

# December 2016 Newsletter

**The Next General Meeting** for IATSE Local 8 will be Wednesday December 7th, 2016 beginning at 11:00am at the union hall located 2401 South Swanson Street, Philadelphia Pa. 19148.

**Fourth Quarter Stamps** are due October 1st. Members on the Road are required to submit their dues timely. If you are paying percentage on entertainment work outside Local 8's jurisdiction, take advantage of our new online payment option located on our website under Online Store.

**2017 Stamps will be paid for those people on the A List who have their 2016 card paid by 2:00pm on December 6, 2016.**

**In the October, November and now December Newsletters sent out to all members via email and regular US Postal service, on the front page it clearly states "Fourth Quarter Stamps are due on October 1, 2016." Those members who do not have their quarterly dues paid in full will not have their Ballot counted on Election Day. Members will have until 2:00 PM Tuesday December 6, 2016 to make payment on line or in person at the Hall.**

**There are 22 candidates. The six (6) candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to the Executive Board. In the event of a tie vote between candidates to fill the top six spots, there will be a run-off election done the same way via Mailed in Secret Ballot\*. (If a run-off is required, ballots would be mailed out on Friday, December 9, 2016. Ballots would be due back via US Mail to the USPS PO Box by Wednesday December 21, 2016. The run-off election tally of votes would take place 2 PM Thursday December 22, 2016.)**

**NOTE: \*Specifically this would apply if there is a tie for the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) and final seat on the Executive Board. The other candidates who have received more votes than those tied for the 6<sup>th</sup> seat will be considered elected to the Executive Board.**

## ***DMK***

David-Michael Kenney Judge of Elections IATSE Local 8 cell: 267-815-1471

## **Contracts In Negotiations:**

The following contract will be brought back for ratification at the December Meeting. **Opera Company of Philadelphia / Walnut Street Theater. VTG**

In negotiations/ **Walnut Street Shop/Patriot Theater/Dell East/ Advanced Audio Visual/ Investors Bank/ Dougherty Rigging / Projection / Zeo Brothers/ Houser Audio.**

The following Employers were signed to the Hotel Term Agreement. **FPS/ Miller Pro Audio**

**Committees** are up and running. If interested in participating on a committee contact President Barnes

<b>Political Action</b>	<b>Call Steward</b>	<b>AFL-CIO</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Community Action</b>	<b>Young Workers</b>
<b>Women's</b>	<b>Diversity</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>Regional Theater</b>	<b>Clubs</b>	<b>Organizing</b>
<b>Historic</b>	<b>Rigging</b>	<b>Audio Visual</b>
<b>Audit/Finance</b>	<b>Constitutional</b>	<b>Audit/Finance</b>

## **Litigation Update**

1. Anthony Tortorice Sr. appeal to the International pending decision.  
Anthony Tortorice Sr. NLRB charge withdrawn by Tortorice.
2. Jonathon Tortorice appeal to the International pending decision.  
Jonathon Tortorice Sr. NLRB charge pending decision.
3. Jason McGuigan appeal to the International pending decision.  
Jason McGuigan NLB dismissed case by the Board.
4. Butch Gallo NLRB charges against the union pending decision.
5. John Keating NLRB charges against the union pending decision.
6. Detomossa DePquale NLRB charges against the union withdrawn by DePasqualle.
7. Michael Spotacco NLRB charges against the union withdrawn by Spotacco.

***IATSE Local 8 Holiday Party is scheduled for Tuesday December 20, 2016 7:00pm to 11:00 pm. In keeping with our entertainment industry, our theme this year will be "White Christmas" the 1954 film starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. This party is for the members and their immediate families. Throw your business casual dress on and join us for some food and drinks to celebrate the Holiday Season.***

***Santa's coming to Local 8 for the kids. Bring your children down on Wednesday December 21, 2016 at 12 noon. Santa has a toy for all the good little girls and boys of Local 8.***

**Local 8 Coat Drive** is going on. There are drop boxes at the Office and some of our theaters. Clean out the closet, get some new jackets and help the less fortunate all at the same time. Pick ups can be arranged through Kevin Beebe and the Young Workers Committee.

**Local 8 Blood Drive** is scheduled tomorrow at the Local 8 Office. We need about a dozen more people to give blood to hit our goal. During the Holiday Season, the best gift you can give someone is the gift of life. Startt of the giving season by giving the gift of life to someone. It will make you feel better.

***Happy Thanksgiving to all of the Sisters and Brothers of IATSE Local 8. During this time of thanks, we have much to be grateful. Since the last election of Local 8 (2013), we have added over 250 new members. The starting income and increased earnings of this large a group was directly related to our bargaining the trade show jurisdiction at the convention center, explosion in the rock and roll industry and special events. According to our annuity statements in 2013, our wages were \$19,420,002. In 2015, wages for the same fund were reported at \$27,559,249 representing over a 40% increase in just two years. This does not include the almost 100 members who are working regularly in New York to supplement their Local 8 income as studio mechanics. 50% increase in membership, 40% increase in wages, we have much to be thankful. Yet our future looks even brighter. The convention center will continue to increase bookings at a double digit pace. Rock shows are scheduled to continue at last years pace with three new large venues scheduled to open in the next three years. Our theaters are booked and we are hoping to add at least sixteen weeks of Broadway at the Forrest Theater in 2017 for the run of Hamilton. Our work referral system is transparent, our seniority is being corrected, our dues are being lowered, our service has improved, our voices are being heard not just within the Local but also in the community and political arena. I am grateful to be a Local 8 Stagehand and part of the IATSE. I am also grateful to be able to serve as President for this upcoming term. I am also lucky enough to be blessed by a great family and friends. Going into this Holiday Season, I ask all of you to count your blessings along with your challenges. We all have both but as a member of this great organization you start the count with a lot in your favor.***

***Happy and Healthy Holiday,***

***Michael Barnes  
IATSE Local 8  
President/Business Manager***