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In The Spotlight this week!

2027 Basic Negotiations Update

With the Guilds in the middle of negotiations and ratification, I wanted you to have an idea of where we are, how it affects us, and what the Local is doing about it.

Writers Guild of America (WGA) members are currently voting on their tentative agreement with the Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers (AMPTP) on April 4, 2026. It includes:

- wage increases
- a four-year term
- major changes to the funding and structure of their health plan

The results of the WGA ratification vote will be available after April 24.

SAG-AFTRA resumes their negotiations with the AMPTP on April 27, followed by the DGA scheduled to begin on May 11.

The entertainment industry has long been subject to “pattern bargaining.” This is when the results of one negotiation affect the others, especially around wage increases and the length of the agreement.

The Hollywood Reporter reported that the steep decline in the WGA's health plan reserves "affected the union's leverage" at the negotiating table, leading to agreement on a longer term based on the AMPTP funding their health plans.

Read more [here](#).

We will see what the SAG-AFTRA and the DGA agree to in the coming weeks and how the pattern shapes up.

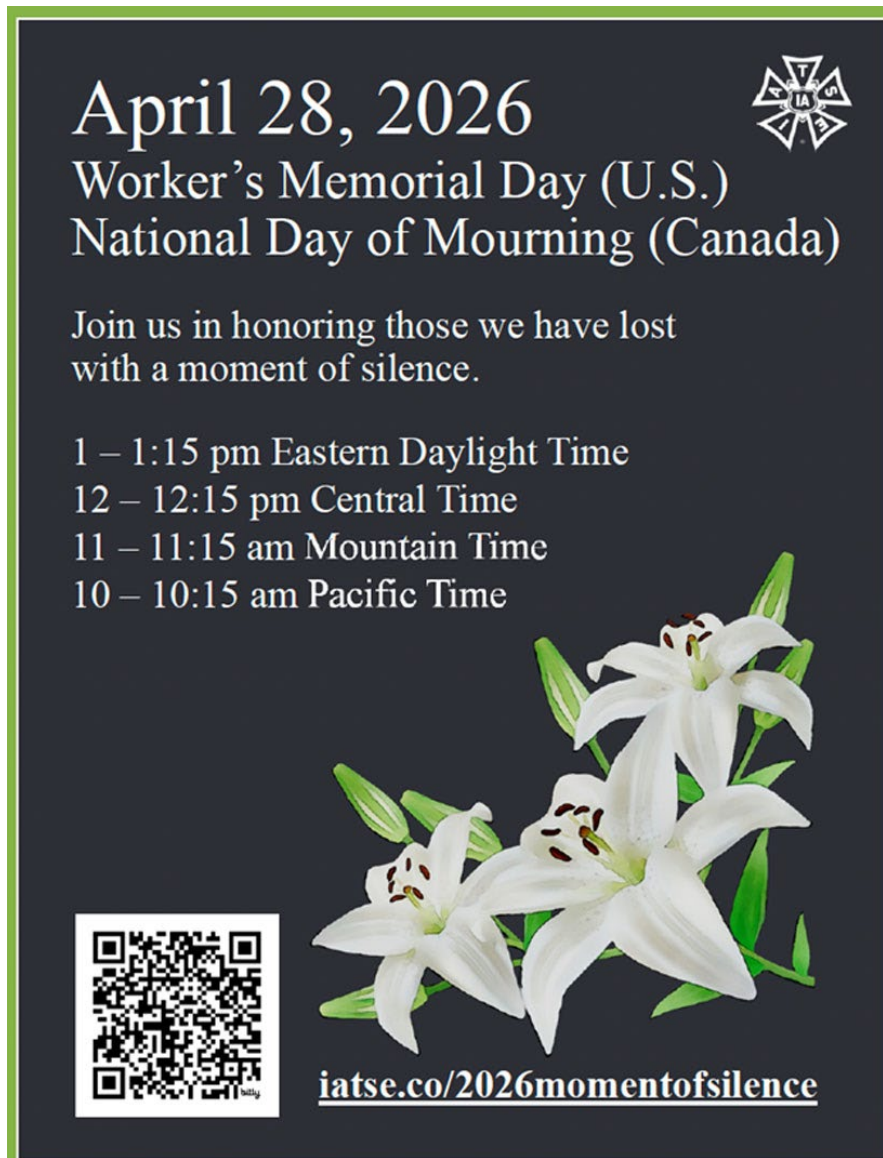
In the meantime, Local 728 is preparing for 2027 negotiations with our Negotiations Committee holding its first meeting last month.


