

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*



## LET’S BE CLEAR

**The AI Copyright Transparency Act**

## SUPPORT AB-412

**Artists & Creators Must Have Transparency NOW!**

## **"The AI Copyright Transparency Act"- AB412**

Local 800 recently sent an email blast to their members encouraging them to sign this petition supporting California Bill AB412, and I would encourage you to do the same.

[Sign the Petition Here](#)

- In short, what this bill does: requires AI companies to be transparent about what copyrighted material is in their training datasets.
- In the L800 AI Committee, when speaking to field experts on AI and labor, the #1 thing they recommend in regard to protecting workers in the age of AI is transparency in the datasets. An AI regulatory opportunity like this bill is not going to present itself again.
- The bill has been endorsed by the California IATSE Council, Entertainment Union Coalition, CA Labor Federation, and a giant list of other labor organizations. Co-Sponsoring organizations include SAG-AFTRA, National Assoc of Voice Actors, and the Authors Guild.
- Signing the petition takes 1 minute.

Please reach out with any questions!

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



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



Production List now available on the Local 728  
website Dashboard!

## **IATSE International President Matthew D. Loeb Reports to the 70th Convention**

IATSE International President Matthew D. Loeb opened the 70th Quadrennial Convention on Monday, July 28th with a report on the successes and challenges the union has navigated since the last in person convention.

Watch the full report [here](#)



## **Labor Day 2025**

We are expecting a large turnout! As more information becomes available, we will share it with you. We are looking for an IATSE location to meet before the Rally.

March Assembly Begins: 8 AM Broad and E St., Wilmington

**Date:** Mon. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

MORE DETAILS TO COME.



# LABOR DAY 2025

GET READY  
TO  
**GO BIG**  
OR  
**GO HOME...**

**DATE: MON. SEPT. 1ST**  
**PARADE ASSEMBLY BEGINS AT 8 AM.**  
**BROAD & E ST. WILMINGTON**

**Join AFL-CIO President, Liz Shuler, LA County Fed President, Yvonne Wheeler, CA Federation of Labor Unions President, Lorena Gonzalez, and UFW President, Teresa Romero, along with your Union Siblings, as we proudly march in the 46th Annual LA/LB Harbor Labor Coalition Labor Day Parade, Picnic, and Rally. Let's make this the **Biggest, Baddest, Boldest Labor Day** yet!**



## **Worker's Labor Day Week of Action**

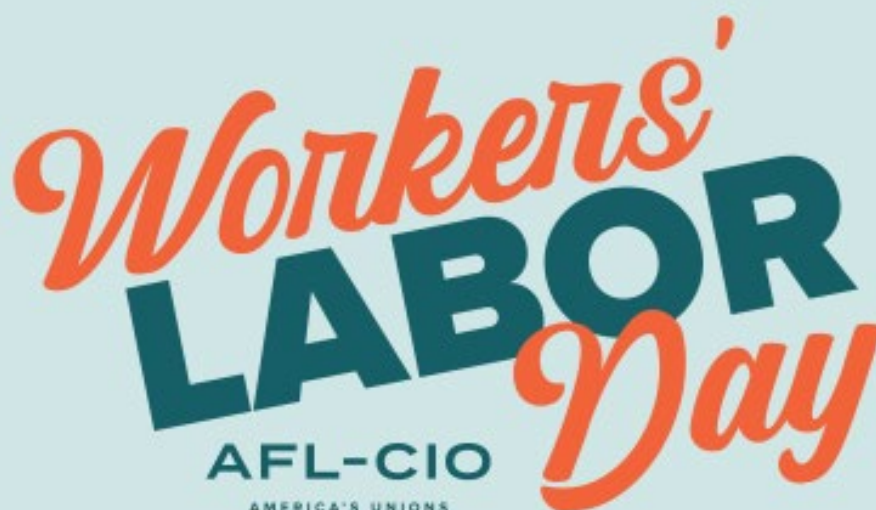
Join America's labor unions and allies and working people across the nation during our Workers' Labor Day Week of Action. We're ready to show everyone who we are and how we fight.

We're kicking off our Workers' Labor Day Week of Action with a call on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. PDT. Will you join us?

**When:** Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4PM PDT

**RSVP:** [Workers' Labor Day Week of Action Webinar](#)



**WEEK OF ACTION KICKOFF**



# **The IATSE Local 728 Bulletin**

The Bulletin is now available on the website.

In this issue:

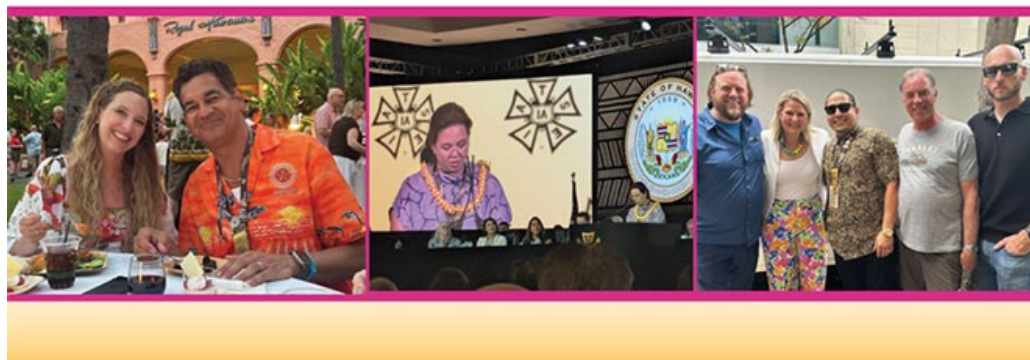
- 70<sup>th</sup> IATSE Quadrennial Convention
- Successful Quadrennial increased L728 exposure
- Important Updates and Proposed Changes-Treasurer's Column
- Convention Celebrates the Past, Charts Path for the Future
- Delegate recaps, thoughts, insights and photos

Log-in required: [The Bulletin No. 8](#)



IATSE President Matthew Loeb pictured in Hawaii with a large contingent of Local 728 Leadership, Executive Board Members and District 2 Convention Delegates

Delegate recaps, thoughts, insights and photos  
Pages 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8



## **MyConnex Reporting Tool Webinar Recording and Impact Survey**

The recording of the MyConnex Reporting Tool webinar is now available on the website in the video library.

