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are always welcome, as are story ideas, crew pictures, classified listings or photos announcing birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

'Tis the Season ... to take care of yourself

By Patric J. Abaravich, Business Representative

Happy Holidays. I hope each of you is enjoying some well-deserved time off with family and friends.

As we find ourselves sliding into the slow time of the year, take advantage of the reason why we are all working and enjoy the hiatus with your loved ones. This is the perfect time to embrace your family and to de-stress by doing some pleasurable activities.

This is also the ideal time of the year to take care of health. Get that yearly exam, visit the dentist or get your eyes checked. Members can take advantage of the Motion Picture Television Fund (MPTF) which is an excellent resource for all of your health care needs. MPTF offers high quality and convenient health centers, clinics and providers throughout the area. And best of all, MPTF's wide variety of network services are available for you and your family.

Additionally, I would like to remind the membership to take a moment to update your contact information with the Local. Is your information current? Has your beneficiary changed? Believe me when I say, it is important to keep us apprised.

On a business note, I would like to thank every member who took the time to vote in not only the November general election, but the Local's election as well. Below is a list of the Local 728 election results.

Moreover, I would like to congratulate everyone who ran. It takes courage to put yourself forward, but by doing so you've showed your commitment to being a caring and active member who wants to make a difference.

We are looking forward to the positive impact and great work our newly elected officers will bring to the table. With the guidance of our current board members and the fresh ideas of our new officers, I see nothing but great things in our future.

From our family to yours, Season's Greetings.

LOCAL 728 ELECTION RESULTS

PRESIDENT

Counting of the ballots took place at the office of the American Arbitration Association, 725 S. Figueroa St., #2400, Los Angeles, on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2006. Secrecy of the ballot was maintained at all times. American Arbitration has certified the results.

689	Total Ballots Counted
1	Had no Identification
19	Ruled Ineligible by the Local
709	Received from Post Office
2275	Ballots mailed



Dennis K. Grow Larry K. Freeman Left Blank	431 232 26
Total	689
VICE PRESIDENT (1) Ray Poblick Lance Dickinson Left Blank Total	431 167 _91 689
EXECUTIVE BOARD (4) Michael Everett Greg Langham Roger Lattin David Watson Alternates: S. Cricket Peters Tony Troy	523 497 481 424 286 178

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Dues Increase for 2007

By R. Bruce Prochal, Treasurer/Call Steward

reetings everybody! This month's work outlook is rather perplexing to me. The **J**numbers "on the books" keep growing and the dispatch requests are very few. The curious part is that with almost every dispatch request, the ACLT on the other end tells me that everybody they have called is working. Go figure.

Anyway, let's move on to the topic of the month, the dues increase.

As many of you may have heard by now, the dues for active members will be increased in the year 2007 to \$200 (two hundred dollars) per quarter, which totals to \$800 (eight hundred dollars) per year.

Now before you get too flustered, allow me to present some background information into the situation. For some time now, the Treasurer each year would recommend what the dues should be for the next year. Usually, there would be very little discussion on the matter. The motion to accept was always passed.

This year was to be different. The Executive Board has become more proactive in reading the financial statements of the Local and has correctly become concerned that our dues income (our only reliable source of income) has not been close enough to cover our total expenses. Dues income has been less than total expenses for many years. Furthermore, there was concern that this Local has relied on initiation fees and interest income (both of which can fluctuate widely from year to year) to pick up the shortfall.

The guestion then became, "What should next year's dues be?" The easy choice would have been to leave the dues the same. However, the more responsible choice would be to consider the Executive Board's concerns and find a compromise between those concerns and what I felt would be an amount tolerable to the membership. The latter is what I chose to do.

At the November Executive Board meeting, I presented my recommendation that the active members' dues be raised to \$200 (two hundred dollars) per quarter. The Executive Board passed a motion to accept the recommendation and at the November Membership Meeting a motion to accept the Executive Board's motion was passed.

