

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Fixtures Foreperson in the Contract

One of the many gains for IATSE Local 728 in the 2024 contract negotiations is Fixtures Foreperson as a Department Head. If you do this work, get it in your deal memo. The [2024 MOA -IATSE Local 728](#) can be found at this link. Language is below:

"...when a Producer elects to employ an individual under the job title of 'Lighting Fixtures Foreperson' (as designated in the deal memorandum), the minimum wage rate applicable to a 'Sub-Foreperson (Occ. Code #5411) shall apply. It is understood that employees may perform fixtures work without the Producer being required to employ a 'Lighting Fixtures Foreperson,' provided that the employees performing fixtures work report to the Chief Rigging Technician, Assistant Chief Rigging Technician or Sub-Foreperson."

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



Meet The Candidates Townhall | October 11

IATSE Local 728 is hosting the Hybrid Meet The Candidates Townhall where you can meet and hear from the candidates that are running for the office of Vice-President, Treasurer-Call Steward, Trustee, and Executive Board. It will be held on Saturday, October 11 at Local 728 and via Zoom from 1:30PM-3:30PM. Please come in person to speak to the candidates!

This is your opportunity as a member to make an informed decision about who deserves your vote in this election.

If you would like to attend in person, please or [RSVP Here](#) or solidarity@iatse728.org

Zoom information was emailed to members on Wednesday, October 8 from community@iatse728.org (*Please check your spam/junk folder if you are unable to locate*) and in the emailed version of this Weekly Digest, Issue 91.

IATSE Local 728 | 2025 Officer Election Candidates

The following are candidates for the office of: Vice President, Treasurer-Call Steward, Trustee, and Executive Board in order of the ballot.

Vice President: Malakhi Simmons

Treasurer-Call Steward: Pascal M. Guillemard

Trustee: Hector J. Corona, Greg Loebell

Executive Board: Eric Fahy, Michelle LeDoux, Patric Abaravich, Lorne "Lonny" Mac Dougall, Fernando Montes, Max Schwartz, David Thomas Graves, Ashley Bilz, Iain O' Higgins, and Eric M. Davis.

Duplicate Ballots:

If you do not receive a ballot by October 15, 2025, or if you make a mistake in marking your ballot, please call UniLect Election Services Ballot Request Call Center at 1-866-466-6455 as soon as possible to request a replacement ballot. Operators are standing by 24/7 throughout the election period.

Mailing Ballots:

Ballots must be received at the designated Post Box no later than 10AM on October 28, 2025, to be counted. Ballots received after 10AM on October 28, 2025, will not be counted.

IATSE Local 728

Make your voice heard!

2025 ELECTIONS



VOTE
Officer Elections



FOURTH 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

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



Production List now available on the Local 728
website Dashboard! (log-in required)

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15



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



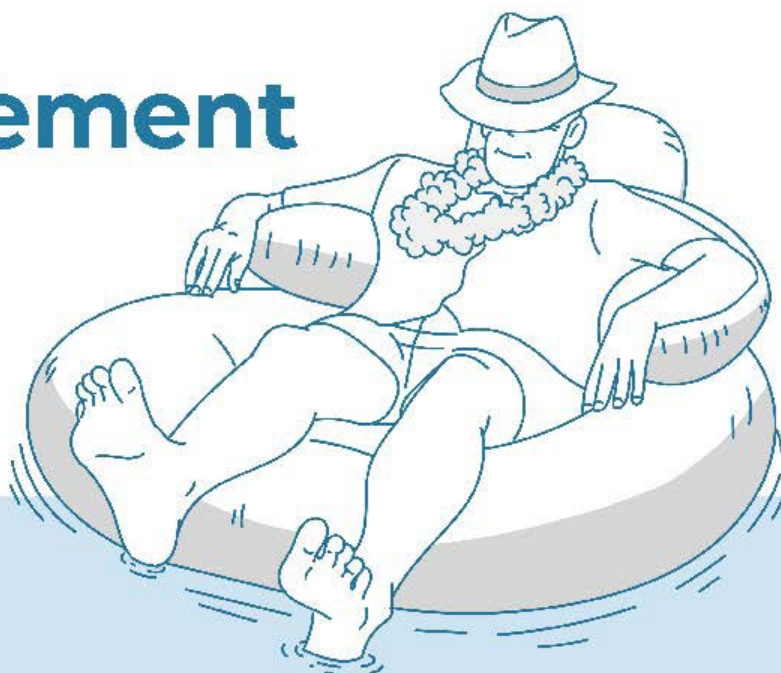
MPI Pre-Retirement Seminar

On Saturday, November 1, MPI will host a **Pre-Retirement** Seminar at the Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel.

