

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!



IATSE Local 728 Officer Election -Vote Eligibility Notice

You must be in good standing by 4PM on October 24, 2025
in order to be eligible to vote in this election.

CA Film Tax Credits include 52 Incentivized Projects

We received welcome news Tuesday of 52 incentivized film projects, including 10 features. What's worth noting is that the state received double the amount of applications. Film production is still happening. Thankfully these 52 projects will

be close to home. Make sure your phone is charged. And as always reach out to us if you need anything.

['Heat 2' To Film In Los Angeles Thanks To Big California Tax Credits](#)



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



IATSE Local 728 | 2025 Officer Election Candidates & Ballot Information

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.

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.

In order to be eligible to vote in this election, a member must be in good standing no later than 4:00PM on October 24, 2025.



MPTF Day at The Ranch | FREE Passes Available!

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

IATSE Local 728 has a limited amount of FREE passes available for Day at The Ranch. To request your passes, email: community@iatse728.org now to receive up to four (4) passes. Please include the name(s) of your guests in your reply.

This offer is available to ALL members in good standing. All tickets include admission, parking, lunch, and the opportunity to participate in the auction, raffles, fun activities and more. **Quantities are limited.**

When: Sunday, November 16

Time: 11AM-3PM | Lunch from 12PM-2PM

Location: Calamigos Ranch

MPTF.com/DayAtTheRanch

Purchase Tickets [Here](#)

Paper Registration available [here](#)





MPTF & IATSE PRESENT

DAY AT THE RANCH

FAMILY PICNIC AT CALAMIGOS RANCH

MPTF | IATSE



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)



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Presenting Sponsors



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

The IATSE Local 728 Bulletin

The latest bulletin is now available on the website!

In this issue:

- The Cheat Sheet
- New Tax Laws Could Change Your Return
- Responsibilities of an Assistant Chief Lighting Technician
- Membership Has Its Privileges
- The Importance of Being ETCP Certified
- Crew Spotlight-The Muppet Show set
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[Read More Here](#) (Log-in for access)



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THE BULLETIN

Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728
The only IATSE Local Dedicated to Set Lighting
www.iatse728.org

Stay informed and be involved!
L 728 Membership Mtg 11-8, 9:00am

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CALIFORNIA
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Crew Spotlight

Local 728 members on
The Muppet Show set

Want to feature your crew in
an upcoming Bulletin?
Send photos to aba@iatse728.org.

The Set Lighting crew from **The Muppet Show** is all smiles. From left-to-right are members Daniel Bracamonte (Rigging Gaffer), James Flynn (Fixtures Foreman), Franklin Melendez (LCP), Stephan Dalyai (CLT), Tom Kiefer (ACLT), Ruben Ramos (SLT), Chris Kallemeyn (SLT), and hanging out in the opera box, Ken Sylvester (SLT).

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MPTF Webinar | Advance Health Care Community

Join MPTF's Palliative Care team on Friday Nov. 5th for a webinar, Advance Health Care Community to learn about Advance Directives.

