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PWAC Names David Johnston as New Executive Director

Tanya Gulliver, President of the Professional Writers Association of Canada is pleased to announce that PWAC has hired David Johnston as their new Executive Director.

David Johnston has worked as a literary agent and writer/producer of documentary films for over 20 years.

As an agent David has developed and marketed book and film projects both in Canada and abroad for clients including, among others, Randy Bachman, Dave Bidini, Ruben "Hurricane" Carter, Douglas Coupland, Sarah Dearing, Tim Falconer, Wayne Johnston, Stuart McLean, and Paul Quarrington.

David's most recent documentary production was *Four Wings and a Prayer: Caught in the Mystery of the Monarch Butterfly*, a feature documentary directed by Nick de Pencier. The film won the Rockie Award for Best Nature Documentary at the 2008 Banff World Television Festival.

David stood as a Green Party of Ontario candidate in the 2007 Ontario election and has served as Culture Critic for Ontario.

"While PWAC was sad to see the departure of outgoing Executive Director John Degen we are also very excited to welcome David Johnston aboard." says Gulliver. "David brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from his past work in politics, as a literary agent and as a film producer."

"As the foremost voice representing freelance non-fiction writers in Canada PWAC continues to battle bad contracts that strip rights from freelancers and publications that don't pay as promised." adds Gulliver. "We're confident that David's experience in literary negotiations will be of great assistance to our members."

PWAC, established in 1976, is the national organization representing 600 freelance writers and journalists in Canada.

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