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From the Desk of BUSINESS AGENT ED BROWN

Here's to another Great Year!

As 2016 comes to an end the industry celebrates another banner year of production in the state and particularly in Hollywood. For the second year in a row, our employment numbers are up and hours reported to MPI are hitting or exceeding their goals. We have seen a record setting 9,795 on location shooting days as of September 30th and seven straight quarters of growth reported by Film L.A. The first full year of the new program has generated \$1.5 Billion in direct in-state spending with a staggering \$600 Million in wages paid to below the line workers. Productions continue to return to California, the announcement by HBO of "Ballers" relocating to Hollywood is another example. And in spite of the yearly holiday slow down our membership is seeing employment consistently hovering between 80-90%, what

a great way to end the year!

Plans to revisit our supporters in Sacramento are in the works for early next year. Not only to tell them how much we appreciate their help, but to cultivate further support in order to extend the current program so the industry remains viable and robust. 2017 forecasts show more of the same, continued employment and active production.

We anticipate that the new year will bring some new options for members. The Local is in talks with "SyncOnSet" to provide training for this program. "SyncOnSet" covers budget department tracking for Set Decoration, Property Masters and Property. Efforts are underway to address the Prop Shop to Special Effects reclassification process. Set Decorators are working towards improvements within their craft and the Local is continuing to work with all crafts to

provide the best member to Union access.

We continue to encourage members to communicate with the Business Agents staff whenever there is an issue or a question, particularly safety! Too many times when we hear from members about a problem it's after the fact, and difficult to correct when too much time has passed. When issues arise, it is imperative that you call the Business Agents Department right away while things are fresh.

Now is the time of year to stop everything and reflect on your blessings. Spend time with the ones you love and those who love you. Reach out to someone in need, it will come back to you tenfold.

From my family to yours, I wish you a very Happy Holidays and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Ed Brown
Business Agent



ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

We recognize and congratulate the following individuals for their years of membership with Local 44.

NOVEMBER 2016

OVER 50 YEARS

William Wainess - Property Master (61)
Mathew Azzarone - Property (59)
Martin Wunderlich - Property Master (59)
Richard DiNieri - Property Master (58)
Terry Ballard - Property Master (57)
John Lee - Propmaker (57)
Louis Fasano - Propmaker (53)
Charles Ford - Propmaker (52)
Delane Lytle - Coordinator (52)
Jack Marino - Property Master (52)
Frank Michalovich - Property Master (52)
Roy Moore - Property Master (52)
James Morrison - Property (52)
Mark Wade - Property Master (52)
Charles Coleman - Property Master (51)

Richard Cowitt - Property Master (51)
William Doane - Coordinator (51)
Silvio Fama - Coordinator (51)
Gerald Hopkins - Property (51)
Douglas Madison - Property Master (51)
Richard Valesko - Property Master (51)
Mort Zwicker - Coordinator (51)

50 YEARS

no members

35 YEARS

no members

25 YEARS

Tim Bowen - Property
Lance Clarke - Property
Garry Dalrymple - Special Effects
Ashley Davies - Property Master

Louise Del Araujo - Property
Michael Goyak - Property Master
Barry Hatchett - Property
Jeremiah Karnes - Propmaker
Kelly Kerby - Special Effects
Erik Polczwartek - Property
Christopher Santini - Coordinator
Michael Seirton - Set Decorator

Jason Vanover - Greens

10 YEARS

Wolf Amer - Property
Michael Bollon - Floorcover
Steven Fox - Coordinator
Glen Hall - Property Master
Michael McCooley - Propmaker
Richard Sieloff - Property

DECEMBER 2016

OVER 50 YEARS

no members

50 YEARS

no members

35 YEARS

no members

25 YEARS

Curtis Chambers - Floorcover
James Graber - Propmaker
Joni Indursky - Property
Chris Marneus - Coordinator
Janice Pascale - Set Decorator
Andrew Petrotta - Property Master

10 YEARS

Uriel Aguilar - Propmaker

Gregory Edgar - Property Master
Katherine Fettis - Property
Lindsay Forrest - Property
Brett Hess - Set Decorator
Jarri Locas - Property
Reid Meagher - Propmaker
James Ricker - Propmaker
Jefry Shebroe - Property

OPT-OUT NOTICE

To have your name excluded from future anniversary rolls, send an email with your full name and Union card number to newsreel@local44.org,





From the Desk of SECRETARY-TREASURER ANTHONY PAWLUC

“What a Year!”