Membership Dues for the Year 2007 (as of January 1, 2007) will be as follows:

Active members: \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) per quarter

Active members: \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars) per calendar year

Local 728 Retirees: \$ 91.00 (ninety-one dollars) per year.

This year, an active member who pays their dues for the calendar year 2007 prior to December 24, 2006, is eligible for a \$25 (twenty-five dollars) discount on their dues. Active members who pay dues for the calendar year 2007 prior to December 24, 2006:

\$775.00 (seven hundred seventy-five dollars) for the calendar

vear 2007

Just a reminder, dues are due before or on January 1, 2007, and all payments made with a credit card will be subject to a convenience fee.

In closing, dues increases, like tax increases, are always unpalatable, but they are generally inevitable. It is my personal opinion that this dues increase, at this time, is reasonable and that it will allow the Executive Board to explore new areas that could provide more benefits to the membership while being confident in the knowledge that the financial base of the Local is solid and secure.

Best wishes during this holiday season...RBP.

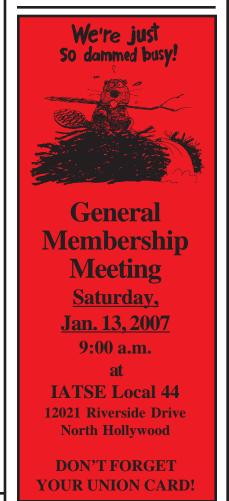
Call Steward INFORMATION

Any Local 728 member representing the producer in filling calls or needing assistance, please contact this local during business hours. The local office operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you need to hire prior to 8 a.m., after 6 p.m., or over the weekend, please phone the Call Steward at 818-438-

Members seeking weekend work should call the Steward at the Local on Friday to put your name on the weekend availability list.

Anyone who hires off roster or hires any member who is not current with their dues without first calling the Call Steward, shall have charges filed against them and shall be subject to the assessments levied by the Trial Board if found guilty.

Our present contract work week consists of any five (5) consecutive days out of seven (7) consecutive days.



UNIONBusiness

Deceased

Brother James O. Blair, 76 years old, passed away Sept. 3, 2006. He had been a member of the union since Sept. 12, 1960.

Brother Michael T. O'Sullivan, 65 years old, passed away Sept. 23, 2006. He had been a member of the union since Dec. 10, 1962.

First Notice

New applicants for membership are: Michael Albrecht, Erica Kim, Hector Martinez, Kevin Mucha, Mark Mullens, Samuel C. Payne, Jason D. Puliti, Ryan Redlin, Jose D. Seralles, Michael Silva, Richard Sugimoto, Calos M. Tapia, Jeff Truman and Kevin Wilt.

Second Notice

New applicants for membership are: Steven A. Arcabasio, Anthony Dupleasis, Nicholas Kaat, Michael Lewis, Neely D. Hall-Kaffe, Xavier Henselmann, Steve Moreno, Cristobal Moris and Henry Rocha, Jr.

New Members

The following member was sworn into Local 728 on November 9, 2006: Damon Dulas. The following members were sworn into the Local on November 11, 2006: Manuel Alvarado, Eric Anderson, Keith Berkes, Derrick Brown, Thomas Burns, Kenneth Closson, Anthony Denham, Carlos Fregoso, Craig Gleason, Christopher Hughes, David McGrory, Adam Meltzer, Stephen Olsen, Adam B. Peabody, Adam Richards, Daniel Roman, Stephen Tachera. Tim Van Der Linden, Neil Wittman and Perry Wolberger. The following members were sworn into the Local on November 13, 2006: James L. Hatridge, Michael F. Maley and Michael Witczak.