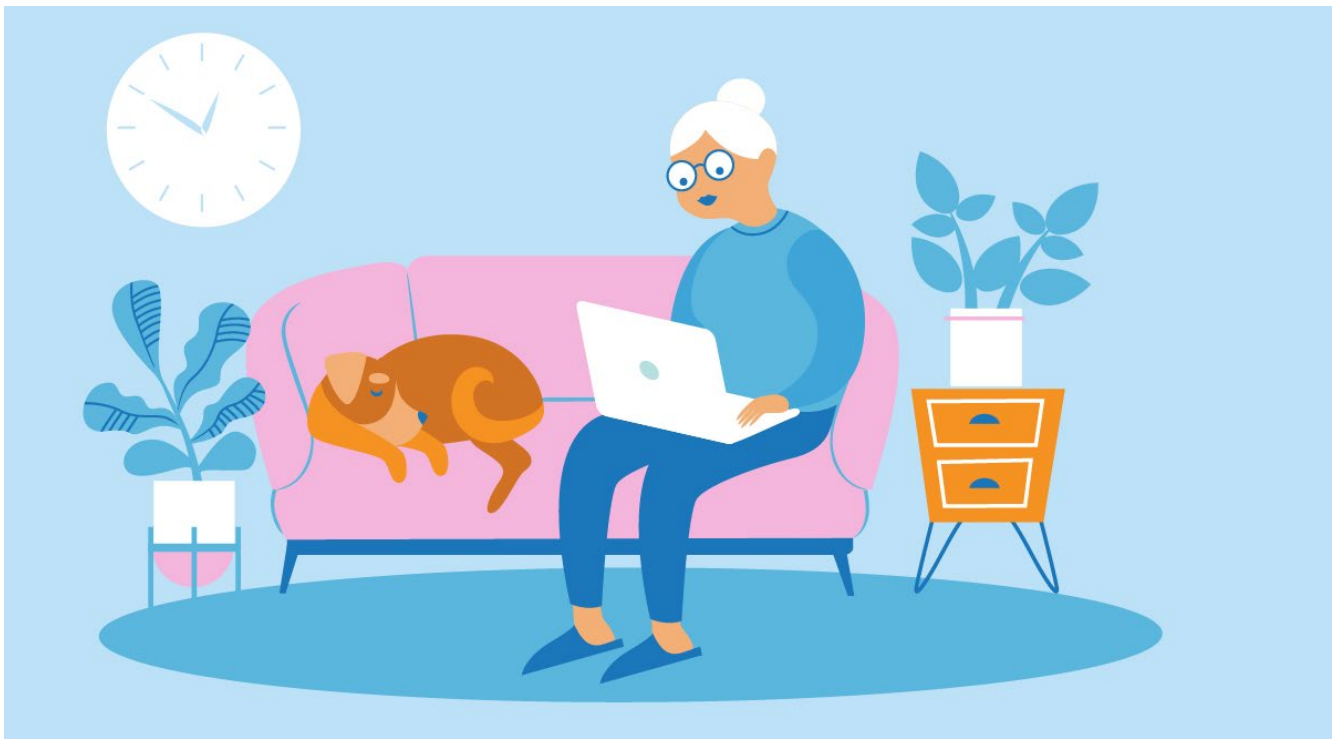
When: Wednesday, Nov. 5th

Time: 4PM-5:30PM PT

Location: via Zoom

RSVP: Anne Front anne.front@mptf.com or 818.876.1524

Once you register, you will receive information on how to access the Zoom link.



LA City Council declares October Armenian Heritage Month

The Los Angeles City Council officially declared October as Armenian Heritage Month.

Armenian Heritage Month in Los Angeles

October 2025

Domestic Violence Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, if you are in need of resources please see below.

- Peace Over Violence (213) 955-9090
- Strength United (818) 886-0453 | 24-hour hotline
- Haven Hills (818) 887-6589 | 24-hour hotline
- Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles (JFSLA) – Hope & Heal Program (818) 789-1000
- Valley Community Healthcare (818) 763-8836
- YWCA Greater Los Angeles (310) 264-6644



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Starbucks Workers United | Practice Picket

A poster for Starbucks Workers United Practice Picket. The background is light green. At the top, there are black spider webs and spiders. The text "starbucks workers united" is in a black, dripping font. Below it, "PRACTICE PICKET" is in a large, bold, black, dripping font. In the center is the Starbucks Workers United logo, which is a circular emblem with a hand holding a coffee cup and the words "STARBUCKS" and "WORKERS UNITED". Below the logo, the text "WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH @ 11:30AM" is in a black, dripping font. Below that, "HOLLYWOOD & VERDUGO STARBUCKS" and "3714 W VERDUGO AVE, BURBANK" are in a black, dripping font. At the bottom, there is a row of black silhouettes of people holding signs that say "TRICK OR TREAT". Below the silhouettes, the text "SUPPORT STARBUCKS WORKERS FIGHTING FOR A FAIR FIRST CONTRACT!" and "UNION BUSTING IS SCARY, COSTUMES HIGHLY ENCOURAGED" is in a black, dripping font.

