

EARLY EDITION

Local 728



Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

**General Membership Meeting this Saturday!
RSVP information below**

Keep California Rolling

[Sign and share our pledge](#) to get targeted action items and updates to get involved or go to <https://keepcaliforniarolling.org/>



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

The Unions and Guilds in the Entertainment Union Coalition stand with Governor Newsom's inclusion of an expanded \$750 million annual California Film & Television Jobs Program in the 2025-2026 budget.

Unlike other economic incentives, this program is directly tied to the creation of jobs for California workers, strengthens the economic future of California, and supports a healthy and viable motion picture industry by creating jobs where workers live.

JOIN US TO PROTECT AND CREATE JOBS & SAVE OUR INDUSTRY.



- GET INVOLVED
- SHARE YOUR STORY
- TAKE ACTION



www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org



IATSE Local 728 Hybrid Membership Meeting Information

The IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting is taking place as a Hybrid meeting. This meeting is for members only.

When: Saturday, March 8th

Time: 9AM

Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506

In-person RSVP: community@iatse728.org

Zoom: solidarity@iatse728.org

RSVP by 3:00PM Friday March 7th (include your Full Name and Union Card #)

Additional information about RSVP, Rules for Online/Hybrid Meetings, Meeting Packet and Reports can be found at the following link (additional information will become available Friday evening after RSVPs have closed).

Login required:

[Membership Meeting Information](#)

IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes

The IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes are available for review on the website.

Login required:

[Membership Meeting Minutes](#)

The SUPER SOFT LAUNCH of the website continues.
If you notice a bug, or other issue, here's where to send it:
<https://forms.gle/EaprTnGAARSDRcKk8>

Save the Date: IATSE Pride's Committee's Webinar

Save the date for a webinar on Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00PM PT. This is open to both LGBTQ+ people and allies, as well as members, permits, friends and family.

When: Sunday, March 23rd

Time: 2PM PT

Location: via Zoom

Register in advance: [Click Here](#)



The poster features a pink and purple gradient background with gold confetti. The text is in a light blue, bubbly font. At the center is a rainbow-colored Maltese cross with a shield in the center containing the letters 'IA'. The letters 'T', 'A', 'S', and 'E' are placed in the four arms of the cross. Below the cross, the date and time are listed in a bold, white font with a black outline.

Save the Date
and join us for the
IATSE Pride Committee's
Quarterly-ish Webinar

Sunday, March 23rd
5:00P.M. ET
more details to follow

LDI 2025 Call for Speakers Now Open!

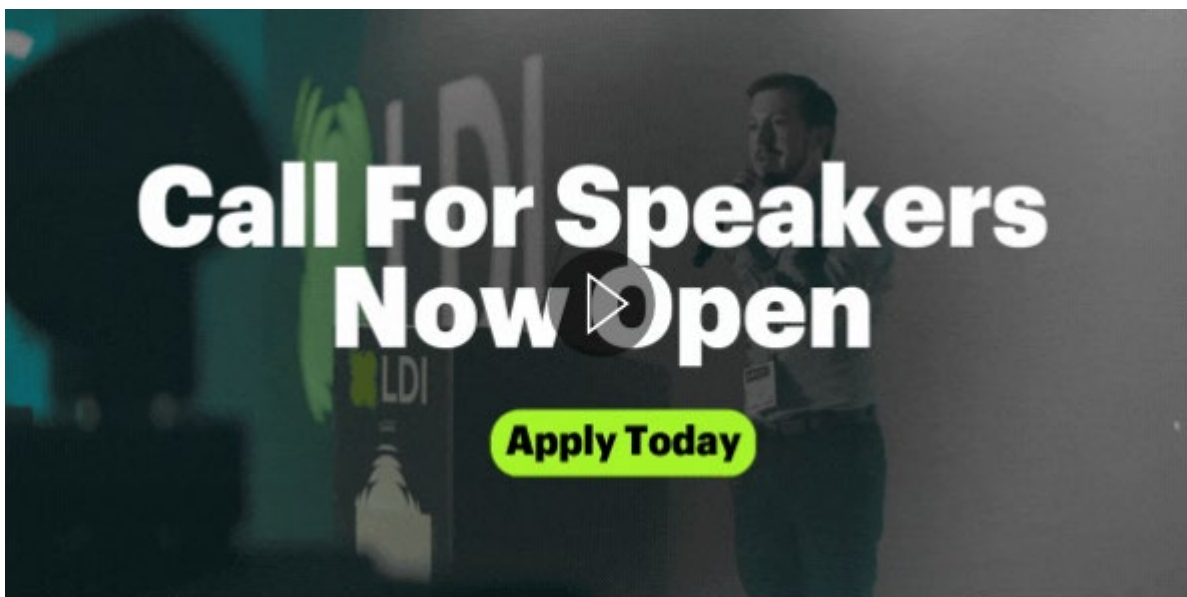
LDI is the premiere lighting event that showcases new technologies in our craft. As knowledge leaders, we are seen as both the end users and the product innovators. Please consider applying to speak or training today!



