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THE ONLY SET LIGHTING IATSE LOCAL IN THE WORLD

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Honoring Long-Time Members



Congratulations to Phillip Weinstein and Jerry M. Marlett (left photo) and Gary Andersen (far right), pictured with Local 728 President Dennis K. Grow. Weinstein and Marlett were presented with their 40-Year Local 728 commemorative pins, and Andersen with his 35-Year pin, at the July General Membership Meeting.

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APPLICATION TO REPRESENT THE LOCAL AT LDI

We are looking for members who are interested in representing the Local at the LDI trade show. LDI (Lighting Dimensions International) is the major Trade Show event in the Entertainment Lighting Industry where new lighting technology is unveiled to the lighting community as well as the opportunity to meet and talk with the manufacturers of lighting & power distribution equipment. Last year over 400 equipment manufacturers & vendors exhibited at the trade show with over 13,800 end-users from Broadway to Hollywood attending. For the third consecutive year Local 728, being the only labor organization in the world dedicated solely to the art of Set Lighting, is hosting a booth on the Trade Show floor. LDI will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center October 24 – 26, 2008.

If you are interested in representing the Local at LDI, please fill out the following form and return it to the Local **before the end of business on Friday, September 26** with a resume and brief statement of how you would represent the Local. The Executive Board will review each application and select members to represent us at LDI.

MEMBER NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

I wish to represent Local 728 at the LDI 2008 Tradeshow. I understand that if selected, the Local will provide me with overnight accommodation on the night prior to my participation at the trade show. In turn for each night's accommodation, I agree to represent the Local for a minimum of two hours in the Local's booth as per schedule of the Booth Manager and a minimum of two hours on the trade show floor. All additional expenses related to my participation at LDI, including travel and any incidental hotel charges, are my responsibility.


I have attached a resume of my experience and a brief statement describing why I would be a good representative of the Local at the LDI show.

I am interested in the following nights accommodations/days participation:

- Thursday Night, October 23 to participate Friday, October 24
 Friday Night, October 24 to participate Saturday, October 25
 Saturday Night, October 25 to participate Sunday, October 26

Member Signature _____ Date _____ Member Name _____
 (please print)

GETTING THE BOOT ...
hey, we needed the room



Local 728 President
 Dennis K. Grow,
 whose column
 normally appears in
 this space, will return in
 the next Bulletin.

OOPS!
WE GOOFED!

Our apologies to Kim Gottlieb-Walker from Local 600. We failed to give her credit for the District 2 Convention photo that was published in the last Bulletin.

- I.A.T.S.E.**
LOCAL 728
 HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
- PRESIDENT**
 DENNIS K. GROW
- VICE PRESIDENT**
 GREG A. LANGHAM
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 ALAN M. ROWE, DIRECTOR
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 FOX - PASCAL M. GUILLEMARD
 PARAMOUNT - FRANK VALDEZ
 SONY - JOHN JACOBS
 UNIVERSAL - JOHN TRUJILLO
 WARNER BROS. -
 GARY M. ANDERSEN
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UNION SPOTLIGHT

DECEASED

BROTHER USTACE "BOB" C. WOOTEN, 81 YEARS OLD, A MEMBER SINCE JULY 11, 1960, PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 1, 2008.

FIRST NOTICE

JOSE E. FELIX AND ANDREW WEBBERLEY.

SECOND NOTICE

GREGORY DUPREE, JESUS INIGUEZ, JOSE MARTINEZ, JAIME REYES, CHRIS NABERS, CARLOS RODRIGUEZ AND JOHN R. ROGERS.

NEW MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS: DARRYL WALTHALL AND JARED WELLMAN WHO WERE SWORN IN ON AUGUST 4, 2008; AND RUSSELL HARRIS WHO WAS SWORN IN ON AUGUST 11, 2008.

MEETING NOTICE

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

THE NEXT
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
9:00 A.M. (SHARP) ON
SATURDAY,
SEPT. 13, 2008
AT IATSE LOCAL 44,
12021 RIVERSIDE DR.,
NORTH HOLLYWOOD

PLEASE BRING YOUR
UNION CARD!