In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative – Secretary
Lighting Technicians, IATSE Local 728

Workers Memorial Day/National Day of Mourning



April 28, 2026 

Worker's Memorial Day (U.S.)
National Day of Mourning (Canada)

Join us in honoring those we have lost
with a moment of silence.

1 – 1:15 pm Eastern Daylight Time
12 – 12:15 pm Central Time
11 – 11:15 am Mountain Time
10 – 10:15 am Pacific Time



iatse.co/2026momentofsilence

Join us for a moment of silence to honor those we have lost and to honor our commitment to workplace health and safety.

When: Tuesday, April 28

Time: 10AM PDT

Register: iatse.co/2026momentofsilence



On April 24th, we remember the victims and survivors of the Armenian Genocide,
and we raise awareness to never forget and to prevent future atrocities.

Remembrance Day of the Armenian Genocide

#neveragain



Save the Date – May Membership Meeting

Save the Date



IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 9 at 9AM

Topics to be covered

- 2027 Negotiations
- Federal and State Incentives Update
- GOTV Campaign

Scan for details



📍 IATSE Local 728
and via Zoom

This meeting is for
Local 728 members only

RSVP details coming soon.

When: Saturday, May 9th!

Time: 9AM

[Membership Meeting | IATSE Local 728](#)

Save the Date – IATSE “ALL-IN” MIXER

SAVE THE DATE
*Join us for a night of food,
fun, friends & PAC fundraiser!*

Member and Member's Guest Only (No Children)

OCTOBER 10, 2026
@ 6PM - 12AM

ARE YOU ALL IN?

**HOLLYWOOD
IATSE "ALL-IN" MIXER**

Save the Date for a night of food, fun, friends & PAC fundraiser at the IATSE “ALL-IN” MIXER!

When: Saturday, October 10th!

Time: 6PM -12AM

CSATF Class – V4



Visit the Industry Hub.org
to log into your Portal

V4-Generator and Portable Power Distribution Safety

Now available for Local 728 Industry Professionals
to take as an Elective course (not required)

V4-Generator and Portable Power Distribution Safety
2 hour self paced online course

Covers topics
Set-up and fueling, grounding and bonding, AC
power systems, load management, portable power
distribution systems, and emergency preparedness response.

As reported last year, Local 728 has its first elective course from CSATF. The V4-Generator and Portable Power Distribution Safety course is now available for our education and enrichment.

More information will be coming soon. As it is not a required course, a stipend will not be available.

Visit the Industry Hub at <https://www.thehub.org>

Production List

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

The updated production list is now available on the website. You must log-in to the website and click on [Dashboard](#) to view.

International Workers' Day -The May Day March and Rally

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INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY
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MCARTHUR PARK (PARKVIEW & WILSHIRE)

International Workers' Day, The May Day March and Rally.
One Struggle, One Fight, Workers Unite

On Friday, May 1st 2026, at 10:00 AM, a massive mobilization centered on the starting point of MacArthur Park, Parkview & Wilshire, in LA.

The IATSE meeting point will be between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., at the corner of Parkview & Wilshire across the street in front of Charles White School.

Once our group has assembled, we will walk over to the starting point of the event. Please wear your Local colors and bring your union banners.

Entertainment Community Fund Services



**Entertainment
Community Fund**
Formerly The Actors Fund

Like MPTF, the Entertainment Community Fund is an organization designed to meet the needs of the entertainment community with an understanding of the challenges industry members face.


If you were unable to attend the March General Membership Meeting with guest speaker Keith McNutt, CEO Entertainment Community Fund, you can view the handouts that were provided [here](#) (log-in for access).