starbucks workers united

PRACTICE PICKET



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH @ 11:30AM

HOLLYWOOD & VERDUGO STARBUCKS

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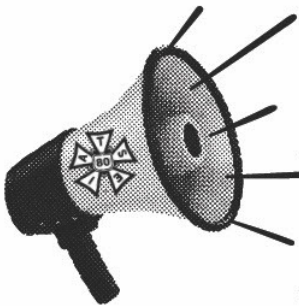
TRICK OR TREAT

SUPPORT STARBUCKS WORKERS FIGHTING FOR A FAIR FIRST CONTRACT!

UNION BUSTING IS SCARY, COSTUMES HIGHLY ENCOURAGED

IATSE Local 80 | Tell Disney: Do Not Replace Union Nurses on the Studio Lot

[Sign this petition](#)

 **TELL
DISNEY:**
**DO NOT REPLACE
UNION NURSES
ON THE STUDIO LOT!**

→
**READ OUR STORY.
SIGN THE PETITION.
SPREAD THE WORD.**
[HTTPS://CHNG.IT/QDXBG2NJPB](https://CHNG.IT/QDXBG2NJPB)



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)



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



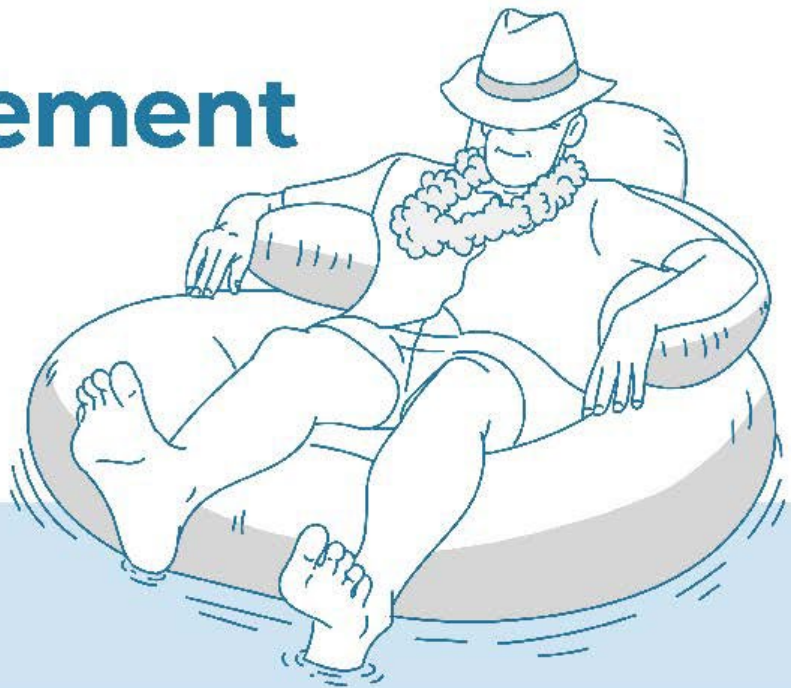
Upcoming Events

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).

Pre-Retirement Benefits Seminar



LDI Expo Las Vegas | Dec. 7-9

The LDI Expo lets you experience the latest gear, experience trending innovations, meet 300+ leading suppliers, distributors and brands exhibiting. Don't miss the live demos and discussions. IATSE Local 728 will be at LDI Booth#3723.

When: Expo: Dec. 7-9

Location: Las Vegas Convention Center - West Hall

Register: [Registration Options](#) | [LDI Show](#)



LDI

Pro Training: Dec. 3-9, 2025

Expo: Dec. 7-9, 2025

Las Vegas Convention Center - West Hall

**SEE WHAT WE'RE BRINGING
TO LDI 2025!**



Booth# 3723

FREE Expo Hall Pass with code: 10071

[LDIShow.com](#) | [#LDI2025](#)

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.

[Please give today!](#)



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](#)



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees