

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

IATSE Local 728 Negotiations Town Hall

Save the Date for upcoming Negotiations Town hall to discuss surveys and CATs.

- Saturday, February 10th
- Location: IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506
- Time: 1:00 PM

Details to follow.



GMAIL Issue Workaround

Thanks to members Quinn Brudos-Sommers and Jeffrey Godshall and our IT provider BIG IT, we may have found a workaround to the Gmail issue to receive 728 training and possibly Local 728 emails into your Gmail inbox.

Use the links below to the PDFs that will help until there is a more permanent fix. Both of these PDFs are instructions on how to apply the workaround.

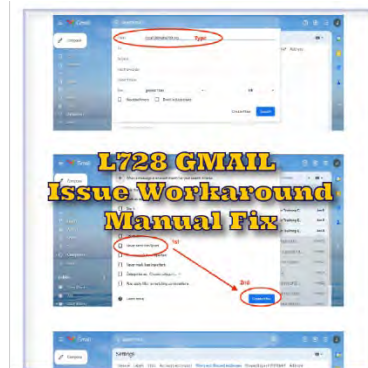
One of the fixes may be easier as it is a download, but the instructions are still about the same number of steps. The download for the filter is also included. We hope this can help.

There is a caveat. According to BIG IT, the instructions look correct for the issue of emails being delivered to Junk Mail, but this only applies to emails that make it that far. Right now (or at least as of last time we checked), we are blacklisted by Google, so the emails are blocked before they ever make it to Junk Email (technically, at the connection level). Until we can get past that block, this workaround may do nothing for anyone; unless we are referring to receipts that are going to Junk Email, in which case the email address that you are using needs to be updated as we no longer send from local728@iatse728.org

While we didn't test it thoroughly, you can create a filter in Google for just iatse728.org, which BIG IT recommends. This should affect all emails from the Local.

[L728 GMAIL Issue-Import Fix | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

[L728 GMAIL Issue -Manual Fix | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)



We continue to work with the IATSE Communications Department and Action Network to identify concerns and remedies.

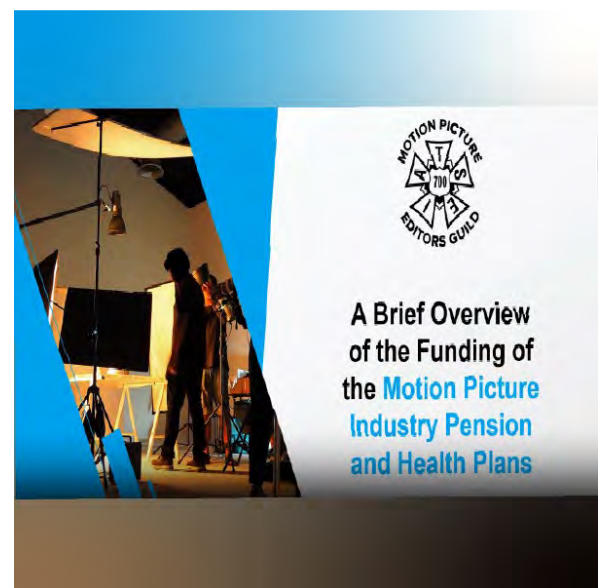
Brief Funding Overview – MPI Pension and Health Plans

As we prepare for bargaining, it is important to understand all the issues facing us and all the IATSE locals as we prepare proposals. One of the primary issues along with wages is our MPI Health and Pension Plans and its long-term stability.

Local 700 put together this video about how the MPI Plans are funded. It is meant to help provide general overview. Note: the script and voiceover were recorded before the prolonged strikes as well as before 2023 data was available.

Log-in required to view content:

[2024 Hollywood Basic & Local Negotiations | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)



The CAT Team is coming for you!

WTF is a CAT you ask?