CLASSICSHOTS

Have a great set or location photo you want featured? Check out the Local 728 web site to learn more www.iatse728.org

Local's Talent Showcased

Reported by Safety & Training Director, Alan Rowe

ur participation at LDI this vear was noticed and appreciated by our members, equipment manufacturers. members various IATSE locals, and the Entertainment Lighting Community. The week was very busy and filled with lots of opportunities for our members to advance their skills and for our Local to be showcased. Aside from the booth, members of



From meeting with other lighting professionals, exhibitors and manufacturers to attending seminars, Local 728 members took advantage of their participation at the 2006 LDI show in Las Vegas. Pictured here (from left to right) are Alan Rowe, Tony Ward, Dennis Grow and James Torgeson.

our delegation also hosted a seminar, attended the ESTA Awards Show, several vendor dinners, countless receptions, and were invited by industry leaders to some of the most exclusive after-hour events in Las Vegas.

Despite the location of our booth, which was a little out of the way and dominated by a large pillar, it was a huge success with easily 1,000 people coming by for a visit. We did manage to use the pillar to our advantage by projecting our logo onto it and using the curtains as a storage area.

Brother Dennis Grow (as a member of IATSE Local 720) and I began assembling the booth on Wednesday with some generous assistance from other members of Local 720. We received training on the "vermits" and assembled the truss. Todd Wimett, Josh Thatcher, and Trish Herremans joined us on Thursday to finish the installation of the plasma screen and lights.

The Trade Show opened on Friday and our *Automated Lighting in Motion Pictures* seminar was presented at 11:00 a.m. Brothers Bob Jason, David Morton, and Josh Thatcher were panelists with Lighting Designers John Tedesco, Lee Rose, and Michael Nevitt. I was the moderator for the seminar, which was well attended by lighting

designers, programmers, technicians, and equipment manufacturers.

Brother Gips' slide show was a huge success as many of the people came by just to see the pictures of our sets. Our *Pocket Cards* were also a huge hit with over 2,000 being distributed. The polo shirts were a big advantage to our members visiting other booths as they

ON THE COVER

Clad in work gear and not stylish Local 728 polos, members (from left to right) Dennis Grow, Charlie McIntyre, Heather Hillmeyer-Newsom, Roger Lattin, Alan Rowe and Joshua Thatcher set up the 728 display booth at the LDI trade show in Las Vegas.

at Las Vegas LDI Show

gained the attention of the other lighting professionals that exhibited at the Convention & Trade Show. Our members were seen and noticed by industry leaders and other IATSE members at seminars ranging from Electrical Power to Wireless DMX.

We were constantly busy with visits from manufacturers including: Lex Power; Linksys; Socapex; Bender; Kinoflo; Arri; High End Systems: Martin Professional: Strand Lighting: and Wireless DMX Solutions. Most were looking to make their products more suitable to the motion picture industry. Many were offering training and some just wanted to see how we use their equipment.

Perhaps the biggest thrill was to hear the comments of the members of the various Studio Mechanics locals



Despite a less-than-ideal booth location, over 1,000 LDI participants visited the Local 728 booth at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

when they saw the pictures of our rigs. Without a doubt, our participation at LDI reminded everyone of who we are and of our position as the experts in Studio Lighting and portable power distribution systems.

On the educational side, the ETCP Entertainment Electrician exam was given on Thursday morning and as an SME, I was invited to meet with the candidates as they finished the exam. I am proud to note that four of our members sat for the exam.

As soon as the Local decided to participate in LDI, our committee worked with sister Local 720 to ensure that our booth would serve to foster brotherhood between our Locals. With three separate unions (IATSE, IBEW, and Teamsters) having overlapping jurisdictions on the convention center floor, I designed the booth so that every aspect of it fell under the jurisdiction of Local 720.

All of the members who signed up for the booth attended and provided good representation for the Local. We came in well under the budget that was set by the Executive Board. However, it must be noted that this would not have been possible without the support and assistance of Local 720 and the following vendors: PRG; Baxter Controls Inc; ETC; Kino-flo; Mole-Richardson; 24Frame.com; Forman & Associates; Martin Professional; and JR Lighting Las Vegas.

