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CRIS ABREGO ELECTED CHAIR OF THE TELEVISION ACADEMY FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE TERM

Academy Announces Newly Elected Officers and Governors for 2026-2027 Term

(**LOS ANGELES** – Nov. 14, 2025) — The Television Academy announced today that its Board of Governors has re-elected Cris Abrego to serve a second consecutive term as chair, effective Jan. 1, 2026.

The Academy also announced its newly elected officers and governors who will serve on the board for the 2026-2027 term.

Abrego's first term marked a period of meaningful institutional progress and strategic gains for the organization. Under his leadership, the Academy achieved record membership and retention, now representing more than 27,000 television professionals across 31 peer groups. He also oversaw the launch of Televerse, the Academy's inaugural multi-day public-facing television festival; advanced the Academy's industry advocacy work, including direct engagement with policymakers in Washington, D.C.; and strengthened the Innovation Advisory Committee, broadening member education around AI and emerging technology.

During his tenure, the Academy also partnered with its broadcast partners to expand the reach and viewership of the Emmys telecast, which resulted in two consecutive years of ratings increases, first on ABC and then on CBS.

A veteran studio executive and producer, Abrego is co-founder and chief executive officer of Hyphenate Media Group, a premium content studio and holdings company. He previously served as Chairman and CEO of Banijay Americas and prior to that, Chairman and CEO of Endemol Shine North America. Early in his career, he co-founded 51 Minds Entertainment, where he pioneered the celeb-reality genre

and built that company into a leading force in the burgeoning unscripted business before its acquisition by Endemol five years later.

"I'm honored to continue in this role," said Abrego. "The past two years have underscored the vital role that the Academy serves in supporting our members, strengthening the television community, and advancing the initiatives that support the long-term health of our industry. I look forward to working alongside our newly elected officers and governors as we build on this momentum and continue guiding the Academy and the Emmy Awards through a dynamic period of transformation for our industry."

The incoming officers, elected by the Board of Governors, who will serve a two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2026, through Dec. 31, 2027, are: Jacob Fenton (Professional Representatives), Vice Chair; Jo DiSante (Television Executives), 2nd Vice Chair; Megan Chao (Documentary Programming), Secretary; and Tony Carey (Producers), Treasurer.

Additionally, the Academy's newly elected governors, who will serve a two-year term through 2027, are listed by peer group on the attachment along with their co-governors who continue to serve two-year terms ending Dec. 31, 2026.

About the Television Academy

The Television Academy strives to shape and advance the dynamic television landscape; cultivate a diverse, inclusive, and accessible professional community; and advocate for the television industry while capturing the spirit of a new generation of content creators and industry professionals. Through innovative programs, publications and events, the Academy and its Foundation foster and empower storytellers. The Academy also celebrates those who excel in the industry recognizing their achievements through awards and accolades, including the renowned Emmy® Award. Membership in the Academy is open to working professionals in the television industry. For more information, please visit [TelevisionAcademy.com](https://www.TelevisionAcademy.com).

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