



IATSE 748 Newsletter



President's Report June 2012

After our June meeting, we will start a two month break in monthly meetings as defined by our constitution. Our scheduled meeting after this break would be September 4th at the Musicians Hall. There is a possibility of a special meeting, called by your President, to discuss any issue that may arise due to the coming contract negotiations. If one is needed - we will send a e-mail notice to all members (as well as one by regular mail as defined by our Constitution). There is also the chance that a new constitution will be in place this summer, which removes the break during the summer and allows us to have regular meetings all year. If that happens - we will let everyone know via email announcement.

At the end of the year, the Local will be holding elections for new officers to manage your local for 3 more years. It is time for all members, who have a vote and can be nominated for office, to consider who should be "in the drivers seat." At this time only one current officer has indicated he would return and would run for his current office. Kevin Flock would like to consider continuing in the role of Vice President.

We are in the last steps of contract negotiations with FSN AZ - and hope to have something we can present to

membership for approval before the end of the contract - currently scheduled for the first of October. We are on track, at this time, to make that schedule. Other crewers contract ends at the same time (parity) and we hope the process will be speedy with them as well. By the end of this year - we hope to have a lot of work cleared and off the Union desk!

We have a very unique employment situation. We must remember that even though we are hired and fired everyday as part-time employees, we are also freelancers who provide a service to our crewers and their clients. One way to think of it is, we are individual companies - each offering a unique service for live television broadcasting. This also means we are measured by the quality of our service and the reliability we give in providing that service. I think of myself as a plumber who, if he does not do the best job possible, every time, then I should not be surprised when a customer does not "call me back." As freelancers we are in the same situation.

I take great pride in working with all the freelancers in our broadcast community. As far as I am concerned you are the best.

John "Sully" James
IATSE Local 748 President



Vice President Report

JUST IN CASE...

Posted at the truck on every FSN show is the “Emergency Evacuation Action Plan.” Take a moment to look it over on your next show. Hopefully we will never have to evacuate a facility, but in the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, the crew will be released over PL by a member of the production staff. Crew should then precede to the designated rally spot. The primary rally spot is usually at the Mobile Unit. A secondary rally spot varies by venue. If power is interrupted and PL communication is not possible, head for the rally point. Always follow Stadium and Law Enforcement officials on evacuation procedures. If for any reason you are unable to meet at a rally point, make every effort to contact somebody on the production staff. We want to account for and make sure each person is safe.

DRINK, DRINK, DRINK...

Summer is here and that brings us 100+ degree days. There are still a few outdoor telecasts happening so watch out for the heat. An ENG camera op, working the Coyotes playoffs, assigned to get beauty shots outside the arena had to be treated for heat exhaustion this past series. The temperature hit 108 that day. Guidelines that I have seen suggest drinking a cup of water every 15 minutes, or two bottles of water an hour. Water is provided at most job sites, and most venues let you bring in your own. Remember to stay hydrated and stay cool.



Business Agent

GETTING INVOLVED

The other day I was on the road and my wife told me our son was running for Treasurer on his elementary school's student counsel. I asked her what prompted his desire to run for office and she told me, "You always tell him that if he wants to make a difference he needs to get involved." It amazed me that at 9 years old, my son already understands a very important principle this country was founded on: being involved. The only real way to affect change is to get involved. Complaining about issues means nothing if you don't put your beliefs to action. 3 years ago I decided to run for office because I wanted to make a difference in our local freelance community and, looking back on 2+ years in office, we have made huge strides in our local union.

The current e-board's term in office ends January 1st. Over the next 6 months the process of electing the next term of leadership will commence. My challenge to all freelancers is to get involved. If you are not currently a member, join us and help select the leadership for the next term. As a member you get to vote for leadership, vote for the new CBA in the fall, and let your voice be heard in meetings. Every freelancer benefits from the union in some way or another but those who are members get to help direct the union. There have been many times in the last few years where the members made a decision that the e-board was surprised by. Personally, I love those times because it proves that we only represent your voice, not any personal agendas we may have. If you are a member, consider running for office. There is no better way to direct the local union than by being in it's leadership.

This fall we will be electing leadership in Washington as well as in Phoenix. Don't sit on the sidelines. Get involved and let your voice be heard.

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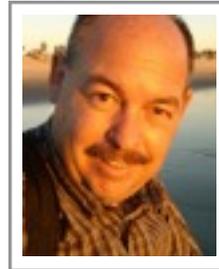


Treasurer's Report

ONE NUMBER

There's just one number you need in order to reach any Executive Board member. (888) 491-6280 gets you in contact with the President, Business Agent or the Sec./Treasurer. The beauty of the number is when there is a change in the E-board the phone number stays the same. So go ahead and add it to your contacts and give it a try the next time you have a Union question.

David Warner
Sec./Tres. Local 748



PPI/TRO PAYROLL ERROR

Recently, an error was made in a payroll for an event held over New Years. A PPI show was held at Chase field and was booked for freelancers through TRO on behalf of PPI. The rate was quoted at "network" rates - but due to a confusion between PPI - The International Union and the Local, regular lower rates were paid for this event.

Circumstances and timing did not allow for the error to be realized and corrected before the books were closed to the PPI Client. In a vote at our local union meeting - membership elected to use local 748 treasury funds to pay the difference. All freelancers involved in this show recently received the difference in pay through a TRO payroll. TRO was not responsible for paying the original payroll.

TRO helped the union distribute these funds without cost to the union. The funds can be found on your recent pay stub for the May 15th TRO paycheck and is in the "mileage column" so no taxes were removed.