11500 Burbank Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91601

1-800-551-2158
1-818-891-0728
Fax: 1-818-985-8798



The worst kept secret in Hollywood

by *Patric J. Abaravich,*
Business Representative - Secretary

If anyone hasn't heard by now – it's the worst kept secret in Hollywood – On July 31, 2008, at the General Executive Board meeting in San Diego, President Short retired. He has been a member of the IA for over 40 years and when he became president in 1994, his goal was to make the IA a better organization.

Although over his 14-year leadership there have been many different opinions, several of his accomplishments have enhanced not only our industry, but those of other IA crafts. Under his direction during our careers, our pension has increased by approximately 85 percent, and he oversaw the establishment of the Individual Account Plan (IAP). Since then, the IAP has grown to over \$2 billion.

If it had not been for his planning and forethought, mine – and our – pensions would be in the gutter. His vision was to ensure that all of us retire with dignity.

After his retirement, the General Executive Board elected Matt D. Loeb to pilot and carry on the fundamental and important groundwork that President Short has laid. Since 1989, President Loeb has been a member of the United Scenic Artists Local 829, and a member of Local 52 (Studio Mechanics in New York) since 1996.

President Loeb was the first IA Division Director of Motion Picture and Television Production, appointed to that position after the restructuring of the alliance and its establishment of industry divisions.

This provides us with a unique opportunity; we have an International President who is directly familiar with motion picture and television work as opposed to stage work. This firsthand knowledge will greatly benefit us in future negotiations.

I'm sure I join the entire membership of Local 728 in welcoming President Loeb as he heads our proud alliance, and in wishing President Emeritus Short nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

The Local has found temporary facilities at 11500 Burbank Blvd. in North Hollywood. These are short-term digs until our new building goes through its renovation process. Although not a lot of tears were shed on moving day, indeed we as a Local saw leaving Nordhoff as a historic moment in our union.

For a large portion of the membership, the Nordhoff location has always been your Local hall. Though many of you never visited because of its location, I hope now that we are closer to the studios – and, in some of your neighborhoods – you make it a point to come by and say 'hi' while we are in our temporary facilities.



**Join
US..**
..for a
devil
of a good
time!

Local 728

Retiree Get Together

Wednesday, September 17

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sportmen's Lodge
12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

Be sure to bring your old stories
and an empty stomach!

11th Annual Local 728 Scholarship Awards

Your Local 728 officers and members are pleased to offer 10 scholarship awards.
Five awards in the amount of \$4,000.00
and five awards in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the academic year 2009.
The 11th annual awards will be granted to high school students graduating in 2009.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The rules of eligibility for the 11th 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 be about to apply for admission to an accredited college or university as a fully matriculated student.
- d) Have applied, or be 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, 2008. The winners of the scholarship awards will be notified by Local 728 in May 2009, and will be announced in a future issue of the *Local 728 Bulletin*.

11500 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 ♦ (818) 891-0728

11th Annual Local 728 Scholarship Awards

Please send me an application for the 11th 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) Name: _____

You could win a Harley Davidson Dyna Street Bob



Join your I.A.T.S.E. Local in supporting a raffle for a new Harley Davidson Dyna Street Bob
Proceeds will Benefit the Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF)

Tickets are \$20.00 each

The Drawing will be on September 28, 2008
Don't miss the chance to support MPTF and Help Take Care of Our Own!
Purchase Tickets from Your Local Union or Steward

YOU COULD BE RIDING A DYNA STREET BOB

Limited ticket quantities available, the more tickets that you buy the better your chances to win.
you do not have to be present to win. All fees, registration, taxes, etc., will be the responsibility of the
winner.