Several members of the committee also deserve recognition: Dennis Grow for establishing a strong relationship with Local 720 and securing rooms in a union hotel; Michael Gips for acquiring the photos for the slide show; Iain O'Higgins for finding and securing the plasma screen, and Josh Thatcher for the Vectorworks renderings of the booth.

With our overwhelming success at LDI this year, the distinction that it brought our membership, and the need to keep current on new technology as active participants, I suggest that we continue our relationship with LDI and the entire Entertainment Lighting Community.

Delinquent List Fourth Quarter 2006*

BARGINEAR, ERIC BENSRHIR, SALIM B. BERARDI, PHILIP N. BONEWITZ, MICHAEL BOUZA, DAVID CANTRELL, MATTHEW O. CASLIN, FRANK C. CONKLIN, RUSSELL L. COX, THOMAS P. CUFFEE, PAUL DALY, JUSTIN DI CRISTINA, DENNIS C. DUBOIS, DAVID W. EDINBURGH, ERIC E. EDNIE, DOUG ESQUILIN, WILLIAM FANNING, PAUL J. FERRERO, JEFFREY STANTON FINE, SEAN A. FITZGERALD, JEFFREY D. FRANCHETT, TOM GEARY, PHILIP GIVENS, STEVEN L. GOLDEN, JACK EDWARD GONZALEZ, LUIS HAESSIG, REID R. HALPERN, AMY C. HANES, JOSEPH A. HANSEN, ELDON J. HARRIS, WENDELL HARRISON, RICHARD R. HATHAWAY, NATHAN G. HERNANDEZ, RICHARD H. HINKLE, BRADLEY HOOD, ALBERT A. HOUSTON, JAY JAMIESON, BRADFORD R. JOHNSON, VAN JONES, KELLY J. JONES III, DAN H. JORDAN, MICHAEL R. KANESHIRO, ALAN KNIEST, JAMES LaRUE, LaRUE S. LOUKS, BRIAN T. Mac DONALD, AMA MARCHETTI, MARK MARQUEZ, MICHAEL S. MARTINEZ, RUDY .MC GEHEE, STEPHEN W. MC HUGH, DENNIS MC MAHON, DAN P. MC NEAL, THOMAS MEYERS, ROBERT W. MOCEY-HANTON, EMILE MORRIS, REGINALD NEVILLE, ROBERT S. NORIEGA, DAVID M. NYIRENDA, NGOLI V.

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OLIVA, ROBERT A. PETRETTI, VINCENT JAMES PONDELLA, DAVID G. PRESLEY, ALVIN D. REESE, ROLAND L. ROBERTSON, CHRISTOPHER D. RYMES, CHARLES DOUGLAS SANDAU, JOHN M. SCHAMP, KENNETH G. SCHNEIDER, KENNETH SCHWEIGER, GARRY G. SEAGAL, LEONARD M. SELICEO, ERNEST A. SHAIN, NOAH B. SLEMP, GARY LEE SMITH, DARYL EDWARD STILLMAN, ALLEN TAMAYO, VLADIMIR A. TANDROW, GARY BRADY THOMPSON, JOSE R. TOSCANO, DANIEL VALENTI, JORDAN VARNADOE, THEODORE R. WALDRON, JARRED B. WILLIAMS, KEITH WILLIS, ERIC WRENN, VINCENT ZUCKER, JEFFREY A. Suspended

ANDERSON, DONALD R. BISHOP, SOFIA BITHELL, WALTER BOYD, J. CORTLAND CARLSON, BILL COHEN, MARC ENRIQUEZ, ERNEST R. FEINBERG, ADAM R. GLICK, ADAM SETH HOLT, KENNETH J. KAISER, DAVID LINDSAY, DAVID T. MC EWEN, JAMES MARK PEIRCE, JOHN JEFFERY RAMOS, ROBERT J. REGAN, ROBERT A.

