

Timeline – DGC: 1962 – 2002 – 40 Years of DGC History

- November 16, 1961 Founding meeting of the Screen Directors Guild of Canada
- March 16, 1962 Syd Banks is elected the Guild's first President
- June 4, 1962 DGC Constitution ratified, the organization adopts the name Directors Guild of Canada
- February 4, 1963 Member payment schedule is approved by the membership.
- April 1, 1963 Don Haldane is elected President
- July 4, 1963 Membership ratifies Basic Agreement by and later presented to the Association of Motion Picture Producers and Laboratories of Canada (AMPPLC)
- Latter part of 1963 The DGC is instrumental in convincing the government to form the Interdepartmental Committee on the Feasibility of a Feature Film Industry in Canada. Under the chairmanship of Dick Ballentine, the Guild's committee submits a document about the proposed agency, which would assist the development of Canadian-made films. (the bill that the government eventually passed created the Canadian Film Development Corporation which in turn became Telefilm Canada)
- May 7, 1964 Dick Ballentine is elected President
- October 1964 Constitution amended to allow Assistant Directors into membership
- September 30, 1965 58 Directors and 5 Assistant Directors make up the membership of the DGC
- December 7, 1965 Final negotiations with the AMPPLC conclude. The finished agreement covers Minimum Rates and Conditions for Freelance Directors in Film, Videotape and Live Television
- December 1965 Special Consultant to the Secretary of State asks the DGC for its views regarding the National Film Board of Canada.
- 1966 George Gorman is elected President
- June 9, 1966 Guild members meet with Chairmen of Broadcasting & Film Committee, Mr. Gerard Pelletier in Ottawa to discuss the legislation to set up the Feature Film Development Fund

April 12, 1968	I.A.T.S.E. relinquishes their jurisdiction over Assistant Directors in Ontario
May 1, 1968	DGC/AMPPLC Agreement ratified
1968	John Trent is elected President
December 16, 1969	New Contract Rates include categories for Director, Unit Production Manager, 1st Assistant Director, 2nd Assistant Director and Production Assistant.
February 26, 1970	Membership total up to 132 Active members
October 2, 1970	Allan King is elected President
January, 1971	IATSE Local 891 in Vancouver agree to release their AD categories to the DGC
May 7, 1971	Membership up to 150
March, 1973	Notification that the Art Directors would like to break away from IATSE and join Directors Guild of Canada1973 – Annual General Meeting
January 5, 1972	Allan King elected president
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March 7, 1973	Allan King re-elected president
1974	Peter Pearson elected president
1975	Art Department members become a part of the DGC
April 17, 1975	Peter Pearson re-elected president
June 29, 1976	Christopher Chapman elected president
1977	Christopher Chapman re-elected president
1978	Membership agrees to the first members' check-off Guild holds its first disciplinary hearing
April 3, 1978	Robert Barclay elected president

April 1978	Membership votes against a formal affiliation with ACTRA
April 22, 1979	Bob Barclay re-elected president
February 5, 1980	Montreal Office established on trial basis
March 16th, 1980	Syd Banks elected president
May 25, 1980	Production Secretaries join the DGC
September 15, 1980	Permanent Montreal Office established
April 26, 1981	Lew Lehman elected president
May 16, 1982	Lew Lehman re-elected president
August 15, 1982	Alberta District Council holds its founding meeting.
February 15, 1982	Directors Guild of Canada recognized as a non-profit organization
March 15, 1982	Arthur Hiller joins the DGC as a director
May 16, 1992	Lew Lehman elected President
July 12, 1982	DGC and DGA agree to work more closely when dealing with productions
August, 1982	DGC Alberta District Council officially formed
August 23, 1982	DGC sends telegram protesting CRTC decision to not conduct Canadian content reviews annually
May 1, 1983	George Gorman elected President
June 11 – 12, 1983	"Is There Life After Film? - An Introduction to Television Production" seminar held in Toronto
June 20, 1983	475 DGC members
January 22, 1984	DGC Calgary office setup
August 19, 1984	Editors Department joins the Directors Guild of Canada
June 24, 1984	Alan Erlich elected President
March 16, 1986	John Juliani elected President

