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**Subject:** Screeners and Plastic Pollution  
**Date:** March 23, 2021 at 10:12 AM  
**To:** awardsinfo@sagawards.org



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Hello!

As a proud SAG member, I am always excited for awards season. I love watching the shows and movies that shape our culture.

But as an environmentalist, I'm horrified. These DVDs cannot be recycled in a curbside bin, and if I want to somehow recycle them, I'd have to pay to ship them to a company that I would also then have to pay to deal with the plastic.

Additionally, I have access to nearly everything as a digital screener—why do I also need to be sent a disc? The labor, transport, production, and materials involved waste producers' money and cause unnecessary harm to the environment.

Because piracy is an issue, I can't just donate the DVDs or give them to friends. If I don't keep and collect screeners, I have to destroy them and put that plastic into our landfills, contributing to the pollution in the ocean and ultimately in our bodies. **Research from 2019 shows that we eat a credit card's worth of plastic every week.** These screener discs are one-time use plastic that needs to end.

The solution is simple: Make the default setting *Digital Screeners ONLY*. That way, members who want discs can ask to have them mailed, and those of us who don't can stop feeling guilty for accumulating so much one-time plastic.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Yours in solidarity,  
Gia

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Hi Gia,

It is certainly my hope to have this for next year but more likely it will be an opt out of dvd option versus opt in. What is your member id? I'm compiling a list of members who have requested this so hopefully they won't be mailed to you next year.

Best,

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Hello! Thank you for your prompt response.

I'm glad to hear other members have expressed concern over this—we can all ban together to create a better, sustainable future of all of us.

My member number is [REDACTED]

Lastly, I would like to reinforce my *request for the opt in* versus the opt out. That's based on Nobel Prize-winning behavioral economics from Richard Thaler, known as [Nudge Theory](#). Making digital screeners the default will reduce even more plastic waste because *the favorable option requires no intervention whatsoever*. The burden to receive physical screeners is small and ensures that only people who want them receive them.

Thank you so much!

Cheers,  
Gia

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Hi Gia,

I get what you are saying but I think that may be too complicated for next year at least with so many members used to dvds, many will not know to opt in and studios and SAG do not have the manpower to add people one by one as they opt in.  
Best,

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Hello, again—

Not to beat a dead horse, but members receive multiple emails explaining online voting and reminding them to vote. Why couldn't there be information about how to opt IN to receive physical screeners in those already pipelined emails?

Likewise, if there's the ability to opt OUT, then SAG somehow removes my name from the lists that go to studios who send the screeners. Why would it be any different to *add* a name one by one? The function and workload is the same—the default of *not* sending screeners is the big difference.

I know this has a lot to do with the fact that SAG is not paying for or mailing these screeners out—it is the studios. And it is the studios mailing stacks of DVDs that, at best, should be rendered unwatchable and then disposed of after one viewing. All of the ecological burden of that plastic falls on me as a SAG member—not the studios who generate all that plastic waste. I then either have to be the one to throw away plastic that ends up polluting our oceans or finding a piracy-friendly new life for that plastic. I want the people who generate that waste to have to deal with its afterlife, not me.

Speaking of, some guilds let members donate their screeners back, and those are then given to needy populations. Does SAG offer that? Or do the studios? I have a friend who said she would use them for an art project, but I also wanted to make sure that I could give them to her, so long as the discs themselves were unreadable.

Many thanks,  
Gia