Register: mpiphp.org (log-in to your account->resources tab->upcoming workshops).

If you are looking for **Retirement Workshops** via Zoom, you can register for these at the same link above. Upcoming: October 15, November 12

Pre-Retirement Benefits Seminar



Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 13, 2025



In The Labor News

["Thousands of TV Commercial Production Department Workers Win First Union Contract After Stand with Production Movement" \(iatse.net, October 2025\)](#)

Upcoming Events

October Events Calendar

Join us for the following in-person (unless otherwise noted) events!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Hybrid
October
11

1:30PM

**Local 728's Meet the Candidates
Townhall**



October
11

6PM

**IATSE ALL-IN MIXER
at Local 80**



Zoom
October
13

12PM

**IATSE Quadrennial
Motion Picture and Television Locals
Caucus Virtual Presentation**

October
18

12PM

**Techquity Showcase
New Time!
at Local 728**



IATSE “ALL-IN” Mixer | October 11

The Hollywood IATSE “ALL-IN” Mixer will be hosted at Local 80. Join us for a night of fun, food and PAC fundraising from 6PM – Midnight.

You must [register](#) to enter this event. No raffle ticket purchase or PAC donation needed to enter, but you must sign the PAC form.

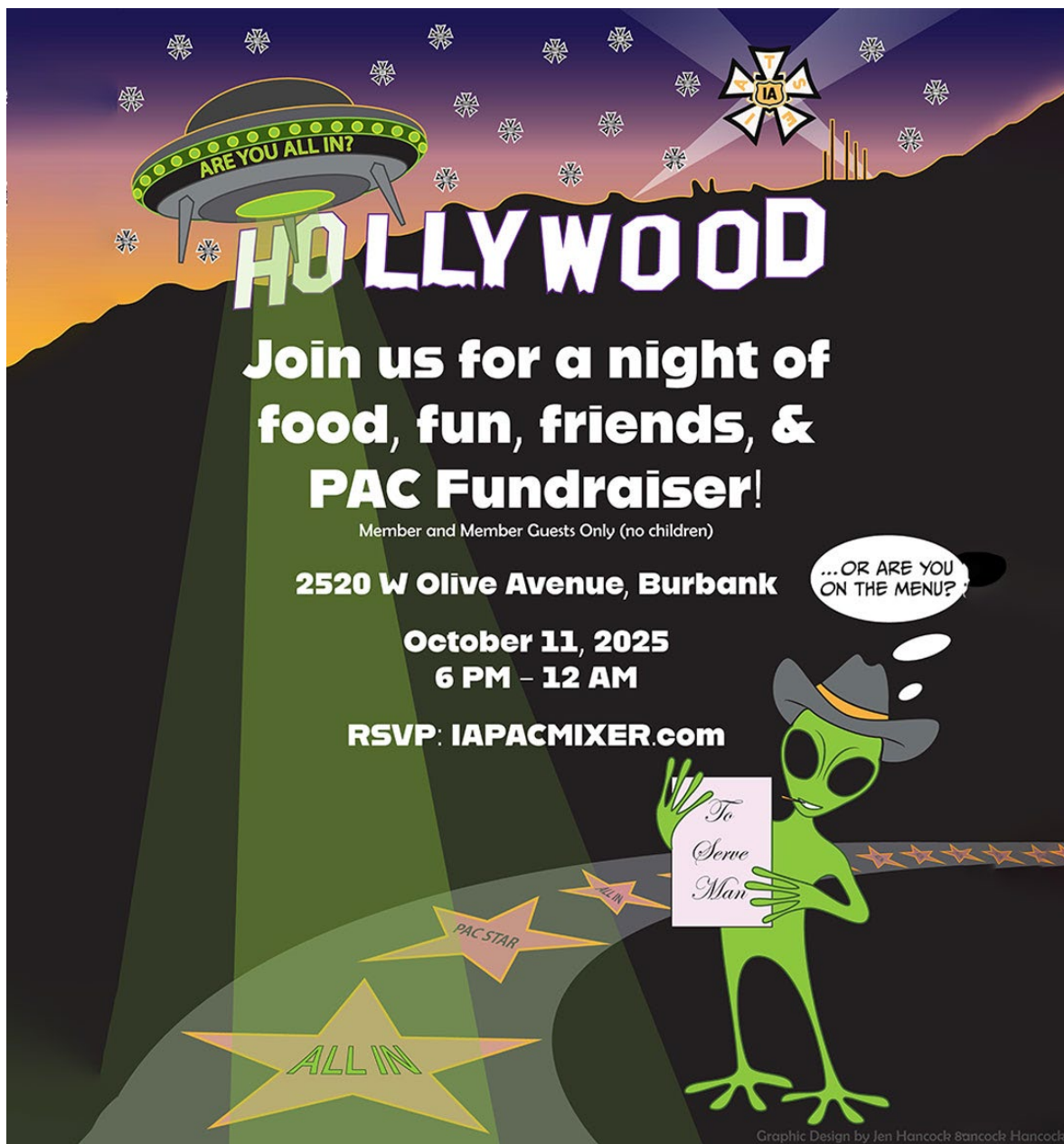
When: Saturday, October 11th

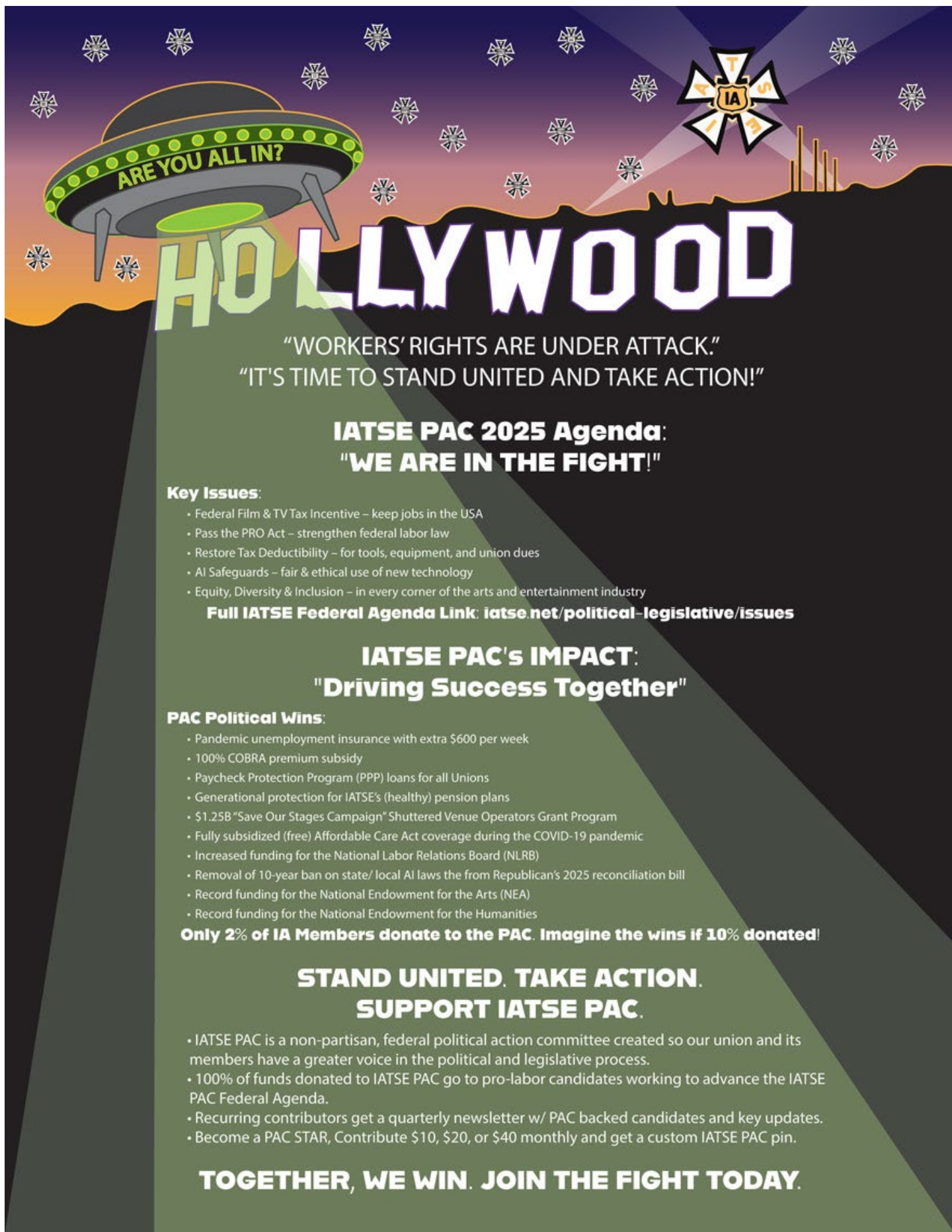
Time: 6PM-12AM

Location: IATSE Local 80

[RSVP Here](#)

[IATSE "ALL-IN" MIXER Information](#)





**"WORKERS' RIGHTS ARE UNDER ATTACK."
"IT'S TIME TO STAND UNITED AND TAKE ACTION!"**

**IATSE PAC 2025 Agenda:
"WE ARE IN THE FIGHT!"**

Key Issues:

- Federal Film & TV Tax Incentive – keep jobs in the USA
- Pass the PRO Act – strengthen federal labor law
- Restore Tax Deductibility – for tools, equipment, and union dues
- AI Safeguards – fair & ethical use of new technology
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion – in every corner of the arts and entertainment industry

Full IATSE Federal Agenda Link: iatse.net/political-legislative/issues

**IATSE PAC's IMPACT:
"Driving Success Together"**

PAC Political Wins:

- Pandemic unemployment insurance with extra \$600 per week
- 100% COBRA premium subsidy
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans for all Unions
- Generational protection for IATSE's (healthy) pension plans
- \$1.25B "Save Our Stages Campaign" Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program
- Fully subsidized (free) Affordable Care Act coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Increased funding for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)
- Removal of 10-year ban on state/ local AI laws from Republican's 2025 reconciliation bill
- Record funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
- Record funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities

Only 2% of IA Members donate to the PAC. Imagine the wins if 10% donated!

**STAND UNITED. TAKE ACTION.
SUPPORT IATSE PAC.**

- IATSE PAC is a non-partisan, federal political action committee created so our union and its members have a greater voice in the political and legislative process.
- 100% of funds donated to IATSE PAC go to pro-labor candidates working to advance the IATSE PAC Federal Agenda.
- Recurring contributors get a quarterly newsletter w/ PAC backed candidates and key updates.
- Become a PAC STAR, Contribute \$10, \$20, or \$40 monthly and get a custom IATSE PAC pin.

TOGETHER, WE WIN. JOIN THE FIGHT TODAY.

Zoom | IATSE Quadrennial Motion Picture & Television Locals Caucus Virtual Presentation