The Support Crew: Community for IATSE Members

Tuesdays, April 21–May 26

1 pm ET/12 pm CT/10 am PT



The ECU is hosting a six-week virtual support group (free) for IATSE members impacted by ongoing industry uncertainty. The group offers a confidential and supportive space.

Space is limited.

Contact Olivia DeSanto, LMSW to learn more:
odesanto@entertainmentcommunity.org

OSHA 30 Outreach Class - April 11 & 12, May 16 & 17

OSHA



30 Hour General Industry Training Class
with a focus on working in the
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 11 & 12 9:00AM - 5:30PM
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 16 & 17 9:00AM - 5:30PM

IATSE Local 728, 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd Burbank, CA 91506

PRESENTED BY KENT JORGENSEN & ALAN M. ROWE

Signups now open at: <https://training728.org/osha30>

Comprehensive OSHA training tailored to film and television leaders who want to strengthen compliance, prevent hazards, and keep their crews safe.

The OSHA 30 is the advanced level of OSHA Outreach Training, created for department heads, supervisors, safety coordinators, and other leaders seeking to deepen their knowledge of compliance and workplace safety. With a focus on the motion picture and television industry, this course equips participants with the tools to recognize hazards, apply prevention strategies, and foster a culture of safety across sets, shops, and on-location shoots. Using industry-specific examples, it provides a strong foundation in OSHA regulations while addressing the unique challenges of film and television production.

This is a FOUR DAY class and will require your commitment to complete the course to receive your OSHA 30 Card. This course will not be offered regularly so opportunities to make up missed days will be rare.

This class is intended for people working as crew chiefs or department heads. This training is required by many employers who will be doing events around the upcoming events in Los Angeles such as the World Cup and Olympics.

<https://training728.org/osha30>



2nd Quarter Dues

Second Quarter 2026

Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website (cc only).



Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at www.iatse728.org

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



ACH Payment Reminder

If you are enrolled in AUTO ACH, your payment will be deducted on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!



WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS

Federal Film Incentive Program

Support a Federal Incentive by Becoming a Monthly Contributor to the IATSE PAC



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

By becoming a monthly contributor, you're supporting [IATSE's federal agenda](#), including priorities that will directly impact all workers in the industry.

IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC

Local 728 now has its own personalized PAC Donation Landing Page.

[Please give today!](#)