 Motion Picture
& Television Fund



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Local 44, 80, 728 & 729 Family & Picnic

- * FERRIS WHEEL * SWIMMING POOL *
- * PADDLE BOATING * FOAM MACHINE * DUNK TANK *
- * VOLLEYBALL * MECHANICAL BULL* ADULTS & KIDS BINGO *
- * FREE THROW BASKETBALL * HORSESHOES * PING PONG *
- * OLD FASHIONED PICNIC GAMES *

Sunday, September 28TH, 2008
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CALAMIGOS RANCH, MALIBU - (see map on back)

Enjoy BBQ Lunch From 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

*BBQ Chicken, Fried Chicken, Vegetarian Chili, Corn Cobbettes
Crispy Garden Salad, Macaroni Salad, Country Potato Salad
Rolls & Butter*

From 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

*Hot Dog Station with all the condiments
& Fresh Popped Popcorn*

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*Ice Cold Beer & Wine - \$4.00 per glass * ID Required **

Available All Day

*Assorted Soft Drinks, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee
Bottled Water & Big Sticks*

Tickets can be Purchased from Your Shop Steward or Member Service office

Ticket Prices: Pre-Paid (\$15.00) At the Gate (\$20.00)

Please Note: Gates Open at 10:00 AM.

Children Under 3 Do Not Need A Ticket

Please Bring:

*Beach or Lawn Chair (if you desire).
Swimming Suit & Towel for Swimming
(proper swimming attire is required).*

Sorry:

*No Pets.
No Outside Alcoholic Beverages.*



More Influence and Protection = ETCP Certification

by Alan M. Rowe,
Safety & Training Director



The ETCP Entertainment Electrician Certification is becoming more prevalent in theaters and other venues across the country. While this certification is currently not required in our jurisdiction, it is very beneficial for us to become certified. It gives our members more influence and protects us from spurious claims that we are not qualified to work with electricity.

If you look at our use of electricity compared the average stage lighting technician, you will see some significant differences. First, the quantity of power that we use on a daily basis is much larger and we frequently specify our own generators and transformers. Second, we perform the cycle of planning, load-in, performance, and wrap on a much more frequent basis than the average stage production. Since we frequently rig & wrap on the same day, we perform certain functions, such as voltage drop calculations and evaluating power requirements, on a daily basis. Without a doubt, our crews have some highest skilled lighting technicians, electrical riggers, programmers, and DMX technicians in the industry.

This all makes us ideal candidates for ETCP Certification and because it is so important, the Local will reimburse all of the exam fees for members who earn the ETCP Certification.

Yet for all of this experience, talent, & opportunity, we rank third behind Local 1 and Local 16, among all IATSE Locals in number of certified electricians. Currently, Local 728, the only IATSE Local that is solely dedicated to Entertainment Lighting, has only 7 ETCP Certified Electricians: Kieran Illes; Chris Lama; Roger Lattin; Brian Lukas; Charlie MacIntyre; Tim Speed; and myself.

I feel that Local 728 should have the most Certified Electricians of any IATSE Local and challenge our

members to step up and show the rest of the industry that the members of Local 728 are among the best and most qualified entertainment electricians in the industry.

Check out the ETCP website (www.etcpesta.org) for the required candidate criteria, body of knowledge bibliography and content outline of the exam. Local 728 offers several courses and seminars that you may attend free of charge. Contact me or sign up for the notification-only mailing list by sending an email to: 728Training-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Other resources can be found at the ESTA Foundation website <http://estafoundation.org/>. In addition to these resources, I recommend creating study groups with friends who are also interested in the exam.

The ETCP Certification Exam is currently offered in Glendale on a regular basis as well as at the LDI Trade Show in October. The deadline for signing up for the LDI pencil & paper exam is September 25. More information can be found at <http://etcpesta.org> or by calling me at the office.

The days of simple dimmer boards and "dumb" dimmers are over. From LEDs to networkable rolling racks, there is no way around it; today's technology requires training. Our instructors are leaders in utilizing this technology in real world experience and are recognized by professionals across the entertainment industry. For more information about these and all of our classes, please contact Training Director Alan Rowe at 818-843-0012 / amrowe@iatse728.org or by sending an email to 728Training-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

We are setting up a Technical Hotline list for our members and are looking for volunteers. If you are

interested in being on the list for people to call when they have problems, please let me know. This list will include both members and manufacturers/vendors.

