

**International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture
Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States
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OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016 AT 1:00 PM AT THE
LOCAL 479 MEETING HALL, 4220 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY, ATLANTA 30354. PLEASE
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE AT LOCAL 479 MEETING HALL AT 11:00 AM ON THE
SAME DAY.

PLEASE BRING YOUR UNION CARD FOR THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS TO VERIFY THAT YOU
ARE CURRENT ON YOUR UNION DUES.

LAKEWOOD

On Friday July 15, Local 927 started filling calls for Lakewood Amphitheatre under a tentative agreement between the IATSE and Live Nation. The first call was for 75 referrals. The bulk of the call was Lakewood employees supplemented by some 927 members and referrals. During the call, representation cards were collected and an overwhelming majority of the workers asked to be represented by the IATSE. A representative for Live Nation accepted that we had the majority of the workers asking for recognition and affirmed that the union would be the bargaining for a contract for this group of worker.

This means that the Local will be filling calls at Lakewood for the remainder of the 2016 season. We have identified about 100 workers who are at Lakewood. These people will be the Lakewood referral list. Much like the Fox, they will get calls in rotation before any 927 members. If we cannot fill the call from the Lakewood list, then 927 members and referrals will have the opportunity to fill any open positions.

If you get a call at Lakewood, you will need to sign new tax paperwork as an employee of Live Nation. You will need to bring 2 forms of ID, not photocopies but the actual IDs. You will also have to bring the proper attitude. These workers will soon be our brothers and sisters. We are guests in their house and as guests we need to treat them with respect. These workers are good, hard working stagehands and they will be a great addition to the membership.

AT LAKEWOOD

On Friday Jul 22, 2016 we have Snoop Dog and Wiz Khalifa, Sunday July 24 there is Five Seconds of Sumer, Sunday July 31 The Art of Rap Festival feat. Ice-T, Tuesday August 2 Blink 182, Saturday August 6 Flashback Festival, Friday August 12 Def Leppard and REO Speedwagon and Friday August 25 Brantley Gilbert.

AT THE FOX

The Fox will be dark most of August. We have Gucci Mane on July 22, Ray LaMontague on July 30 and K Michelle on July 31. In August, the only date booked is IF/Then, August 9-14. There are also several movies.

AT CEPAC

There are six events at CEPAC between the end of July and the end of August. None of these are specifically 927 events. Our next event in Cobb is likely the BET Hip Hop Music Awards the second week in September. CEPAC has hired a new Managing Director to replace the retiring Michael Taronina. Her name is Sandie Aaron. We do not know if our relationship will be affected by this change. In leadership.

ATLANTA BALLET

We are currently negotiating a renewal of the Ballet shop and theater contracts. If you have anything that needs to be addressed in these agreements, please let Neil or Peter know.

GEORGIA STAGE

We have a contract with Georgia Stage to assist with work that they are doing. Most of the work is rigging related and involves installing curtains, track and rigging components. Some is local and some is out of town. If you are interested in being part of the group of referrals considered for this work, please let Neil know, as this takes a certain skill set and the calls tend to happen with very short notice.

CHINCHILLA SCENIC

In January of 2016 we entered into an agreement for shop work at a scenery rental company in Lithonia. They rent out sets for high School musicals. We were hired to prep the scenery, repair as necessary and then to load and unload trucks. We filled the calls and tried to work with the client but in late June the company chose to breach the contract and to stop using us. They owe us several thousand dollars in back wages. Both UTP and the local are working on a remedy to get the workers paid.

STEWARD CLASS

The monthly steward class will be held Tuesday August 9th at 1:00PM at the union office. These classes are for any member who wants to become a steward and all members are encouraged to attend. The skills necessary for being a steward include a working knowledge of Microsoft excel and word, the ability to use a computer for payroll and basic communications, a willingness to represent the workers and a desire to do the best possible job that you can to protect the workers on your call

UNEMPLOYMENT

Members are still having troubles with unemployment. We have a letter in our office prepared by our attorney that you can take with you when you file your claim that should help explain things but it will not always work. Max Fant won his case on appeal to the courts. Gary Cameron lost a similar case. Bob Fitzsimmons won on his own at the administrative level. We are working on a better solution. If you have questions or concerns, please let us know. Do not let threatening letters from the unemployment office intimidate you. We are here to help.