STEWART, JOHN JEFFERY

Dropped

SELF, WILLIAM

TYRELL, KEITH

ALONSO, GARY
COCHRAN, ERIC H.
CRISP, LOWELL E.
EUBANKS, JERRY
HANNAS, RONNIE MARKWOOD
HOLMES, TREV M.
KINNISON, TY J.

*List current as of Nov. 27, 2006

Application deadline is nearing;

all materials must be returned to the Local by December 31, 2006

9th Annual Local 728 Scholarship Awards

Your Local 728 officers and members are pleased to offer 10 scholarship awards to high school students graduating in 2007.

Five awards in the amount of \$4,000.00 and five awards in the amount of \$2,000.00 will be presented in 2007.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The rules of eligibility for the 9th Annual Local 728 Scholarship Awards state that an applicant must:

- a) Be the son/daughter of a member in good standing of Local 728.
- b) Be a high school senior at the time of application.
- c) Have applied, or about to apply for admission to an accredited college or university as a fully matriculated student.
- d) Have applied, or about to apply for admission to a vocational school.
- e) Use the scholarship award by the first term of the same year awarded.

HOW TO APPLY?

- 1. An application is to be requested by completing the coupon below and forwarding same to Local 728 at the address below.
- 2. The application is then to be completed and returned to Local 728.
- 3. A complete sealed copy of the applicant's high school transcript is also to be submitted to Local 728.
- 4. The record of scores achieved by the applicant on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, college entrance examination, or other equivalent examination may also be submitted, either by the student or by the testing organization.
- 5. At least three (3) letters of recommendation should be submitted for inclusion in an applicant's file and will be accepted from any of the following: Teachers, Counselors, Clergy, Community Service Organizations, Employers, etc.
- 6. In addition each applicant will be required to have a personal interview with the selection committee.

DEADLINE?

The deadline for filing all of the above required materials with Local 728 is **DECEMBER 31, 2006.** The winners of the scholarship awards will be notified by Local 728 in May, 2007, and will be announced in a future issue of the *Local 728 Bulletin*.

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9 th Annual Local 728 Scholarship Awards
Please send me an application for the 8 th Annual Scholarship Awards. I understand that this request itself is not an application and that the application must be completed by me and filed with Local 728
Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
Parent(s)

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Name:

Near-Miss Policy/Phase ID

By Alan M. Rowe, Safety & Training Director

There is no question that we all want to be safe and that we all want to avoid accidents. The very nature of an accident causes the safety regulations that would prevent the accident to be written only *after* the accident has occurred. However, an accident rarely happens that hasn't *nearly* happened before. If we can identify hazards when they *nearly* happen we can save lives and prevent injuries.

It is very important that we share this information with each other and do what we can to adopt our own safety practices and avoid accidents. If we do not – and a serious accident occurs – then someone else, from outside of our Local, will mandate what we can and cannot do.

I personally feel that it is better to be pro-active and approach these problems head-on and avoid outside interference in our business. In order to avoid accidents and protect our interests, our Safety Program is instituting a "Near-Miss Policy" which includes publishing Safety Information and recommended procedures based on actual situations that <u>almost</u> lead to an accident.

If you are involved in a "Near-Miss Accident" please contact me at the Training Office (818) 843-0012 or email me at amrowe@iatse728.org. The details of the production and persons involved will remain confidential.

One such topic that can easily lead to a serious accident is the improper identification of electrical phases. It is the accepted standard throughout the entire Entertainment Industry, in practice and manufacturing, to identify the phases of electrical systems as follows:

For 120/208/240V Systems:

For 480V Systems:

GREEN = Ground	GREEN	= (Ground

WHITE = Neutral WHITE = Neutral (when required)

RED = Phase Leg
BLUE = Phase Leg
BLACK = Phase Leg
BLACK = Phase Leg
YELLOW = Phase Leg
YELLOW = Phase Leg

With the widespread use of 480V power systems on set, YELLOW IS <u>NOT SUITABLE</u> TO USE AS A PHASE IDENTIFIER IN 120V POWER SYSTEMS. This applies whether or not 480V systems are currently in use. 480V circuits are found with transformers, air conditioning, special effects and some lighting fixtures. These items may become present on any set at any time.

