

MINUTES OF MOTION PICTURE CHIEF SET ELECTRICIANS, FLOORMEN, LAMP OPERATORS, AND ALL PERSONS HANDLING ELECTRICAL APPARATUS USED IN THE MAKING AND TAKING OF MOTION AND STILL PICTURES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT USED IN SOUND RECORDING, LOCAL UNION NO. 728.

Los Angeles, Calif.  
May 21, 1933.

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by Bro. Lew Elix, who introduced A. E. Petersen, Organizer for the American Federation of Labor, with the announcement that he would preside over the meeting.

Organizer Petersen then introduced President Harry Sherman and Assistant-Secretary E. B. McHurry of the Central Labor Council. He next introduced J. W. Russell, Organizer for the American Federation of Labor, and Secretary of the Central Labor Council.

Mr. Russell made a short statement to the effect that many men employed in the motion picture studios had petitioned him to form a local union of motion picture chief set electricians, floormen, lamp operators, and all persons handling electrical apparatus used in the making and taking of motion and still pictures, with the exception of that used in sound recording; He then stated that he had communicated with President Green of the American Federation of Labor upon the general subject, and read a copy of a letter he had written to President Green & a letter from President Green, in which the President of the American Federation of Labor had clothed him with full authority to proceed as an Organizer in the premises.

Organizer Russell then asked how many of the men present were willing and desirous of becoming members of a proposed local union to be chartered by the I.A.T.C.E. & M.F.M.O., and a show of hands indicated that all present desired to become members. He then gave the obligation of membership to the following candidates:-

- Lew G. G. Elix
- Chat Bracken
- J. L. Caldwell
- B. Kenneth Coffey
- Edward J. Coffey
- Chas. J. Carter
- S. W. Calkins
- Michael Kilison
- Chas. J. Ferguson
- Guy P. Gillson
- E. J. Harney
- Frank S. Jenkins
- Leo H. Leider
- John J. Murphy
- A. J. Moran
- John W. Hoff
- Floyd Porter
- Llewellyn Roberts
- Guy Rushing
- Albert G. Swoge
- Jack H. S. Wallace
- Boyd A. Young

Having given the obligation, Organizer Russell made the following statement:-

"My brothers, who are employed as Motion Picture Studio Chief Set Electricians, Floormen, Lamp Operators, and all persons handling electrical apparatus used in the making and taking of motion and still pictures, with the exception of that used in sound recording:-

"Having been advised that Brother Lew G. G. Elix has made application on behalf

Floormen, lamp operators, and all persons handling electrical apparatus used in the making and taking of motion and still pictures, with the exception of that used in sound recording, to the International President of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators of America for a charter, and which I now have in my possession, and with the authority vested in me by the American Federation of Labor, I hereby declare Local Union No. 728, of the I.A.T.S.E. and M.P.M.O., and known as Motion Picture Studio Chief Set Electricians, Floormen, Lamp Operators, and all persons handling electrical apparatus used in the making and taking of motion and still pictures, with the exception of that used in Sound Recording, hereby instituted and qualified to conduct such business as may properly come before its meetings."

Organizer Buzzell then announced that it will be necessary to elect a set of temporary officers, and suggested the official staff consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and three Executive Board Members, the complete Executive Board to consist of the President, Vice-President, and the three Board Members, and it was regularly moved and carried that this be done.

Nominations and elections were conducted by Organizer Petersen.

Nominations were made as follows:-

- President: Chas. J. Ferguson
- Vice-President: Guy Gilman
- Sec'y-Treas: Guy Rushing and Boyd A. Young
- Executive Board:
- G. W. Calkins
- A. J. Moran
- J. L. Caldwell
- Leo Leider

Bro. Young declined nomination as Secretary-Treas., and Bro. Caldwell declined nomination as Executive Board Member.

There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved and seconded that the nominations be closed, and the nominees be elected by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Organizer Buzzell, acting as Temporary Secretary, cast the unanimous white ballot of Local No. 728 for Chas. J. Ferguson, Pres., Guy Gilman, Vice-Pres., Guy Rushing, Sec'y-Treas., and G. W. Calkins, A. J. Moran and Leo Leider as Executive Board Members. Chairman Petersen declared them elected.

Organizer Buzzell then administered the oath of office to the officers-elect, and turned the charter over to the President, and the meeting continued, with the officers assuming their proper stations.

The Local had before it the following resolution:

"Resolved, that until local offices and headquarters are established by Local No. 728, I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O., that the Charter and other documents of this Union be placed in the hands of J. W. Buzzell, Organizer for the American Federation of Labor and Secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, until such time as they are called for by this local union."

It was moved by Bro. Blix, seconded by Bro. Young that this resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bro. Blix, seconded by Bro. Calkins, that the following resolution be adopted:

"Be it resolved that Local No. 728, I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O., hereby makes application to affiliate with the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and be it further

"Resolved, that J.W. Buzzell, Organizer for the American Federation of Labor, be authorized to write and file such application with the office of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and that he be further authorized to deposit to the credit of this union the proper amount for affiliation fee."

The Chair announced that a resolution has been received by Local No. 80, as follows:-

"Be it resolved, by Local Union No. 80, I.A.T.S.E. & NPMO, that it be our judgment that a Joint Council, or Executive Board, should be formed, composed of three delegates from each of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O. local unions engaged in the mechanical department of the motion picture studios, for the purpose of correlating and coordinating the work of said five local unions.

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Local No. 44, No. 787, No. 165 and No. 728, urging these locals to join with Local No. 80 in the formation of such a Joint Executive Board."

It was moved by Bro. Calkins, seconded by Bro. E. Coffey, that this resolution presented by Local No. 80 be adopted and concurred in. Motion carried.