POLITICAL ACTION

There is a runoff election in Georgia on July 26 which includes Janine Brown in the race for house district 59. The Local has endorsed her, we also encourage anyone in her jurisdiction to vote for her. She deserves to be our representative in the house but is in need of volunteers to help her get there. If you would like to help monetarily or by giving your time please visit her website and sign up to be a volunteer for a candidate that is behind labor at www.janinebrown.org/volunteer/. We can help make Atlanta a labor friendly city by electing better state representatives. We the people can make a difference but we have to get out and vote. Remember a vote for Janine is a vote for labor.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

For the next three newsletters we will be listing an amendment to ARTICLE IX – REVENUES
Section 1A. Quarterly Dues which currently reads;

The quarterly dues payable by each member shall be set by the Executive Board and approved by the membership, upon secret ballot vote. Payment is due prior to the start of each quarter.

1. If payment for the full year is made within the first fifteen days of January, the total cost will be reduced by \$20.00.
2. If quarterly dues are not paid by the fifteenth day in the quarter, a late fee will be assessed.
3. **(Added Aug 16, 2005)** Any check returned to the local for insufficient funds will result in a fine for all associated charges, or \$50.00, whichever is greater, to be added to the total of the returned item. This must be paid to the Local by money order or certified check.

Failure on the part of any member to pay any financial obligation to this Local within 60 days after same became payable shall result in such member being automatically declared not in good standing. A member not in good standing shall be deprived of the right to hold office, to attend meetings and to vote. If such default continues for a period of more than six months from the date the financial obligation first became payable and should the member fail to pay up his full indebtedness within 10 days after written notice by certified mail has been sent to him (such written notice specifies the amount due and how such amount was arrived at), the member shall be deemed automatically expelled unless previously he has been granted an extension of time to pay by vote of the membership.

The amendment we will be voting on in August is to add the following one line to the end of the above paragraph. The cost of the certified mail shall be borne by the member receiving notice.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Russell Smith is being sponsored by Brian Hill, his application will receive its first reading at our August meeting. Edwynna Arey has requested to transfer her membership from Local 824 in Athens, GA to 927. Her transfer will be voted on at the August meeting.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

First quarter Union dues are due on or before January 1st, second quarter is due on or before April 1st, third quarter is due on or before July 1st and fourth quarter is due on or before October 1st. If payments are not post-dated by the 15th day of the month in which the quarter starts you will be charged a late fee. Quarterly dues are currently \$68.00 and the late fee is currently \$12.00.

According to my records, the following members have not paid their second quarter 2016 dues as of yet; Jasen Danbury, Joe Kendrick (\$15.00) and Morgan Ryan.

Also according to my records, the following members have not paid their third quarter 2016 dues as of yet; Randall Atcheson, Serson Brannen, Christine Curran, Dave Dabrowski, Jason Danbury, Paul Doucet, Dave Fedack, Joe Galasso, Ray Haynie, Lisimba Hazell, Herman Hill, Brandon Hurd, Reggie Jefferson, Kevin Joseph, Joe Kendrick J. Alan Kopley, Tom Lipscomb, Robert McGovern, Robert Moody, Jamie Molloy, Justin Muhammad, Charles Nelson, Peggy Rawls, Tracy Rawls, Auburn Rea, Kendrick Roberts, Cory Robertson, Morgan Ryan, Erika Schlaeger dos Santos, Chris Stewart, Don Stewart, Andreall Taylor, Antonio Tiggs, Jason Vargas and Leon Williams.

OUR MEMBERS WITH AUGUST BIRTHDAYS ARE

Randall Atcheson, Gary Cameron, Dan Clement, Hank Collins, Kim Cook, Reggie Jefferson, Scott Kepley, Sean Neal, Prince No-Ra, Tim Richeson, Tim Roller, Vanessa Smithen and Robert Stafford.

Happy Birthday!!