

Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

Patric M. Verrone

President, Writers Guild of America, West

Introduction

Lawyer turned Emmy award winning writer and producer, Patric M. Verrone, has served as the president of the Writers Guild of America, West since September 2005. His writing career began in the late 1980s as monologue writer for *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*. Patric's credits as a television writer and producer include *The Larry Sanders Show*, *The Critic*, *Pinky and the Brain*, *Rugrats*, *Muppets Tonight*, *Futurama*, and *The Simpsons*.

Now that the strike is over, he has returned to writing and producing direct-to-DVD *Futurama* features, including the recently released *Bender's Big Score*. At the end of the 100-day strike, he said that it "...was arguably the most successful strike in the American labor movement in a decade, clearly the most important of this young century..."

He is married to fellow TV writer and novelist Maiya Williams. They have three children (who also want to be writers) and two dogs (who want to direct).

Experience

Patric has been a television writer and producer for nearly 20 years and his credits include: *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*. His credits include *The Larry Sanders Show*, *The Critic*, *Pinky and the Brain*, *Rugrats*, *Muppets Tonight*, *Futurama*, and *The Simpsons*.

Education

Patric graduated magna cum laude from Harvard and received his law degree from Boston College Law School.

Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

Patric has won two Emmys and won the 2002 Writers Guild Animation Caucus Lifetime Achievement Award. He developed, wrote, and produced the animated series, *Class of 3000*, the first Cartoon Network series ever covered by a Writers Guild contract.

Patric is also a member of the California and Florida Bars and has been an adjunct professor of entertainment law at Loyola Law School and UCLA Extension, and has served as editor of the Annual Entertainment Law Issue of *Los Angeles Lawyer* magazine since 1996.