

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

## **Membership Meeting Information, where do I find it?**

Looking for membership meeting information? The Weekly Digest (image below) will contain information on how to RSVP for the meeting, date, time, and location as well as the RSVP deadline. In addition, you can find the following:

- RSVP Information
- Rules for Online/Hybrid Meetings
- Membership Meeting Packet and Reports

Be sure to check back at the links provided as some of this information will become available AFTER the RSVP deadline.

The Membership meeting minutes link will provide you with access to executive and membership meeting minutes.

Please be sure to log-in to access the information.

ALL membership meeting Packets, including vital Officer reports, are available on the website at <https://www.iatse728.org/members/the-local/meeting-minutes>.

In solidarity,

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

Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

### **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](mailto:community@iatse728.org)

**Zoom:** [solidarity@iatse728.org](mailto: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](#)

## **Labor Action for Federal Workers – April 5th**

The continuing attacks on unions have escalated with the President issuing an executive order ending the collective bargaining rights of public sector unions. This is part of the continuing war on workers' rights. While this executive order does not impact private sector unions, it is indicative of a much broader campaign to strip workers of their hard-won rights for Fair wages, Safe Working conditions, and Dignity at work and in retirement.

The AFL-CIO has issued a call to action on Saturday April 5 to remind the government of the people's power.

An injury to one is an injury to all.

Please join the rally at Pershing Square (email [vetanovetz@gmail.com](mailto:vetanovetz@gmail.com) for details) or use the link to find an action in your neighborhood.

[https://www.mobilize.us/handsoff/?link\\_id=30&can\\_id=9d044365d11a308ffb1c19c3b31b679a&source=email-daily-brief-april-xx-2025&email\\_referrer=email\\_2678114&email\\_subject=daily-brief-april-1-2025&&](https://www.mobilize.us/handsoff/?link_id=30&can_id=9d044365d11a308ffb1c19c3b31b679a&source=email-daily-brief-april-xx-2025&email_referrer=email_2678114&email_subject=daily-brief-april-1-2025&&)

**HOLLYWOOD LABOR**

**stands up for federal workers'  
collective bargaining rights**

**HANDS  
~~OFF!~~**

**UNIONS**

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 4pm**

**Pershing Square, Downtown LA**





SECOND QTR 2025 Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website.

Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at [www.iatse728.org](http://www.iatse728.org)

Quarterly Due Dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1



## Keep California Rolling

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



- GET INVOLVED
- SHARE YOUR STORY
- TAKE ACTION



## 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.**

[www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org](http://www.KeepCaliforniaRolling.org)



## March Madness – Tax Day Extension

March Madness discounts for IATSE Local 728 members extended through April 15! Additional information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.iatse728.org/marchmadness2025>

# Local 728 March Madness Tax Day Extension 2025

**This is NOT an April Fools Joke**

**ASSIMILATE Live FX**

**Cush Light**

**Swisson/Dadco**

**Yaeger Pro**

**DISCOUNTS EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL 15!**

<https://training728.org/MarchMadness2025>

**THIS IS HAPPENING FAST SO OTHER VENDORS MAY JOIN!!!**

## Luminex Classes

Space is available in the following Luminex Networking Classes:

**When:** Saturday, April 12 | Sunday, April 13

To register and for details, use the following link:

<https://training728.org/classes>

- SPACE AVAILABLE IN BOTH CLASSES -

# LUMINEX

WITH ANTHONY STOFLETT AND BOBBY DECHELLIS

**April 12, 2025**

**April 13, 2025**

[HTTPS://TRAINING728.ORG/CLASSES](https://training728.org/classes)



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



### **IATSE Local 892 - Eddie Marks Costume Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to all IATSE members in good standing, Teamsters Local 399, and LIUNA Local 724 for their children/dependents wishing to study costuming and entering a certified institution of higher education in 2025.

**The submission deadline is May 31, 2025.**

For complete information regarding this scholarship please refer to the application, criteria and requirements at:

<https://www.costumedesignersguild.com/eddiemarks-scholarship/>



# Upcoming Events

## Going to NAB? See you at our Meet Up

The upcoming Pro Lighting Meetup will be held at the APEX Aputure Experience at Vu Studios in Las Vegas.

**When:** Tuesday, April 8

**Time:** 3:30PM

**Location:** Vu Studios, 901 Grier Drive | Las Vegas, NV 89119

Check for an email sent from [community@iatse728.org](mailto:community@iatse728.org) on March 22 for a **special promo code** (to unlock hidden ticket information).

**Tickets:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apex-2025-the-aputure-experience-tickets-1269379310689>

**APEX**  
THE Aputure EXPERIENCE

## PRO LIGHTING MEETUP

Tuesday, April 8 | 3:30pm | Vu Studios, Las Vegas

Hosted by

IATSE 728 & GAFFERS SALON

- + Drinks & appetizers
- + STORM 1200x giveaway
- + Industry networking



## **BB&S Lighting People at NAB**

As a thank you to BB&S Lighting and Sylmar Stages for providing refreshments at the last and next Techquity Showcase, please check out their latest products and discounts for IATSE Local 728 members.

### *“GOING TO NAB?”*

*Stop by and say hi to the BB&S team at booth N1567 where we’ll have some of our top products including the Reflect Color Studio and track lighting on display. Still need a ticket? Use our guest pass code NS5553.*

*We hope to see you there, but if you’re not visiting NAB, feel free to contact us for more information on our lighting solutions at [info@brothers-sonsamerica.com](mailto:info@brothers-sonsamerica.com).*

*Elevate your production with [BB&S](#) America’s innovative lighting solutions, now available for rent through Sylmar Studios’ rental house! The lineup includes the Reflect Color and Reflect Color Studio – our latest products designed to bring your vision to life with stunning precision and versatility. Special rental discounts available for IATSE members!”*



## Techquity Showcase #2 – April 26

Come out for a mini Cine Gear Product demo! Anton Bauer, Instagrid, Aputure, BB&S, Jagotech, Inner Circle, AC Lighting and more to be announced.

**When:** Saturday, April 26 | 10AM- 2PM

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



The poster features a dark blue background with a circuit board pattern of white and yellow lines. The word "Techquity" is written in a large, stylized, yellow font with horizontal lines. Below it, the year "2025" is underlined in white. The dates "February 22", "April 26", "August 16", and "October 18" are listed in white. On the right side, the word "SERIES" is written vertically in a yellow, stylized font. In the bottom left corner, there is a white IATSE Local 728 logo. At the bottom center, there is a white location pin icon followed by the text "IATSE Local 728".

# *Union Resources*

## **Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions- EHISCA**

While we at the Local are hopeful that 2025 will bring an uptick in work for the members of the Local we are aware that this uptick might not be enough for all members to be able to maintain their MPI health insurance.

If you are in need of alternative to employer provided health insurance, please reach out to Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions at MPTF. Their staff is trained to assist members of the entertainment community navigate the complex California health insurance marketplace.

<https://ehisca.com>

## **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](#)

## **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 \(iatse728.org\)](http://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 \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

# *IATSE PAC*

## **IATSE PAC**

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](#)



# *In Memoriam*

## **Claudia Smith**

Claudia Smith passed away surrounded by loved ones on March 27, 2025 at the age of 70. She was part of the Local 728 family for 10 years before she retired. A true free spirit, she was authentic, unique, and courageous. Claudia always made sure you were having a good time, that was often seen during the Retiree Luncheons which she enjoyed coordinating. She will be dearly missed.

IN MEMORIAM

*Claudia Smith*



Passed away on March 27, 2025

She was 70 years old

**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>