The following resolution was presented:

"Whereas, this local union, No. 728 of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O. is in receipt of a resolution from I.A.T.S.E. and M.P.M.O. Local No. 80, proposing that we form a Joint Council or Executive Board, of Local Unions No. 80, No. 44, No. 727, No. 165 and No. 728, of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O. for the purpose of correlating the work of said local unions, therefore be it

"Resolved, that this local union concur in the purpose set forth in said resolution, and approve the formation of such a Joint Council or Executive Board, and direct the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer to attend any and all meetings of said Joint Council as delegated representatives of this local union."

Moved by Bro. Blix, seconded by Bro. Calkins, that this resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

The union had before it the following resolution:

"Whereas, Local Union No. 728 of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O., is a newly organized union under the jurisdiction of and chartered by the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators, and

"Whereas, this is a new organization requiring the services of experienced directors, and requiring the facilities of a well organized office force, with dispatchers, clerks, etc., therefore be it

"Resolved, that this Local Union, No. 728 of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O., join with Local Unions No. 44, No. 80, No. 165, and No. 727, of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O., in petitioning the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators of America to give to these local unions jointly, the services of its official staff and directors, dispatchers, clerks, etc., and also to furnish the facilities of its offices in Hollywood to these local unions until such time as these local unions are able to properly finance and maintain such services and facilities."

It was moved by Bro. Blix, seconded by Bro. K. Coffey, that this resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was presented:

"Whereas, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators has granted a charter known as Local Union No. 728, said charter located in Los Angeles and having jurisdiction over men working at the type of work described in the charter title, and

"Whereas, the membership of said Local Union No. 728, chartered by the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O. have paid dues and assessments into the I.A.T.S.E. and M.P.M.O., through Local No. 37, which has resulted in an accumulation of several funds, three of which are an accumulated Local Death Benefit Fund, a bank balance of approximately \$95,000.00, and an accumulation of cash on hand from dues, assessments and initiation fees, and

"Whereas, it is the contention of the members of this local union that they have a property right in said funds, and therefore be it

"Resolved, by this local union No. 728, in regular meeting assembled on May 21, 1939, at which time there was a legal quorum present, that we petition the officers of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators to take such steps as may be necessary to protect the interests of the membership of this local union in the funds described above, and be it further

"Resolved, by this local union that it delegate and authorize J. W. Russell, Organizer for the American Federation of Labor and Secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, to present this petition to the proper officers of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O., and to further authorize said J. W.

Local union and deposit same in the Trust Fund of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council to be held there subject to the proper order of this local union."

It was moved by Bro. K. Coffey, seconded by Bro. E. Coffey, that this resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously. ✓

After Organizer Buzzell and Organizer Peterson had made suitable closing remarks, it was moved, seconded and carried the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M. subject to the call of the officers of the union, in collaboration with Organizer Buzzell of the A.F. of L.

Respectfully submitted, J.W. Buzzell, Organizer, A.F.L.  
Temporary Secretary

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NAMES OF APPLICANTS

NAME OF APPLICANT	POSITION IN STUDIO	AGE	NO. OF YEARS EXPERIENCE	EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ALLIANCE? STATE NO.
1. Boyd A Young	Lamp Operator	49	22	Yes - 37
2. Edward F. Coffey	" "	43	30	" - 37
3. Guy Bushing	" "	42	25	" - 37
4. M. J. Harnay	" "	45	23	" - 37
5. Lew G. C. Blix	" "	40	15	" - 37
6. Jesse A. Moulin	" "	57	21	" - 37
7. Albert O. Swope	" "	52	30	" - 37
8. Charles J. Carter	" "	42	15	" - 37
9. J. L. Caldwell	" "	56	30	33 - 37
10. T. H. McLoughlin	" "	53	21	Yes - 37
11. Charles E. Alexander	" "	43	23	33 - 37
12. Fred T. Sealock	" "	48	20	33 - 37
13. Glen Allen	" "	42	23	33 - 37
14. Wm. C. Conger	" "	42	20	- 37
15. C.A. Bracken	" "	41	16	37 - (40)
16. E. L. Fellows	" "	56	25	37 - 33
17. Edwin Rike	" "	34	16	- 37
18. Otto Owen	" "	43	15	33 - 37
19. F. E. Campbell	" "	66	38	10 - 37
20. B. Kenneth Coffey	" "	48	29	37 - 33
21. John C. Dotton	" "	51	30	- 37
22. Earl Cantrell	" "	40	15	- 37
23. Fenton D. Hamilton	" "	33	14	- 37
24. Robert V. Worl	" "	38	22	- 37
25. L. E. Eberts	" "	49	20	37 - 33 - 52
26. Edward F. King	" "	43	19	- 37
27. G. W. Galkins	" "	47	26	37 - 33
28. J. W. Neff	" "	46	30	206 - 33 - 37
29. Jack Helms	" "	46	30	242 - 33 - 37
30. George Neff	" "	44	22	37 - 206
31. Duke Palmer	" "	44	20	- 37
32. Joe Illo	" "	59	22	37 - 33
33. D. J. Lilly	" "	47	24	33 - 37
34. Leo M. Leider	" "	49	20	- 37
35. Walter E. Hepton	" "	54	35	31 - 37
36. James E. Shaw	" "	46	13	- 37
37. Floyd Porter	" "	45	25	37 - 33
38. Wm. P. Allen	" "	36	15	- 37
39. Albert K. Grafton	" "	26	5	- 37
40. G. E. Rogers	" "	33	5	- 37
41. M. Sasco	" "	32	15	- 37
42. Charles Stone	" "	32	12	- 37

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