We are offering classes on consoles such as Virtuoso; GrandMA; Whole Hog III; and EOS/ION on short notice basis as the equipment & instructors become available. To be notified of these events, send an email to 728Training-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Suspended-Dropped Members 3rd Quarter 2008*

SUSPENDED:

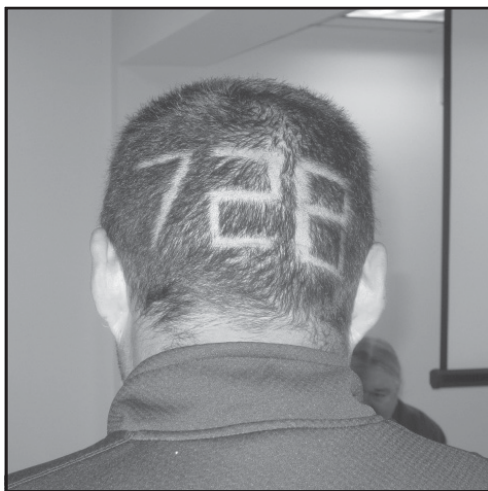
BERARDI, PHILIP N.
BRYANT, WILLIAM B.
DUBOIS, DAVID W.
EPSTEIN, JONATHAN
FINE, SEAN A.
FREEMAN, PETER
HARB JR., JOSE
HIGGINSON, TIMOTHY
HORTON, LAURIE
KING, CHARLES E.
MARQUEZ, MICHAEL S.
RICE, DENNIS B.
TIMMER, BRAD D.
TUNNEY, EDWARD T.E.

DROPPED

ABBOTT, MARK
CONLEY, DAVID E.
GRANADA, ROY C.
MC DUFFEE, MICHAEL W.
MYRICK, DAVID JOSEPH
RUIZ, ISMAEL
SELICEO, ERNEST A.
TAPIA, CARLOS
TAYLOR, JOHN H.
WILLIS III, JOHN

*List current as of 8-25-08.

Heads up!
*This is union
pride*



New member Carlos B. Aranda was sworn into Local 728 at the July General Membership Meeting sporting some serious union pride. No one can ever recall a time when a member shaved '728' into their scalp. Way to go, Carlos, and welcome aboard!

Upcoming Election of Officers

Please be aware that there will be Nominations for Election of Officers at the September Membership Meeting Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

IATSE Local 44 Office Building, 12021 Riverside Drive, North Hollywood

FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

1 - Business Representative/Secretary

4 - Executive Board Members

23 - Convention Delegates

8 - CLC Delegates

Election Guidelines

Section 4 – WRITE-INS No write-ins shall be allowed.

Section 5 – NOMINATIONS FOR ONE OFFICE ONLY

No member shall be permitted to accept a nomination for more than one (1) office, this not to include nominations for election of delegates to conventions or Central Labor Council.

Section 6 – NOMINATIONS AND REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

a). In order to assure the most democratic nominations possible, all nominations will take place on the floor at the Membership meeting regardless of odd or even year, and that notice of such nominations to take place shall be put in Local 728 monthly newsletter "THE BULLETIN" prior to the meeting.

b). Any Member working in our jurisdiction, on the day of nomination, may send the Local a written request to place his name in nomination for any office; said request to be placed in nomination by the presiding officer of the meeting.

Section 7 – ELIGIBILITY

A person must have been a member of Local 728 for a period of two (2) years before he can become a candidate for any office, and further must be in good standing at the time of nomination. A member in good standing shall be any person who is not in arrears and who neither has voluntarily withdrawn from membership nor become inactive from membership nor has been expelled or suspended from membership.

A complete list of the Election Guidelines can be found in your Constitution and By-Laws handbook.

STUDIO ELECTRICAL LIGHTING TECHNICIANS

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Upcoming training classes!

Sept. 6 - Dimming Seminar
Sept. 27 - Rigging for Wet Locations
October 4 - Electricity 101
October 4 - Vectorworks I

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