Again, the TRO paycheck was May 15th and listed as mileage.

MLB All Audio

Spring Training started off with the MLB Audio Show at Talking Stick. There were 2 set days, 1 day for a “practice” game and then 1 more day for the real deal. There were over 74 effect mics, 14 players and both managers were miced as well. There was a CP Truck (the RF mics), 2 NEP expando production trucks and 2 production trailers. All of the big wigs from MLB, FOX, EPSN and Turner showed up see how it went. There were 2 delays in order to sensor what went out over the air. The first delay was 5 seconds from the truck and the second delay was another 5 seconds leaving master control. This MLB production was an experiment with the hopes of implementing it during the regular season. This was a HUGE production. All parties involved were very pleased with the outcome. Talking Stick is one of the few ballparks that has the capability to handle a production that huge. Much props goes out to Scott Geyer for having such a well prepared facility.



MLB All Audio Compound



The all important “IO Box”



One of the many mics in the outfield, along with some utes resting up for the big strike.

Misc. News

CAPP INCREASE

CAPP amounts to be raised starting in October

Anne Zeisler, Executive Director of the IATSE National Health and Welfare Fund - CAPP - announced increases to the monthly cost of the plan. Plan C participants will see the increase starting October 1, 2012. These increases will cover the October 1st to March 31, 2012 time period.

Plan C-3 will remain unchanged.

Plan C-2 individual and family will increase \$20 per month. This represents a 3.6% increase for the individual plan and a 2.2% increase for the C-2 family plan.

Plan C-1 Individual will increase \$162 per month from the current CAPP charge, with Family C-1 increasing \$359 a month. A Increase of 12.9% over the current rate for both levels of coverage.

These changes will take effect starting with the coverage quarter beginning October 1, 2012.

If you have any questions - ask an Executive Board member.

NEW TRUCK ON ITS WAY

MTG will be delivering a long awaited brand new truck on June 15th. The new home show truck will be 31HDX. If you'd like to see the layout and the equipment that will be used click on this link for [29HDX](#), which is almost exactly the same, just slightly newer equipment will be on 31HDX. The truck will be in position on June 15th followed by two shake-down days before the real deal with a series the the Seattle Mariners, a dual.

With this new truck we will also be getting a new lead EIC, Karl Braunwarth, from 5HDX. Karl and his wife will be relocating to Phoenix and look forward to this opportunity. James will still be the second engineer.

Tom, along with 7HDX, will now be based out of Denver and the truck will be working all over the country. We wish Tom all the best in his new adventure.

MTG is very excited about this truck and believes it will suit our needs for quite sometime.

Being that it is new, please understand that there is going to be a big learning curve figuring out how things work, where things go etc. Please have patience and please feel free to give your input. This is our new baby, something to be very proud of and something to take care of.

Battery Recycling...

There is a battery Recycling box in the trailer. Please feel free to bring your batteries from home, work, where ever. These will get properly recycled at the end of each home stand.

Misc. News Cont.

FCN Traveling Crew Benefits

Hello Everyone,

As we make arrangements with Fox to complete the card checks for the markets in which we have completed collecting cards, it appears that we will be extending the Neutrality Agreement for those members who are on traveling crews for FCN productions for another year. What this means is that any member who works on an FCN traveling crew can receive benefit payments for all jobs worked as a member of that traveling crew. Additionally, should the member have multiple union affiliations, the member can choose whether to have their benefit payments made through their IATSE benefit funds or through their IBEW benefit fund.

Please remind your members of this opportunity to increase their benefit contributions. Further, you should also remind them to check that those benefit contributions are being paid into the fund they choose, and that they are not being arbitrarily or mistakenly diverted to the union benefit fund that is not of their choosing.

Thank you for taking the time to provide this service to your members.

Yours,
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here are some volunteer positions that need to be filled.

IATSE ANNUAL PICNIC: 2 volunteers needed. You will be responsible for booking the site, hopefully Scottsdale Railroad Park, creating the evite, buying the food, etc. And remember, all expenses are paid by the Union. Please contact any E-Board member or Korina for information and/or guidance.

TITUS VIDEO: I am gearing up to start the union web site video. Part of that process will be to get a crew together. So if you think of yourself as one of the best in your trade and are willing to donate your time, talent, and or equipment please let me know. I need camera ops, audio people for recording and mixing, Graphics people, FCP editors Voice over talent and writers. Your help will make this video a success and help pay the dues of people who want to join the union but currently can not afford it.

If you are interested in being part of the project you can contact me at titusvideo@cox.net.

Thank you
Kris Kennell



In Memory...



Ron Tadano

Longtime friend, colleague and valley resident Ron Tadano passed away May 8th due to complications after suffering a stroke. He was surrounded by friends and family.

Ron worked in our market as an A2 but for the last 10 years was a robotics operator for CBS Sports. He was on the CBS football "A" crew, the Final Four, and The Masters, in addition to many other events.

His sense of humor and infectious laugh will be greatly missed.

PHOTO

Enjoy the past few months of photos of various events.



Gary Pecoraro and John Burns doing their tape thing.



Holli 1st Round Playoff Hockey



Joey being quite resourceful trying to stay warm while a spring cold spell blew through at Talking Stick



Trouble brewen' at D-Backs
L-R: Jud, Kevin, Mickey, Ralph and Jimmy



Misters in full operation at Scottsdale Stadium

Announcements

- Congratulations to Jason Moon and his wife, Nicole, as they are expecting their 3rd son.
- And another congratulations for Toby Finch and his wife, Tyler, as they are expecting their first child.
- Gary Pecoraro is a grandfather, for the third time. Enjoy..

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