

March 2009 Newsletter

The Next General Meeting for IATSE Local 8 will be Wednesday March 4, 2009. The Meeting will be held at 2237 Hartranft Philadelphia Pa. beginning 11:00 a.m. According to the Local 8 Constitution, IATSE Local 8 meets the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00a.m.at 2237 Hartranft Street Philadelphia Pa. except during the months of June, July and August.

The Next Executive Board Meeting for IATSE Local 8 will be on Thursday February 26, 2009. The Meeting will be held at 2237 Hartranft Philadelphia Pa. beginning 11:00 A.M. The Executive Board meets the last Thursday of each month.

Financial 2008. First quarter stamps are now due. Stamps remain at \$50.00 per quarter \$200 per year for 2009. There has not been an increase in the cost of the union stamp since 1996.

Contracts

Local 8 has also reached agreement with Liacouras Center for a three year term agreement. The contract was ratified by the members at our February meeting. The Local has also reached three agreements with Light Action, PDC, AVSC and ESM and agreed to a one year extension with LA Stagecall. The economy continues to make every negotiation a challenge. It is important that we resign all of the people who we have had contracts with and to seek out new agreements for new work for our members. The following contracts have currently expired and are in negotiations. The employers written in Bold have signed off on the local's Term Agreement. Contracts are being updated on our website and will be available as they are executed. (Mike Barnes 2/10/2009)

Liacouras Center	pdc
LAStageCall	AVSC
Light Action	ESM
Nu Millenium	
Forrest Theater	Houser Audio
Merriam/Boyd	VTG
Weber Priante	NMR
EFC Outdoor	Creative Tech
EFC Penns Landing	Skycam
EFCTower	Best Boy Audio
Camden County Parks	Channel 6
Provision	Sound Investments
Total Media Solutions	Murphy Productions
Spellcasters	AVMG
Visual Aids Electronics	Swank
Earls Girls	Namic
West River	PSAV
Lights of Liberty	IPG

RPAC Negotiations

RPAC has announced it will taking over management of the Merriam Theater on July 1, 2009. The union has agreed to work under the expired Merriam Deal until June 30th and to begin negotiations with the Employer for a deal covering all three facilities. A Committee made up of the three House Crews and Local 8 Executive Board has met to begin formulating proposals. Members proposals for this contract should be mailed or emailed to the Business Agent

Clear Channel Negotiations

We have met with Clear Channel and have a proposal from the Employer. Negotiations are ongoing. The Clear Channel Agreement covers work at the Tower, Penns Landing, Outdoor Stadiums and the Parkway.

IATSE 8 PAC Fund.

The Pac Fund currently has approximately \$3175 deposited in an account. A voluntary contribution form is included for those people interested in supporting the PAC. This is a voluntary contribution. Monies in the PAC will be spent based on the will of the majority of the membership of Local 8. PAC Forms will also be available for downloading at the Local 8 website. Members not wishing to have a dollar deducted from their daily pay can participate by making a direct contribution. The form for flat dollar amount contribution is also included in this Newsletter and will be posted on the website.

IT Website/EmailBlast/Text Blast

IATSE Local 8 can now send out mass Text messages. Text messages will be delivered to the member's cell phone number. In order to get text messages, the member must provide to the Office their cell phone number and provider, and allow text message broadcast alerts to be sent to their phone. The member's cell phone plan must allow text messaging or they will not receive the text message. Sending the text message is free, but members may be charged a standard text message fee by their cell phone provider to receive the message on their phone. The text fee depends on the member's cell phone service plan. Members can opt to not receive text message alerts in their user settings.

If you want to receive Text messages from the Office, Email your information to mbarnes@iatse8.com 1. Cell Phone Number and 2. Cell Phone Provider (e.g. Verizon).

Building

IATSE Local 8 has made settlement on 2401 South Swanson Street. The Committee meets each Thursday to go over budgets, designs and handle the permits and logistics of the new building. The building design is nearly complete and will go out to bid shortly. Members interested in the progress are invited to attend the Thursday Meetings to ask questions. Times of the meeting vary depending on the work schedules so call ahead.

Health and Welfare

Please note that the new quarterly CAPP account charges, starting April 1, 2009, are those that were previously announced as tentative. In the original announcement, included in a letter to Plan C Participants dated April 25, 2008, we informed participants that the CAPP charges must match the cost of the Benefit Plans as, to remain financially viable, the Health and Welfare Fund could no longer provide subsidies. Accordingly, we previously called the forthcoming CAPP charge increase tentative so we could continue to monitor the Benefit Plan costs to see if a change might be warranted. Please visit the [iatsenbf](http://iatsenbf.com) website to view the new CAPP rates. Participants who have "Other Coverage" were required to send in proof of your "Other Coverage" with the December enrollment form. If you have "Other Coverage", you should check your statement to make sure you have not been automatically enrolled in the International Plan. Health Care cost continue to rise. Help us help you get every penny you are entitled to by checking your accounts. All participants of all Funds can now create an account and view their work history online. If you have not created an account, you can do so by clicking [going](#) to the [iatsenbf](http://iatsenbf.com) website. Plan C Health and Welfare Participants can also view their CAPP account information online as well.

Recession fears slam Wall Street (CNN Money Tuesday 2/27/2009)

Stocks slump Tuesday morning as investors worry the stimulus plan won't go far enough. Financials lead the way lower.

The Headlines continue to shout out the concerns caused by this economy. Everyone should be aware of their investment choices, the amount they have in their CAPP Account and how to keep working. We will continue to monitor the effect the economy is having on our members and work to protect everyone in our union. The character of an organization and the individuals within the organization can be measured best during tough times.

IATSE8PAC FUND CONTRIBUTION

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_____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100.00 \$_____ (Other)
(Please make check out to IATSE8PAC FUND)

Name: _____

Occupation: Local No.: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature _____

All contributions to the IATSE-PAC are voluntary, and not tax-deductible. A person's contribution to the IATSE-PAC may not exceed \$5,000.00 per year. The Law requires the IATSE Local 8-PAC to use its best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and the name of the employer of individuals whose contribution exceed \$200.00 in a calendar year. The amount contributed, or the decision not to contribute, will not be the basis for IATSE Local 8 to benefit or disadvantage the member or his/her family. Local No. 8 will not retaliate against a member for deciding not to contribute, or based upon the amount of the contribution

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I hereby authorize each of my Employers to deduct from each of my paychecks an amount equal to one dollar (\$1.00) per day and to forward that amount to the union on a monthly basis. This authorization is made voluntarily

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