April 19, 1986	DGC Quebec District Council officially recognized
May, 1986	1,136 members
May 9, 1987	1,345 members
May 10, 1987	Keith Cutler elected President
August 16, 1987	DGC/ DGA Reciprocal Agreement Ratified
December 5, 1987	Denys Arcand granted Honourary Life Membership in the DGC
February 17, 1988	Claude Jutra award established by the DGC with the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television
March 27, 1988	Alan Erlich elected President
May 14, 1989	Harvey Hart elected President
May 14, 1989	1,426 members
April 1, 1990	Don McBrearty elected President
January 20, 1991	DGC Nova Scotia District Council formed
1990	DGC President Harvey Hart passes away
1990	DGC Vice-President Don McBrearty steps in as acting President
April 1990	Don McBrearty elected President DGC membership 1,150 DGC National Scholarship established
1990	DGC National and DGC Ontario formally segregate
1990	Nova Scotia District Council formed officially
September 1991	Telefilm invites the Guild to meet, seeking input on the state of the feature film industry in Canada. Telefilm representatives comment on the Guild's "reasonable and intelligent approach" being better than "any of the groups they met with."
December 1991	DGA/ DGC/ and BECTU meet in Los Angeles; tripartite agreement signed for another year.

January 1992	DGC gets involved in copyright issues of authorship in Canada
1993	Allan King elected President
March 1993	Total membership: 1,441
June 1993	As a result of Guild interventions with the CRTC, the commission orders cable industry financed fund of \$300,000,000 over five years
January 1995	Total membership: 1,802 DGC News wins Warne Marketing APEX Award
July 1995	Bob Linnell is granted Honorary Life Membership The ODC & The CFTPA jointly negotiate a full Guild Basic Agreement for the first time.
Sept 1995	Motion carried by the National Executive Board that all Guild Basic Agreements include a clause that the DGC logo is included in the credits of audio-visual work.
April 1996	Vlad Goetzleman is granted Honorary Life Membership Total membership: 1866
1997	CRTC adopts Guild's recommendations for Cable, DTH and MDS Distribution systems.
January 1997	NEB approves the creation of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba district offices
April 1997	The Guild is invited as observers to attend a meeting of AIDAA (Association Internationale des Auteurs de l'Audiovisuel)
May 1997	Total membership: 2129
November 1997	New DGC Corporate Logo is approved by the National Executive Board
September 1998	Total membership: 2523
October 1998	First issue of Montage is published, Norman Jewison on the cover
November 1998	Crawford Hawkins is granted Honorary Life Membership IFDO (International Forum of Directors Organizations) is formed with the DGC as a founding organization.

May 1999	Hugh Spencer – Phillips is granted Honorary Life Membership DGC joins the Coalition for Cultural Diversity
February 2000	DGC/WGC Script To Screen conference held in Toronto Total membership: 2924
April 2000	Alan Goluboff is elected President First DRCC AGM is held Total membership: 3066 Montage Magazine receives “Best New Magazine” honours at the National Magazine Awards.
October 2000	Colin Low is granted Honorary Life Membership Allan King is the recipient of the first Directors Guild of Canada Distinguished Service Award Total membership: 3298
2001	Over the past 7 years, DGC's regulatory initiatives generates \$348 million in additional Canadian production
February 2001	Motion is passed by the National Executive Board to explore the idea of the DGC awards. Membership total: 3357 DGC gets Members Advantage Program discounts on goods and services
September 2001	DGC hosts the AIDAA (Association Internationale des Auteurs de l'Audiovisuel) AGM
December 2001	DGC unites with the CFTPA and Alliance Atlantis in the efforts to fight the Countervailing Duties Petition in the United States
March 2002	DGC/CFTPA Standard Agreement covering Alberta, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ontario & Saskatchewan goes into effect.
April 2002	the National Directors Division is created Jim Margellos is granted Honorary Life Membership Membership total: 3564
October 2002	Inaugural DGC Awards held in Toronto