Conference: Dec. 3-9, 2025

Expo: Dec 7-9, 2025

Las Vegas Convention Center - West Hall



We'd love to have you speak at LDI 2025!

Are you a designer, programmer, technician, rigger, electrician, technical director, or other entertainment design/technology industry expert? Or are you a manufacturer, distributor, inventor, or R&D guru? [Apply to speak at LDI today!](#)

All speakers receive an LDI 2025 LDInnovation Conference badge as compensation (\$800 value) and a speaker gift.

Event Dates:

December 3-9, 2025

Deadlines:

Training Submissions due by March 24, 2025

Speaking Submissions due by April 24, 2025

[**Apply to Speak Now**](#)



Women's History Month

Moving Forward Together!
Women Educating & Inspiring Generations



March Madness

March Madness discounts for IATSE Local 728 members now available.

Additional information can be found at the following link:

<https://TRAINING728.ORG/MARCHMADNESS2025>

Local 728 March Madness 2025

THE FINE PRINT: NOT ALL VENDOR DISCOUNTS MAY BE AVAILABLE ON 3/3 AND VENDORS MAY END THEIR DISCOUNT AT ANY TIME. OTHER VENDORS MAY JOIN AT ANY TIME. LOCAL 728 HAS NOT NEGOTIATED ANY OF THESE DISCOUNTS AND IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ANY ORDER OR RESOLVING ANY CLAIM OR DISPUTE.

Starts March 3, 2025

[HTTPS://TRAINING728.ORG/MARCHMADNESS2025](https://TRAINING728.ORG/MARCHMADNESS2025)



IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!
WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS



Preparing for etcp?

Please see details below.

[Electricity 101- March 22](#)

[Electricity 101- March 29](#)

Preparing for etcp?



Two opportunities to review the basics in order to pass the exam, prove we are the best, and qualify for a \$500.00 stipend*.

ELECTRICITY 101

03/22/25

<https://iatse728.org/electricity101-032225>

- or -

<https://training728.org/electricity101-032225>

No Lottery, No prerequisites, Sign Ups are NOW OPEN

ELECTRICITY 101

03/29/25

<https://iatse728.org/electricity101-032925>

- or -

<https://training728.org/electricity101-032925>

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ETCP Recognizes the top people working with entertainment lighting. Portable Power and Lighting Control is our craft and no one does it better than Local 728.

*For more information on the \$500 stipend, please visit <https://training728.org/etcp-stipend>

Upcoming Events

MPTF Webinar- Building Confidence: Lessons for Avoiding Scams and Financial Elder Abuse

Join us for a presentation to review:

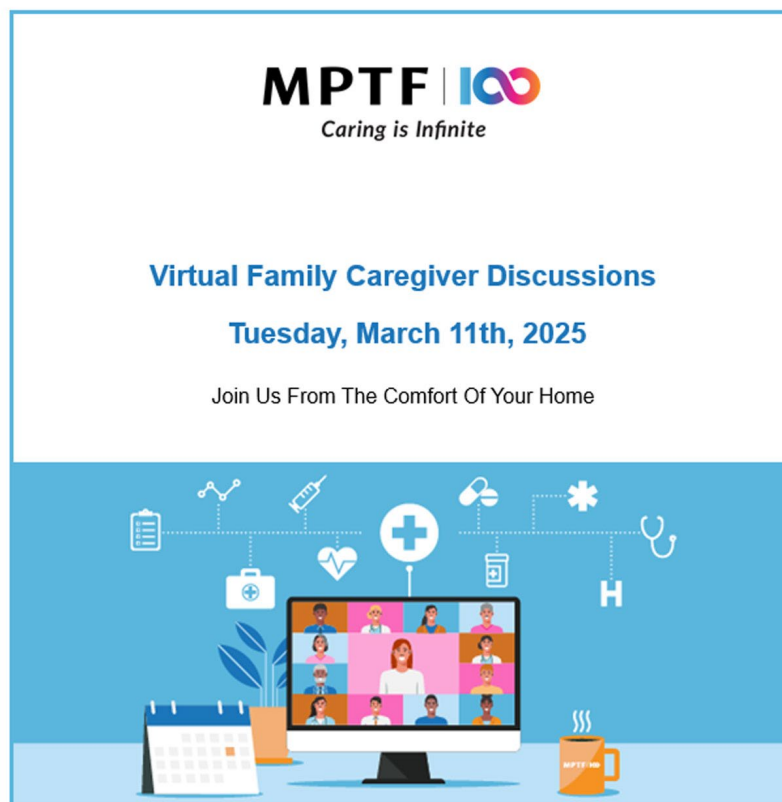
- Common scams and strategies used by scammers to manipulate victims
- Best practices for preventing financial elder abuse and scams, including how to use powers of attorneys and other tools to spot abuse before it's too late
- Tips for reporting scams to various agencies and what to include in your report
- Additional legal and non-legal resources for victims of scams and their family members