IATSE PAC

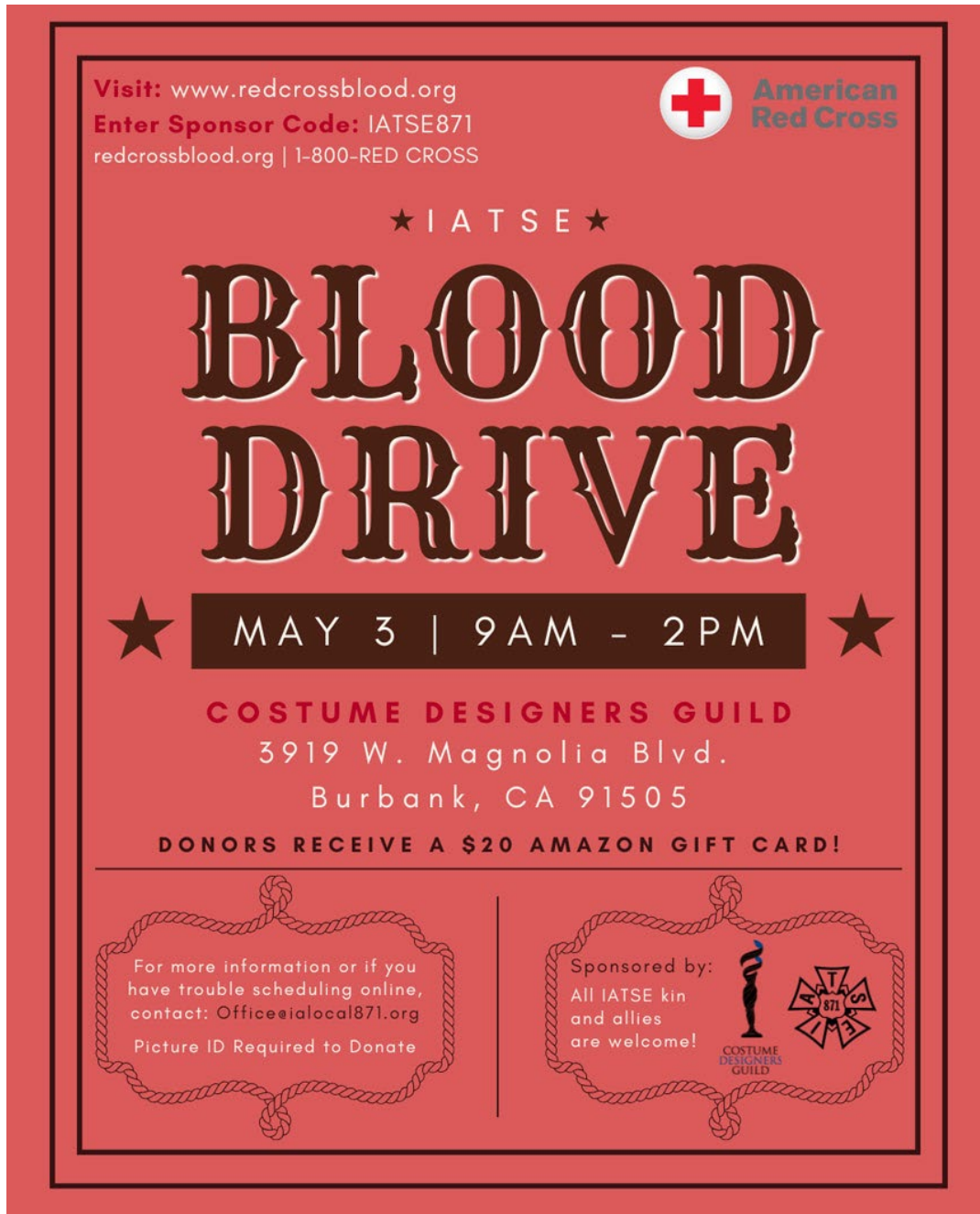
The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

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.


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

Upcoming Events

IATSE Blood Drive



Visit: www.redcrossblood.org
Enter Sponsor Code: IATSE871
redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

 American Red Cross

★ I A T S E ★

BLOOD DRIVE


★ MAY 3 | 9AM - 2PM ★


COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD
3919 W. Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91505

DONORS RECEIVE A \$20 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

For more information or if you have trouble scheduling online, contact: Office@ialocal871.org
Picture ID Required to Donate

Sponsored by:
All IATSE kin and allies are welcome!

 COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD



IATSE Locals 871 and 892 are proud to host a blood drive on Sunday, May 3.

When: Sunday, May 3

Location: Costume Designers Guild

Sponsor Code: IATSE 871

Contact: office@ialocal871.org

Appointments: <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

Cine Gear Expo-Los Angeles



Save the date for Cine Gear Expo Los Angeles at Universal Studios Lot!

<https://www.cinegearexpo.com/la-expo/>

Register: <https://www.cinegearexpo.com/la-expo/registration/>

Union Resources

The image contains three circular graphics arranged horizontally. The first graphic on the left features the MPTF 100 logo and the text 'Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions'. It shows a man and a woman sitting at a table, with the man holding a document. The second graphic in the middle is for 'IATSE Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response'. It features the IATSE logo and a yellow high-visibility vest with 'I.A.T.S.E. DISASTER RESPONSE' printed on it. The third graphic on the right is for 'Union Plus Health Discounts'. It features the 'UNION PLUS' logo and a grid of six small images with text boxes: 'Dental', 'Hearing', 'Prescriptions', 'Medical Bill Negotiating Service', and 'Hospital Grant'.

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](#)

In Memoriam

Christopher T. Warren



A 26-year member of Local 728, Brother Warren passed away on April 19, 2026. Brother Warren received his 25-year service pin in 2025.

[Notice of member passing: Christopher T. Warren](#)

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