

**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, JULY 7, 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.

FIVE MONTHS WITHOUT QUORUM

We have not had a quorum (fifteen members) show up for a meeting since January 2016. There are applications for membership that require votes from the membership and there are other issues we need to discuss. We almost missed sending delegates to the Young Worker's Conference because the membership did not meet to approve sending them. We are about to dig into our savings in order to survive this summer with no work. Currently there is nothing on our books for Thursday July 7. Come to the meeting. If you do not want to meet at 479, come and suggest somewhere else. We have been offered the Red Light Café and the Elliott Street Pub as other options until Manuel's reopens. Come and vote on a change of venue if that is what you want.

AT THE FOX

The Wizard of Oz is currently running through Sunday June 26. Bring It Live is June 29th. In July there are currently four shows booked, Shawn Mendes on July 17, Gucci Mane on July 22, Ray La Montagne July 30 and K Michelle July 31. The Fox is also producing The Naked Magic Show at the Buckhead Theater July 8th and 9th.

The Fox is planning some work calls during this slow period. There will be some work on the stage and the fly system. In the house, we will be hired to remove all of the seats on the floor level so that the concrete can be treated. This will happen in sections throughout the summer. We are also scheduling fly rail, weight rail and pin rail training. Every member on the Fox List should be able to work on the rails at any time. We have instances where there are only a few Fox list referrals on a call and we need competent people for pick lines, weight loading and flying scenery. You need to be able to step up and fill those positions. If you are unable or unwilling, you may be replaced on the Fox list with a referral who has learned these skills.

STAGEHANDS AND THE PRESS

During this election season, we have done several political events for various clients. These events often involve the press. It is our policy, and the policy of our clients, that we are not to speak with the press. Electrum Productions, the company that hired us for both Sanders and Clinton rallies made it clear that talking to the

press was grounds for dismissal from the job. Below is the official stand of the Fox Theatre on discussions with the press:

It is the policy of the Fox Theatre that no employee speaks to the media on behalf of the Fox for any reason. This policy exists to assure that information disclosed by the Fox Theatre is timely, accurate, comprehensive, authoritative and relevant to all aspects of the Company. Adherence to this policy is intended to provide an effective, cohesive and efficient framework to facilitate the timely dissemination of information. The only employees authorized to speak to the media on behalf of the Fox Theatre are Allan Vella, Adina Erwin, Jeff Quesenberry and Jamie Vosmeier.

Refer all media calls and request for comments etc. to Jamie Vosmeier, Senior Director of Sales & Marketing. Please do not say you are not allowed to talk to a reporter or have to get permission to do so. Instead, tell the reporter: "The Fox Theatre Company policy is to refer all media inquiries to our Public Relations Department. You can reach them 404 881 2101."

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please see Neil Gluckman.

AT CEPAC

There are currently no shows that the local expects to do in July at CEPAC. The only possible work for us is the Lyric Theater production of Joseph and the Amazing Techicolor Dreamcoat July 17,

CREW ONE LIVE NATION

This is in the hands of the International. You will be informed once a decision is reached.

A MESSAGE FROM BR. FEDACK

Getting the Business of the Local Done

I confess, I've only been to 2 union meetings this year. I attended the meeting in January and not again until June. We did not get a quorum in June. This makes getting the business of the local accomplished harder and harder to do. I'm not sure if our meeting location, being at Local 479 is a factor, if so, then where shall we have our meetings? It seems like the summer would be the best time to attend meetings, there is a slowdown of our work.

Local 927 is made up of skilled and talented craftsmen. Be that as it may our E-Board needs our help and we owe it to ourselves to help out. The best way to do that is to set aside 2 hours a month to meet and decide who to admit as members, what conditions we will allow on our contracts, and how to handle the finances of the local. Many of those I texted to remind them of the meeting in June, did not show up.

What can we do that we haven't yet tried? Please, if you have an idea, share it with Neil. We have applications that haven't received a reading in 5 months, this is no way to run the Local. Neil and Peter do not run the local, we do, that is when we show up we do. If we don't show up, they do run things.

I made a suggestion at our informal get together, informal because we only had 10 or so members, let's make quorum Executive Board plus 3. Quorum for the Executive Board is 3, if my suggestion is accepted and we can amend our constitution, 6 people can conceivably make quorum and conduct our business. We can read applications, listen to the committee reports, decide where to move the office, and how to handle our finances.

I hope you read this in the spirit that it was written. I love this local and we need to go forward. We need your input, which is the only way we can move forward.

STEWARD CLASS

Tuesday July 12 at 1:00PM at the union office. If you do not have the Steward files for excel and word, please bring a thumb drive with you and I will copy them for you.

POLITICAL ACTION

This was sent out from the Seventh District Secretary to all the locals in the district.

I do not know how many of you have seen the latest issue of the BULLETIN yet, but the main theme is about political mobilization of our members.

So everybody is aware, we the IA's program this year is going to focus on three major points:

- Increase voter registration of our membership's by 1%
- Increase membership involvement in phone banking, precinct walks and the likes
- increase contributions to the IATSE PAC.

For the last couple of election cycles, all Locals of the IA have been asked to appoint a Political Coordinator that would be responsible to distribute election-related materials to their respective memberships.

I do not want to call out any specific Locals, but there are a number that have not yet done this.

I know I sound like Chicken Little yelling about the sky falling every election year, but I do truly believe that this year, it is the most imperative important yet. We have got to get our members motivated to assist the IA's political program and out to vote for candidates that support working men and women. If we cannot get labor-friendly candidates elected, the other choices are down-right dangerous to trade unionism on both federal and state levels.

I have spoken with Legislative and Political Department Assistant Director Erika Dinkel-Smith about the state of our political activism in D7. I was embarrassed to report that most of our Locals only appear to pay lip-service to political issues and election cycles.

I think it is safe to say that this is going to change. I was asked to provide the contact information for the Political Coordinators of the largest Locals in the District. I fully expect that they will be getting a call from Erika to discuss what their Local will be doing to support the IA's political program this cycle.

Consider this your fair warning that the time of sitting back politically is over.

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. (Dues are currently \$65.00 per 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 accessed.
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.

MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Russell Smith is being sponsored by Brian Hill, his application will receive its first reading at our July 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; Corrine Butler, Darren Clark, Jason Danbury David Haynie, Lisimba Hazell, Jarrod Humphrey, Brandon Hurd, Scott Kepley, Joe Kendrick (\$15.00), Randy McGill, Robert McGovern, Sean Neal, Morgan Ryan and Sid Sikes.

Third quarter is due July 1 and considered late if not received by July 15.

OUR MEMBERS WITH JULY BIRTHDAYS ARE

Matt Bowman, Corrine Butler, Dave Fedack, James Fowler, Lee Freeman, Joe Kendrick, Jason Lewis, Jared Mahler, Morgan Ryan, John Scott, Jerry Snyder and Jason Vargas. Happy Birthday!