[iatse728.org | video-library](http://iatse728.org/video-library)

In order to assess the impact that MyConnex Ombuds is having on the industry, your support is appreciated by completing the following survey. The survey can also be found if you login to the Local 728 website and click the Dashboard.

[Complete a short survey](#)



## **Behind The Scenes | Explore Career Options**

With work at historic lows, many members are looking for additional opportunities to work while we wait for more shows to return to LA. We have specialized skills that can be transferable. Behind The Scenes has a great selection of resources under the "Career Expansion/Transition" tab. Check it out!

[btshelp.org/career](https://btshelp.org/career)

Short, Mid, and Long Term Strategies to help you plan, prioritize, create manageable steps and take action:

[Next Steps: Strategies for Earning and Planning](#)

The following link has resume tips, Industry career support, finding industry jobs and more:

[Tools for Next Steps](#)

**Is it time for a change?**

**Tools to help you  
explore career options**

**[btshelp.org/career](https://btshelp.org/career)**

*In The Labor News*



## **“California Production Incentives Sees 400% Spike in Applications in July” (Variety)**

[Read More Here](#)

## **“Jon Voight Effort for Federal Film Tax Deduction Gets Bipartisan Backers in Congress” (The Hollywood Reporter)**

[Read More Here](#)

# *Upcoming Events*

## **MPTF Webinar | Your Guide to Medicare Options for MPI Covered Participants**

Please join representatives from Motion Picture Industry Health Plan and Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions for an important webinar on Medicare Coordination of Benefits.

**When:** Monday, August 25th

**Time:** 6PM-7PM

**Location:** Zoom Workshop

Please RSVP by August 24<sup>th</sup>

**Register** [HERE](#)



**Navigating the Health Care Maze: Your Guide to Medicare**

**Options for MPI Covered Participants**

Join Us From The Comfort Of Your Home



Please join representatives from Motion Picture Industry Health Plan and Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions for an important webinar on Medicare Coordination of Benefits.

**Monday, August 25th | 6:00-7:00 PM PT**

## **Save the Date | IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting**

Save the Date for the September Membership Meeting. RSVP details coming soon.

**When:** Saturday, September 13th

**Time:** 9AM

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

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

RSVP details coming soon!

- Film Incentive and IATSE PAC Updates
- Nomination of Officers
- Convention Reports



🕒 9AM

📍 IATSE Local 728  
In-person & Zoom

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Safety Summit | September 20**

Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Safety Summit with a Spotlight on Mental Health.

Join us for an update on Perm Inspections, the Film and Tax Incentive Set Safety Officer, and MPTF will be in attendance as well with member resources.

**When:** Saturday, September 20th

**Time:** 12PM-3PM

**Location:** IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W. Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505



*2nd Annual*

Spotlight  
on  
Mental Health

# **SAFETY SUMMIT**

Perm  
Inspections

Film and Tax  
Incentive Set Safety  
Officer Update

September 20th  
12PM-3PM

All IATSE West Coast  
Studio Locals Welcome

**IATSE Local 80**  
**2520 W. Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505**



## **Save the Date: IATSE “ALL-IN” Mixer**

Save the Date for the Hollywood IATSE “ALL-IN” Mixer. Details forthcoming.

**When:** Saturday, October 11th

**Time: 6PM-12AM**

**Location:** IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W. Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505



# *Union Resources*

## **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

[Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#) (Log-in for access)

## **Food Distribution & Assistance**

Labor Community Services continues to have food distributions for those facing hardship or food insecurity. For upcoming dates and times, please continue to check the following link (updates regularly)

[Events | Labor Community Services](#)

To locate a pantry near you and for information on LA Regional Food Bank, CalFresh, Meals on Wheels, WIC, and more, click on the following link.

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

## **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

[Optum Mental Health Resources | Accessible all year-round](#)

[Mental Health First Aid Resources](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes Video](#)

[Behind the Scenes - Supporting Mental Health and Wellness](#)

Log-in for access to the following:

[MPI's Mental Health and Wellness Resources](#)

[Wondr Health- Cope Better, Stress Less](#)

[CALM Subscription Information](#)

[Optum- Tools and Videos related to Mental Health](#)

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

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.

[ehisca.com](http://ehisca.com)

### **IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

[iatse.net/socal-fires/](http://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](#)

### **Union Plus | Health Discounts for Union Members**

Check out the list of Union Plus Health Discounts for Union Members and their families.

[unionplus.org/benefits/health](http://unionplus.org/benefits/health)

## *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! [L728.co/iatsepac](https://L728.co/iatsepac)

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



**IATSE PAC**

Political Action Committee of  
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

## *In Memoriam*

### **Brother Don Navarrette VII**

A 54-year member of Local 728, Brother Navarrette passed away at the age of 78.

[Notice of member passing: Don Navarrette VII](#)

### IN MEMORIAM

*Brother  
Donald Navarrette VII*



A member since December 12, 1970

Passed away on August 16, 2025

At the age of 78

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