



SAFETY & TRAINING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Board Meeting; March 5, 2011

Contract Services has awarded our funding for the 2011/2012 Training Year. We were awarded funding for 51 different Skills Training classes. A complete list is attached.

The Skills Training Program will start back up on March 19 with Electricity 101. Other Skills Training classes in March will include Adv. Lighting Console Programming on the 20th; Fixture Technician I on March 26th; and an Airstar Balloon Lighting Class on March 27th. The next Body Mechanics/Injury Prevention class will be held on March 16. Four of these classes will be held here at Local 728.

March is the month that we discuss our annual additional funding for the Training Program. This is to make up for any shortfalls that may not be awarded from Contract Services. This years proposal is the same as last year: additional assistance in prep & instruction of classes; software updates; and NFPA Membership. The complete proposal is attached.

Training728 is online, functional, and we are taking member signups. We should be out of Beta mode by the middle of the month. I will have a brief demonstration at the meeting.

PLASA will be meeting March 8 - 11 in Charlotte, NC. I will be speaking to a consortium of entertainment companies about the importance of internal communication at the Symposium on OSHA & Safety in the Entertainment Industries. I will be returning on Friday the 11th to be at the Membership Meeting on the 12th. I will also be at an OSHA 511 class March 21 - 25.

Our order for Harry Box's *Set Lighting Technician's Handbook* was delayed by an error of the manufacturer. It has been corrected and we will hopefully have our copies by the Membership Meeting on the 12th.

The Training Brochures have been approved and are being distributed to the membership. I will have copies available at the Membership Meeting. These brochures are an example of internal organizing and I believe that we should consider creating another brochure to educate our members of the benefits of membership. Also, I have written some Instructor Guidelines based on the Train-the-Trainer class. Please see the attached document.

The IATSE's participation in InfoComm is moving forward and our Technology in Motion Pictures panel looks to be approved if the negotiations are completed in time to meet the deadline for the tradeshow. This would mean that Local 728 members would be part of the International's delegation representing the entire IATSE to the members of Infocomm. This is an honor for us to be selected to represent the International since organizing the A/V workforce is a big deal and we are competing with several other unions for this jurisdiction.

We need to discuss furniture for the Training Office. As of the writing of this report, we are still waiting for a revised quote from M3. Since we are renting storage space from Local 80 with the rental receipts from the Skills Training classes; Local 80 is allowing us to retain our third floor office, so there is no financial necessity to eliminate the office rental and we can now take the time to properly outfit the office without ^{^^}pressured.



As we have previously discussed we still need wall displays for the computer lab. I asked John Sherwood, our Vectorworks instructor and Professor at CalArts, for suggestions on how best to outfit the room. He brought up an issue where members will block other member's view of the main display. Additionally, the distance from the far end of the room to the monitor at the "door end" will create eyestrain for those members. His suggestion is to have three displays. The main display will be on the "door end" of the room with two smaller displays on the walls opposite of the seats. This will enable members to look up to see the instructors display and not 90° to the left or right. At the time of this writing, we are still waiting on a quote from Techsource. I have priced out average monitors and have someone else working on the cost of the video distribution. Please see attached documents for examples of the monitors.

It is also suggested that we should consider a "smartboard" in the lab. This is not anything we need to purchase right away and I have attached documents for your reference.

Submitted in solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. M. Rowe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan M. Rowe
Safety & Training Director