- A CAT is the structure through which we listen to, inform, and organize our members to help win the best contract possible.
- The CAT needs to support the work our bargaining team is doing at the negotiations table.
- The CAT provides two-way communications between Local 728 and our members.

If you're interested, come to our IATSE Local 728 Negotiations Town Hall meeting on February 10th at 1PM.

2024 Bargaining Update

436 proposals have been sent to the IATSE in an unprecedented show of representation. Now the various IA sub committees made up of elected officers and rank-and-file will be sifting and sorting in an effort to arrive at a proposal for bargaining set to begin in March.

Your Negotiations Committee worked through the weekend to approve our 13 Local asks based on the L728 survey. I am proud of their work, and now we prepare.

Watch for additional details coming soon: IATSE Local 728 Negotiations Town Hall (2/10/24 at 1PM) and March Solidarity Rally (3/3/24 at 11AM).

Some Chilling Statistics as we wait for work calls...

To put the losses of last year in context, it is estimated that you and your colleague's loss upwards of \$3B in wages and benefits. That breaks down into \$2.5B in wages, \$150M in IAP contributions, \$400M in pension allocations. That summary is based on a \$50/hr wage average and \$8hr in benefits.

Add to this that it is expected that work will return at a level of 20-40% less than in previous years. The streaming boom is ending. We are finding a new normal. Reach out to us and to each other. We will do all we can to find work and resources for those in need.



Upcoming Events

Aputure FLEX Event: Los Angeles (VIP)

Aputure is joined by Cinelease and Lux Lighting to present this must-see event for professional cinematographers and lighting technicians. Hosted by Julian White and IATSE Local 728 Member, Tim Kang.

- Friday, January 26th
- Location: Cinelease Lighting & Grip Los Angeles | 5375 West San Fernando Road | Los Angeles, CA 90039
- Time: 2:00PM – 7:00PM PST

[Aputure FLEX Event: Los Angeles \(VIP\) Tickets, Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



DCS Cinema Lighting Expo at Local 80

The 2024 Digital Cinema Society's Expo will have demos and the latest gear you can get your hands on. DCS will also bestow the third "Dibie" Award given in memory of George Spiro Dicie.

- Saturday, February 10th
- Location: IATSE Local 80 Stage | 2520 West Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505
- Doors Open at 9:30AM

RSVP deadline 4:00PM, February 9th

[Register Now: DCS 2024 Cinema Lighting Expo - Saturday February 10th in Burbank, CA | Digital Cinema Society \(dcsonline.org\)](#)



NOTE: If you are planning on attending the IATSE Local 728 Negotiations Town Hall, the events take place concurrently.

Solidarity Rally

Save the Date for a Solidarity Rally!

- Sunday, March 3rd
- Location: TBD
- Time: 11:00AM



MPI Updates

Anthem Blue Cross and UC Health

The Motion Picture Industry Health Plan (MPIHP) is following contract negotiations between Anthem Blue Cross and UC Health closely. This negotiation involves the Active PPO, and non-Medicare plans only; it does not involve the Retiree Medicare Advantage plan. MPIHP is working closely with Anthem Blue Cross to ensure that MPIHP participants will continue to have access to high quality healthcare. As you are aware, most often negotiations like this come down to the deadline. This is a reminder that participants also have access to primary care through Facey Medical Group, St. John's Physicians Partners, and Providence Medical Institute with a \$5 co-pay and no co-insurance. These new groups can also make referrals to any MP3 specialist. Go to the MPI website to [find a provider](#). We will update when we have more information.



Potential Delta Dental Data Breach

Delta Dental had its systems compromised as part of the MOVEit breach that affected many organizations in mid-2023. It's possible some of us who received their dental benefits through Delta Dental had our personal information compromised. Based on MPIHP's review, most of our participants who had information compromised had the following personal information compromised.

- Date of birth
- Social security number
- Health insurance information
- Treatment cost information

Delta Dental will be notifying any affected MPIHP participants of this breach by mail and will be offering free identity monitoring services.