When: Tuesday, March 11th

Time: 4-5:15PM PT

Location: via Zoom

Register: [bit.ly./MPTFCaregiver0325](https://bit.ly/MPTFCaregiver0325)



IATSE Local 728 Retiree Luncheon

Join your fellow retirees for the first luncheon of 2025 hosted at the Local. Enjoy good food, have fun and socialize.

When: Wednesday, March 12

Time: 12PM

Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506

RSVP: community@iatse728.org or call (818) 954-0728

A graphic invitation for a retiree luncheon. The background is a dark green and light green diagonal striped pattern. On the left side, there are several green shamrocks of various sizes. In the top right corner, there is a white Maltese cross logo with 'IATSE' written vertically on the left and right arms, and '728' in the center. The text is centered on a light cream-colored rectangular area. The text reads: 'Join us for a...' in a cursive font, followed by 'RETIREE LUNCHEON' in large, bold, black serif capital letters. Below this, the date and time are presented: 'WEDNESDAY 12PM MARCH 12 2025', with 'WEDNESDAY', '12PM', and 'MARCH 12' on the top line and '2025' centered below. The location is 'at IATSE LOCAL 728', with 'at' in a small cursive font. At the bottom, it says 'RSVP' followed by the email address 'COMMUNITY@IATSE728.ORG' in green capital letters.

Join us for a...

RETIREE LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY 12PM MARCH 12
2025

at
IATSE LOCAL 728

RSVP
COMMUNITY@IATSE728.ORG

Union Resources

Disaster Assistance and Emergency Resources

IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response

The IATSE and the Locals of the West Coast have combined resources into this link that will be updated regularly.

<https://iatse.net/socal-fires/>

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

IA 728 Power Drops

Thanks to member Jake Lyon for organizing a number of members and vendors providing portable power solutions. Please reach out if you have need and feel free to share. [IA 728 Free Power Drops Form](#)

ZELLO Support

Zello support stands with the people of Los Angeles affected by the wildfires. Zello Support is repurposing their new Head Quarters across the street from Warner Bros. Studios into an Infrastructure Support Center. In this space, families will be able to receive guidance and support as they plan to rebuild their homes/lives.

<https://zellosupport.com>

Volunteer Shifts:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C49ADAA29A5FE3-54763638>



MPTF-Wildfire Relief

MPTF has been working to help those in need of resources and providing services including financial assistance, supportive counseling and assistance navigating insurance needs. You don't have to deal with the challenges alone, MPTF is here to help. A list of Wildfire Resources, Navigating Fema and how you can contribute to those in need can be found at the link below. You can also call: (323) 634-3888

A video of the webinar, ***Wildfire Relief: Next Steps and Next Next Steps***, featuring guest speakers who gave guidance on how to navigate insurance claims, property taxes, tax payments, among other topics is now available at the same link or you can view [here](#).

<https://mptf.com/ways-to-give/wildfirerelief/>

MPTF | IOO
MOTION PICTURE & TELEVISION FUND

Caring is Infinite



Wildfire Relief

Aid and resources for those impacted by the Southern California fires

MPTF/ECF Insurance Services

For those who may be transitioning off MPI Health coverage, IATSE Local 700 recorded a Zoom Presentation with MPTF/ECF Insurance Services to help explain options beyond paid COBRA. Please check out this informative video.

[Zoom Presentation](#)

Mental Health Tools and Resources

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including: Unemployment/Disability Insurance, Sick Dues, Life Insurance, Honorable Withdrawal, MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans, Motion Picture & Television Fund, Assistance Information

Log-in required to view content: [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

IATSE PAC

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The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today! <https://L728.co/iatsepac>

[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)

