

**Producing Partnership Criteria**  
**(as of 9.14.18)**

The Producing Partnership Panel (the “PPP”) shall be guided by the following criteria in determining whether two producers should be deemed to be 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, as necessary, as producing practices change over time.

**A. Establishment of a Producing Partnership:** Two producers may be found to be a bona fide Producing Partnership if the following criteria are met:

- 1) each producer has consistently claimed the other as her or his producing partner when working on the same motion picture(s); **AND**
- 2) the producers own or are employed by the same production company (not a “single purpose entity,” but an ongoing company) or otherwise have a partnership agreement that has been legally established and publicly recognized; **AND**
- 3) each producer, as part of the claimed partnership:
  - (i) has received “Producer” or “Produced By” credit on at least two (2) feature-length motion pictures that were commercially released **AND** has had an established producing partnership with the claimed partner for at least five (5) years prior to the date the producing partnership petitions were submitted to the PGA;

**AND**

- (ii) has proven that she/he has, at least once in her/his career, functioned as a bona fide “Producer” or “Produced By” on her or his own merits.<sup>1</sup>

**B. Recognition of Producing Partnership:** 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 her or his Individual Producer Eligibility Form or in writing to the PGA that she or he remains a member of the Producing Partnership (there is no need to re-petition the PPP for each motion picture after receiving initial approval). Either member of the Producing Partnership also may continue to produce films on her/his own individually; however, neither member of the Producing Partnership may claim to have a partnership with any other producer unless and until the recognized Producing Partnership has been terminated in accordance with Section C.

**C. Termination of Producing Partnership:** The Producing Partnership shall be deemed terminated when either:

- 1) there is a public press announcement of the partnership’s termination **OR**
- 2) the PGA receives written notice of such termination from either member of the Producing Partnership.

**D. New Producing Partnership:** A producer who previously has been determined part of a Producing Partnership by the PPP may not petition the PPP for recognition of a new partnership until either:

- 1) there has been a public press announcement of the previous partnership’s termination, **OR**
- 2) it has been at least one (1) year since the PGA received written notice of the previous partnership’s termination.

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<sup>1</sup> If both producers have only ever worked together as a team, then each producer must submit a detailed, good-faith declaration verifying his or her individual producing contributions to the films on which they each received a “Producer” or “Produced By” credit.