divisiveness is our biggest hurdle in moving forward. I want to listen to our members and find the things that unify us. I want to find a way for our union to be more transparent to its members about how the decisions that affect us all are made.

I am grateful to this Union for the career I have had, and I believe it is important to stand up when called upon and make things better for those in the future. I would be an honoured to serve my community this way.