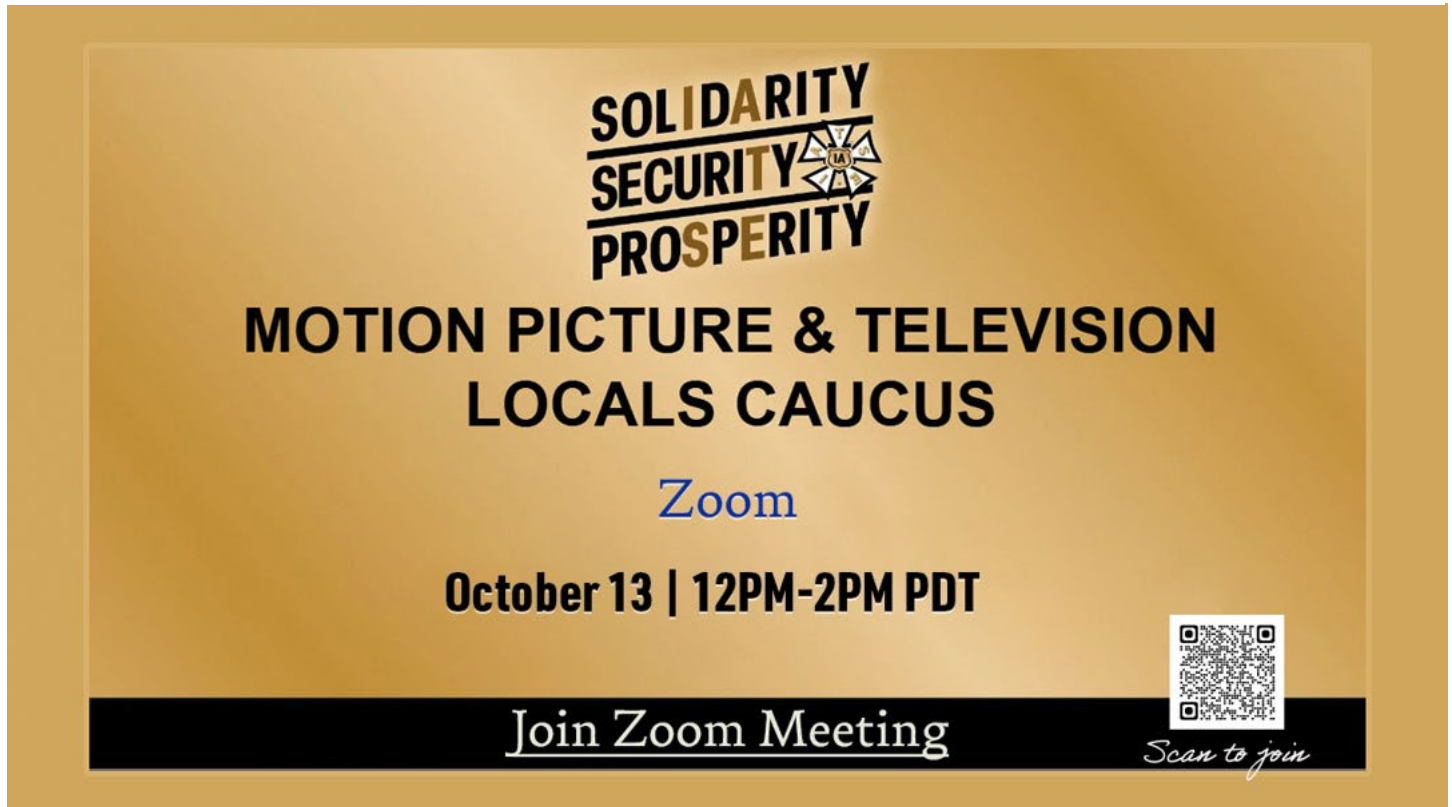
Join us for a deep dive into the last four years of work done by the IATSE as presented at the 70th Quadrennial.

When: Monday, October 13th

Time: 12PM-2PM

Location: via Zoom

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



IATSE Volunteers Needed | October 15

Labor Community Services is looking for volunteers to help make food boxes on Wednesday, October 15.

When: Wednesday, October 15

Time: Two shifts available: 8AM - 12PM | 1PM - 4PM

Location: Salvation Army | 5600 Rickenbacker Road, Bldg 1D Bell, CA 90201
Take Mansfield Way & Continue on the road to the destination.

Contact: Ron Garcia [here](#) to volunteer



IATSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 Labor Community Services need our help
TO MAKE FOOD BOXES

LET'S FIGHT HUNGER TOGETHER!



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2025
 SHIFTS: 8 AM - 12 PM; 1 PM - 4 PM
 SALVATION ARMY
 5600 RICKENBACKER ROAD, BLDG 1D
 BELL, CA 90201
 TAKE MANSFIELD WAY & CONTINUE
 ON THE ROAD TO DESTINATION

Please contact Ron Garcia at (818) 523-5101
 or rgarcia@iatse.net with your volunteer commitments.

Techquity Showcase | October 18th

Join us for our last Techquity of the year and it'll be 100% Clean Energy, with full sponsorship by the Sustainable Entertainment Alliance.

Vendors: Nanlux | InnerCircle | KingKong | SaniSet Fleet | REON

When: Saturday, October 18th

Time: 12PM-4PM (NEW TIME!)

