Producing Partnership Criteria (as of 11.1.23)

The Producing Partnership Panel (the "PPP") shall be guided by the following criteria in determining whether two producers qualify as a bona fide "Producing Partnership." The ultimate decision regarding whether two producers may be found to be a bona fide Producing Partnership rests in the sole discretion of the PPP. These criteria may be revised at any time.

- **A.** <u>Establishment of a Producing Partnership</u>: Two producers may be found to be a bona fide Producing Partnership if the following criteria are met:
 - 1) each producer has consistently and exclusively claimed the other as their producing partner when working on the same motion picture(s);
 - 2) the producers have maintained the claimed partnership for at least seven (7) years prior to the date the producing partnership petitions were submitted to the PGA;
 - 3) the producers own or are employed by the same production company (not a "single purpose entity," but an ongoing company) AND have publicly announced that they operate as a partnership or otherwise have a partnership agreement that has been legally established or publicly recognized, and documentary evidence of such employment or partnership agreement can be provided to the PPP;
 - 4) each producer, as part of the claimed partnership, has received "Producer" or "Produced By" credit on at least three (3) feature-length motion pictures that were commercially released; **AND**
 - 5) each producer has received the Producers Mark by the PGA on at least two (2) commercially released motion picture.
- **B.** Recognition of Producing Partnership: Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section B, once a Producing Partnership has been approved, the partnership will be recognized by the PGA on every motion picture submitted for the Producers Mark or awards eligibility where both producers are credited as "Producer" or "Produced By," provided that each member of the Producing Partnership reaffirms on their Individual Producer Eligibility Form or in writing to the PGA that they remain a member of the Producing Partnership (there is no need to re-petition the PPP for partnership consideration on each motion picture after receiving initial approval).
 - 1) Either member of the Producing Partnership also may continue to produce films on their own individually; however, neither member of the Producing Partnership may claim a partnership with any other producer unless and until the recognized Producing Partnership has been terminated in accordance with Section C.

- 2) If either partner takes on a non-producing role (i.e., Writer, Director, Actor, Manager, Other Representative, Financier) in a motion picture under review for the Producers Mark and/or awards eligibility then, for purposes of that motion picture, the producers will not be evaluated as part of a Producing Partnership and will instead be evaluated as individual producers for purposes of the Producers Mark/ awards eligibility review of that film, subject to any other applicable rules.
- **C.** <u>Termination of Producing Partnership</u>: The Producing Partnership shall be deemed terminated on the earlier date of:
 - 1) a public press release announcing the partnership's termination; **OR**
 - 2) the PGA's receipt of a written notice of such termination from either member of the Producing Partnership.
- **D.** <u>New Producing Partnership</u>: A producer who previously had been determined part of a Producing Partnership by the PPP may not petition the PPP for recognition of a different partnership unless and until seven (7) years have passed since the date of termination of the previous Producing Partnership, as set forth in Section C.