The Holiday season is here and we are already moving fast into the New Year.

As we all tend to do during the Holidays, we look back at the last twelve months that flew by.

In our second year with the improved California Film incentive, we saw the continued pattern of high employment for our membership with the Callboard alone filling over 900 work calls in 2016!

That is an amazing feat truly measuring how busy it is in town. Having that many work calls filled with members

means thousands more members were already working as a result of direct hiring practices. I commend our Call Stewards tenacity to uphold their greatest purpose, contact and put to work as many members as possible.

Once again, we came in under budget in 2015 and will do the same again in 2016. We launched our new look website that included updated features while seeing an increase of on-line membership registrations.

Attendance numbers were up at craft and membership meetings with lots of good conversations and professionalism

on display allowing union and craft business to be accomplished. As I have said many times before, if you have not attended a Union meeting in a while, come on back and see how much things have improved and how we learn from each other.

On behalf of my staff in the Call Board, Business Office, Web/IT Department, Finance and Newsreel Team, we wish you a Happy Holiday and a busy, safe, healthy 2017 New Year!

Best,
Anthony Pawluc
Secretary Treasurer

THANKS FOR THESE AWESOME POSTERS. KEEP ‘EM COMING!



Like any labor force, we are always proud to showcase our members' hard work and extraordinary talents.

Get a poster from your production, ask your Local 44 Brothers and Sisters to sign it, and we'll frame & hang it in the hallways for all to admire.

You can bring it to the business office any time, or call us at (818) 769-2500 to arrange for pick up.



MOTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

IATSE Local 44 invites and encourages all members in good standing to take interest in their Union's business. One of the best ways to do so is by reviewing your Local's Executive Board Meeting minutes. All you need to do is follow Article VIII, Powers and Duties Section 4 Secretary/Treasurer paragraph K (I) Minutes and Log of Motions of Local 44's Constitution and By-Laws. The article states: "Any member in good standing who submits a written request to schedule an appointment to review a copy of the minutes or the log of motions may do so." This allows members to draw their own conclusion on the entire meeting, not just highlights that someone else considered important to print. Contact the Secretary Treasurer to schedule an appointment so we can accommodate your request. The following are motions/actions of past Executive Board Meetings.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS: 09-14-16

Michael: "I would like to make a motion that the Board approve the regular Executive Board minutes of August 11, 2016 as amended/corrected."

Andrea seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: "I have chosen a member who possesses years of experience with Local 44, who has through his industry experience a vast understanding of dealing with the industry upper management, who has dealt with all crafts of the IATSE and their respective Unions. He has shown great abilities in conflict resolution not only within his own crews but with persons working throughout the industry. He has an excellent working knowledge of our contracts and the Local 44 Constitution and Bylaws. He has shown he is compassionate and patient in dealing with member issues and diligent in his passion to understand and interpret our agreements. As a licensed Private

Investigator and President of the California Association of Judgment Professionals, he possesses

a high level of understanding of the law and the statutory nuances found within. He has performed investigations for both Civil and Criminal Attorneys, written his own court motions where he has prevailed on those motions – all of which will serve the Local's membership well in the scope of interpreting contracts and grievance investigations. Although he started his career at non-union set shops and moved on, he has expressed his tremendous desire to exercise those previous relationships in an effort to reach out back into the world and bring those non-union shops to the table and integrate Local 44 construction crews into the Commercial world. I believe him to be someone who has an expansive amount of knowledge of each of our crafts, the workings of the Union the Executive Board and the ability to represent the Union with professionalism and dignity. With that having been said, I would like to recommend that the Executive Board as stated in the Local 44 Constitution and Bylaws under Article VIII Powers and Duties, Section 3. Business Agent Item F. Assistant Business Agents, approve the hiring of Brother David Elliott as Assistant Business Agent for Local 44, with a start date of October 3, 2016.

JD Streett: "So Moved."

Anthony seconded the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote with one abstention David Elliott).

Restatement of motion): Ed: "I would like to motion the purchase of 2 seats \$350 each a total of \$700) and a 1/2 page ad (\$1,000) for a total of \$1,700.00 to go to the Los Angeles Trade-Tech Dream Makers Student Benefit Dinner."

Erin seconded the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote with one member in abstention Timothy Graham).

Michael: Motion to accept the Business Agent report as presented."

