



Sean Astin

President 2025-Current



A member of the union since 1981, Sean Astin was elected SAG-AFTRA president on Sept. 12, 2025. In an acting career that's spanned four decades, Astin has portrayed audience-beloved characters ranging from Mikey Walsh in *The Goonies* to Samwise Gamgee in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

Since 2021, Astin has followed in the footsteps of his mother, former SAG President Patty Duke, by volunteering. He has served as a convention delegate as well as on SAG-AFTRA's National and Los Angeles Local boards and been a member of five negotiating committees. In 2023, he was part of the TV/Theatrical Negotiating Committee during the union's historic 118-day strike. To further the union's goals of protecting performers' rights in the A.I. age, he joined SAG-AFTRA's Government and Public Policy Committee, which has enabled him to deliver congressional testimony advocating for legislative guardrails around digital replica use.

Astin holds a B.A. in history and English from UCLA and Master's in public administration and policy from American University. He's served on multiple nonprofit and union boards and is a vocal advocate and volunteer for many issues, including climate activism, literacy, mental health awareness and civic engagement, frequently speaking on these topics.