Location: IATSE Local 728

[RSVP Here](#)

VENDORS

NANLUX



InnerCircle
DISTRIBUTION



SANISSET FLEET

REON

KING KONG PRODUCTION
VEHICLES, INC

techniquity showcase

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH



12PM-4PM
IATSE LOCAL 728

SPONSORED BY

Sustainable
Entertainment
Alliance



MPC 705 | Halloween Pop Up Sale

Motion Picture Costumers is having a Halloween Pop Up Sale on Saturday, October 18. This fundraising event will benefit the 705 Costumer Action Team (CAT).

Join in the Halloween fun by participating in the costume contest, Trick or treating, face painting, tarot reading, shopping for unique items, and much more!

When: Saturday, October 18

Time: 9AM-6PM PDT

Location: MPC 705 Member Hall | 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd | Valley Village, CA 91607

**It's the costume season,
and no one does Halloween better than
Hollywood Costumers.**

**THE COSTUMERS
HALLOWEEN
POP UP SALE**

**Face
Painting!**

**Tarot
Reading!**

**Shop unique items created by
the Costumers who make your
favorite movie and TV costumes
and join in Halloween fun:**

- **Costume contest!**
- **Trick or Treating!**
- **Halloweenies on the Grill!**
- **And More...**

**Saturday
October 18, 2025
9am-6pm**

**MPC 705 Member Hall
5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd
Valley Village, CA 91607**

MPC 705 CAT

This is event is a fundraiser for the 705 Costumer Action Team (CAT).

Local 600 Unscripted Mixer | October 19

Local 600 will be hosting an unscripted mixer on October 19 at F22 Studios in Burbank, CA. A good time to connect with friends and other Locals, enjoy good food and celebrate the Unscripted community.

When: Sunday, October 19

Time: 4PM-8PM PDT

Location: F22 Studios | 610 N Victory Blvd | Burbank, CA 91502

[RSVP Here](#)



Local 600
International Cinematographers Guild

LOS ANGELES LOCAL 600
UNSCRIPTED
MIXER

ALL LOCALS WELCOME

ALL LOCALS WELCOME

LOCATION F22 STUDIOS, BURBANK

WHEN SUN OCT 19th | 4 - 8 PM

OPEN COMP BAR & MEXICAN CUISINE

RSVP [LINK HERE](#)

SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS
TACO, BURRITO, QUESADILLA & MULITA BAR

Reunite with Friends: Connect with Other Locals
and Celebrate Our Unscripted Community.

F22 | 610 N VICTORY BLVD | BURBANK | 91502

SPONSORED BY

F22
STUDIOS

MPTF Day at The Ranch

Join us for the MPTF- IATSE fundraiser Day at the Ranch on Sunday, November 16 at Calamigos Ranch in Malibu, CA.

When: Sunday, November 16

Time: 11AM-3:30PM PT

Location: Calamigos Ranch

[MPTF.com/DayAtTheRanch](https://mptf.com/DayAtTheRanch)

Purchase Tickets [Here](#)

Paper Registration available [here](#)



The banner features a central logo with a picnic basket icon and the text "MPTF & IATSE PRESENT DAY AT THE RANCH FAMILY PICNIC AT CALAMIGOS RANCH". Below the logo are three photos: a child with face paint, a group of people posing, and a family on a carousel.

Sunday, November 16, 2025
Calamigos Ranch
11:00am - 3:00pm • Lunch from 12:00pm -2:00pm

Join us for a fun family picnic as we raise funds to sustain MPTF's legacy of supporting industry members and their families.

[MPTF.com/DayAtTheRanch](https://mptf.com/DayAtTheRanch)



Scan Here

Presenting Sponsors



Contact events@mptf.com
with any questions or for more information

Union Resources

Information and tools for financial, mental health and wellness, assistance, food banks, alternative health insurance, discounts and more can be found at the following:

[Financial Assistance and Resources](#)

[Resources | Assistance](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources](#)



IATSE PAC

IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC

Local 728 now has its own personalized PAC Donation Landing Page. Donating is a 2-step process. First you must fill out a PAC Form and then make a donation using the links or QR provided.

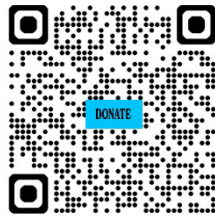
[Please give today!](#)

[Fillable PAC Form](#)

PAC FORM



DONATE



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!

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