Tim seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Michael: "Motion to accept the mailer for Pure Air to be sent to the Construction Coordinators and Special Effects crafts."

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Michael: "I would like to make a motion to accept the Secretary-Treasurer report as presented."

Timothy seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Eric: "I would like to make a motion to adjourn."

Ray seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS: 10-12-16

Michael: "I would like to make a motion that the Board approve the regular Executive Board minutes of September 14, 2016 as amended/corrected."

Andrea seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: "Motion to accept the 2015 Audit report as presented by Mike Good of Cohn-Reznik."

Eric seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: "I so move that we donate \$500 equivalent of our last year's donation) to the Los Angeles County Federation Turkeys & Toys Program."

Colin seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Eric: Motion to accept the Business Agent report as presented."

Michael seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Michael: "I would like to make a motion to accept the Secretary-Treasurer report as presented."

Eric seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ray: "I motion that Local 44 provide catastrophic funds \$2k) to the family of Kim Richey."

Eric seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

JD Streett: "I would like to make a motion



to adjourn.”

Eric seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS: 11-16-16

Michael: “I would like to make a motion that the Board approve the regular Executive Board minutes of October 12, 2016 as amended/corrected.”

Eric seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Michael: Motion to accept the Business Agent report as presented.”

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: “I would like to make a motion to accept the Secretary-Treasurer report as presented.”

Armando seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: “Motion to accept the Set Decorators report as presented.”

Anthony seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Michael: “I motion to accept the Special Effects report as presented.”

Ed seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Armando: “Motion to accept the Prop-maker report as presented.”

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: “Move to accept the Property report as presented.”

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: “Motion to accept the Property Master’s report as presented.”

Colin seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: “Motion to accept the Coordinator’s report as presented.”

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Ed: “I would like to make a motion to adjourn.”

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

From the Desk of PRESIDENT MICHAEL DIERSING



Here we are at the end of another year, hopefully a year filled with many good experiences. I for one have been very busy, and mostly in LA.

Being in LA during this past year, I have had the pleasure to see many new faces, Permits.

That being said, we need to teach these new members well, we need to not only train them in their crafts, but also what it means to be a Union member.

(These next 4 years are going to be tough on Unions, we need to stand for our Rights, and Rights of others).

We need to teach these people the art

of respect, not just to our employers, but the respect we deserve as well. Be professional.

On a personal note, we need to teach Safety as a #1 importance. We need to stress that if someone is being pressured beyond his or her ability or safety concerns, speak up.

No one should ever be expected to do something unsafe or something they are not properly trained to do. Many times, we find ourselves under extreme time restraints or poor working conditions, if this is ever the case, SPEAK UP about your concerns.

I welcome all new members to Local 44; I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year. I hope to see you on the Set and future Union meetings.

Your Union is only as strong as its members, get involved.

Michael Diersing

President





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Joseph A. Armetta

Set Decorator

Born: December 2, 1942

Joined: August 15, 1977

Died: October 22, 2016

Michael G. Dunn

Property Master

Born: October 17, 1940

Joined: May 13, 1969

Died: September 9, 2016

George T. Ehling

Propmaker

Born: May 17, 1927

Joined: January 13, 1975

Died: August 3, 2016

Albert J. Goovaerts

Coordinator

Born: August 21, 1940

Joined: June 26, 1979

Died: July 25, 2016

Michael E. Hachey

Propmaker

Born: April 14, 1945

Joined: March 8, 1976

Died: November 17, 2016

Alvaro R. Jimenez

Propmaker

Born: October 10, 1945

Joined: November 10, 1975

Died: August 6, 2016

Michael Kennedy

Set Decorator

Born: April 15, 1961

Joined: July 1, 1998

Died: November 7, 2016

Neil A. Labbe

Propmaker

Born: September 14, 1931

Joined: April 22, 1955

Died: November 14, 2016

Thomas E. Smyth

Special Effects

Born: November 30, 1925

Joined: September 25, 1953

Died: September 13, 2016

Robert O. Richards

Property Master

Born: October 12, 1931

Joined: October 11, 1955

Died: July 7, 2016

Andrew D. Schultz

Property

Born: September 16, 1982

Joined: March 14, 2013

Died: July 29, 2016

Peter M. Villalva

Coordinator

Born: June 29, 1940

Joined: October 28, 1963

Died: August 31, 2016

Alex Zarifis

Floorcover

Born: August 25, 1928

Joined: March 19, 1991

Died: July 27, 2016