

# September 2010 Newsletter

**The Next General Meeting** for IATSE Local 8 will be Wednesday September 8th, 2010. The Meeting will be held at the Alhambra 2400 Swanson Street Philadelphia Pa. beginning 11:00 a.m. this facility is located across the street from our new union hall, behind Tony Lukes across the street from Foreman Mills. This will allow us to give members a tour of the facility. We are 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 Thursday August 26th, 2010. The Meeting will be held at 2237 Hartranft Philadelphia Pa. beginning 11:00 a.m.

**The Third Quarter Stamp** is currently due. **Please be reminded stamps are now \$60 per quarter.** If you are working as a stagehand in the geographical jurisdiction of Local 8, you are obligated to pay 3.5% of your gross wage. If you are on the road working under a Pink Contract, you are obligated to pay the amount called for in the Constitution. Failure to submit the proper dues could result in a warning and possible expulsion from the Local.

## **Contracts**

**Live Nation** contract was ratified at the General Membership Meeting. After working out some earlier payroll issues, there has been no reported problems. This was a one year deal with no condition changes and a 3% increase in the wage and benefit package. **Penns Landing's** contract was ratified at the May Meeting. No condition changes and a 3% increase in the wage and benefit package. Baptist temple maiden Agreement was ratified at the May meeting. Work is picking up in this venue. Given the Local got no jobs from this building, this is a major plus.

**Visual Sound, Bauder Audio and Opera Company** will be brought back to the membership for ratification. **The Ballet** is in negotiations and if completed will be brought back for ratification at the September meeting.

The Local has exchanged proposals with the **Forrest Theater**. We are not optimistic a deal will be reached before the next meeting or Load-In of Jersey Boys. A strike vote will be taken at the September Meeting.

The economic environment has made negotiations extremely difficult for contracts negotiated over the last three years. Starting with the Convention Center in 2007, Local 8 had to go on strike at the Convention Center, negotiate within six hours of a strike at the Kimmel Center and call for a strike vote for numerous contract negotiations. These difficult cycles are to be expected for an organization that has been negotiating contracts for its members for over one hundred and seventeen years. Our membership has stood strong in protecting the conditions we have and in most cases getting increases for our members. The following is a list of contracts that have been negotiated over the last three years:

**Advanced Staging. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Audio Visual One. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**AVMG. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**AVSC. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Bauder Audio. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Clear Sound. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Commerce Bank. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Doherty Rigging. No condition changes.**  
**Earls Girls. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Elliot Lewis. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**ESM. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**

**First Philadelphia. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Freeman Audio Visual. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Liacouras Center. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Live Nation. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**LA Stage Call. No condition changes.**  
**Light Action. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Kimmel Center Incorporated. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Mann Music Center. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Opera Company of Philadelphia. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Penns Landing. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Proof Productions. No condition changes.**  
**Philadelphia Orchestra. No condition changes.**  
**Quinlan's Studio. No condition changes.**  
**Sovereign Bank Arena. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Sound and Vision. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**  
**Visual Sound. No condition changes. Wage and benefit increases.**

**The Newsletter** is GREEN. Members with email addresses will be sent the monthly Newsletter by email. If you do not receive your letter or want a hard copy, contact or come into the Office. Copies are available. The IT Department has updated everyone's email address. In addition, we assigned anyone without an email address a Local 8 Website Email address. If you did not provide an email, your assigned email address is your first initial and last name @iatse8.com You can access your IATSE email address through any computer including the one we have set up in the Office meeting space. Almost 2/3 of our membership is currently signed up to receive their Newsletter by email.

### **Committees**

**International Executive Board Committee.** Was a tremendous success for our Local. Over 250 people from IATSE Locals around the United States and Canada participated in a week long series of meetings at the Center City Sheraton. Volunteers from the Host Locals helped throughout the week in making this event a success. A letter from President Loeb pretty much sums up the sentiment of the IATSE Officers and Members who attended the meeting. On behalf of myself, I would like to thank all the Local 8 members who donated their time to help out. Without your support we could have not pulled this event off.

**Building Update.** The building is being built and so far everything is on schedule. The Building committee meets every other Thursday at the site to review schedules and costs. Based on the latest information, the building is due to be complete in or around December 2010. Pictures of the building are on our website. Members are encouraged to go to the site, take pictures and forward them to the office.

**Labor Day.** Local 8 has drawn 6<sup>th</sup> position for the Labor Day Parade. We will be meeting at the Sheet Metal Worker's Hall starting at 9:00AM. Parking for the event is under I-95 overpass parallel to Delaware Avenue. Shuttles are available to drive you back from Penns Landing to the Sheet Metal Worker's Hall. Our numbers have fluctuated over the years. Hopefully this year we will have a good turn out. If you are not away or working, join thousands of union workers who will be marching to show the union's strength in our City.

## ***Congratulations***

***Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gregorio on the birth of their daughter Matalin Ann***

***Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barnes Jr. on the birth of their daughter Genevieve***