Within the jurisdiction of our Local, it is the standard practice to use the ROPE KNOT SYSTEM as a backup to identify all single conductors used on 120/208/240V power systems. If you do not know the ROPE KNOT SYSTEM it is your responsibility to learn it and use it with ALL single conductor cable in 120/208/240V power systems.

XENON/HMI SEMINAR DECEMBER 9

Greg Smith of ArcLight Efx and John Gresch of ARRI will be featured in a seminar on Xenon & HMI Lighting Technology on December 9 at 9:00 a.m. at Local 80.

This seminar is free to all members and is sponsored through the CSATF Skills Training Program. Space is limited.

To sign up for this seminar or for more information, please contact the Training Office (818) 843-0012 or via email at amrowe@iatse728.org.

PT Instructors Needed for Electrical Safety Class

We are looking for members who are interested in "giving back" to the Local by sharing your knowledge and experience in upcoming training classes. We have opportunities in both our Skills Training program and Contract Services' Safety Pass program. Both programs provide suitable compensation and the Safety Pass program provides hours towards your benefits.

The National Electric Code, OSHA, Underwriter's Laboratory (UL), and other safety related entities require that the running of power feeder cables and the use of power distribution systems MUST be made by trained and qualified personnel. In order to be recognized as a trained and qualified technician, the National Electrical Code defines a "qualified person" as one who has skills and knowledge related to the construction and operation of the electrical equipment and installations, and has received safety training on the hazards involved (NEC 100) and also refers to NFPA 70E-2004 standard for electrical safety training in the workplace for electrical safety training requirements.

Due to NFPA 70E's requirements that all persons working with electrical systems receive Safety Training related to the hazards involved with the techniques, construction, and operation of electrical equipment used in their line of work, CSATF has instructed Safety Pass to conduct a class on Electrical Safety for the members of IATSE Local 728.

When this issue first came up during the summer of 2005, then Business Representative Norm Glasser and I moved quickly to stress the importance that any such class MUST be taught by our members, since no one outside of our Local is qualified in our techniques and equipment. CSATF and Safety Pass agreed and we are now looking for any of our members that would be willing to teach this class on a part-time basis.

We also have opportunities for Instructors in the Skills Training program. This program offers classes in Rigging, Underwater Lighting, Lighting Balloons, Console Programming, Computer Skills (Vectorworks, Excel, Word, etc.), and a plan to add classes next year in Photography and Lighting Design.

If you are interested in being an instructor for any of these classes, please contact me at the Training Office (818) 843-0012 or via email at amrowe@iatse728.org.

Important Notice for all members of IATSE LOCAL 728

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MICROSOFT EXCEL SEMINAR

The Executive Board and Membership of Local 728 have approved a Microsoft Excel Seminar for members of the Local who are in Good Standing. Patrick Stanford of Coviana will be leading the seminar on Sunday, December 17. Members need to provide their own computer and an installed copy of Microsoft Excel. The seminar will begin at 1:00pm and will last approximately 4 hours. The location is TBA. There is no cost to members and space is limited.

Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet program that has become an essential tool for managing budgets, labor, and equipment inventories. Pat will be covering several topics including writing formulas, formatting, and macros. Microsoft Excel is strongly recommended for Best Boys, Programmers, and anyone who deals with lists, inventories, budgets, and scheduling.

To sign up for this class or for more information, please contact Alan Rowe at the Training Office (818) 843-0012 or via email at amrowe@iatse728.org.

Studio Electrical Lighting Technicians



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