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NEWSLETTER

December 2019

Greetings Brothers, Sisters and Kin,

Welcome to our December 2019 Newsletter! We've had a very busy year in 2019 with \$105 million in production across Northern Ontario. With this being the first Newsletter since March, we have lots of information to share with the membership about the various projects going on and things we have coming up in the New Year.

I'd like to first announce two of our new committees. We now have a Young Workers Committee (YWC) that is open to anyone wanting to join. The chair for this committee is Camil Rochon. Please reach out to Camil if you would like more information or would like to join the YWC. Camil's contact info: cfrochon@hotmail.com

We also have the newly formed Film Committee. The members representing each department are as follows:

Construction: Austin Roy

Costumes: Alisha Robinson

Electrics: Justin Kingsley

Grips: Tyler Emms

Hair: Ashley Nay (Committee Chair)

Makeup: Trina Brink

Props: Dustin Hachey

Set Dec: Luke Ellis

Scenic Artists: Lori Paradis

Script: Tomas Street

Sound: Jonathan St.Clair

SPFX: Luc Benning

Transport: Mike Boivin

Our Film Committee is currently working on kit lists and job descriptions that will be added to our website in January for everyone to view. Committee members will also be working with the board to decide on department specific requirements for new applications for membership. This will hopefully create a more seamless application review process and avoid the submission of incomplete application packages.



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If you access the website through your mobile device you may have already noticed that the website has been updated to be mobile friendly. A few other changes have been made to the website this past year as part of an additional investment that was made for ongoing upgrades. One of the new changes is that a search can be made for crew based on your residence. Please make sure to update your postal code in your profile on the website so that you can be searchable by region. If you are still having trouble logging into the website, or haven't accessed it yet, please contact Keith and he will help you get access to the site. In the New Year we will see more upgrades to the website that Keith is working on.

It is important that all your information is up to date and that you have access to the website because we recently hired a Crewing Steward. Her name is Emily Wrenshall. Her launch date will be Jan. 1st, 2020. Emily is currently training, compiling data and designing the daily dispatch list. She may be in contact with certain people to get clarification on their closest Urban Center. If you get an email from her, it would be from crst.iatse634@gmail.com so please keep an eye out in your emails. Starting in the New Year everyone will have to log into the website to set their availability. Monday-Friday Emily will compile daily lists of available hires. These lists are where hiring keys will select a daily hire from. Therefore, it will be very important to make sure you have access to the website. If you don't log in to select your availability, Emily won't know if you're available, so she won't be able to add your name to the list.

On the website is where you can also access the Beneficiary Designation Form for your Life Insurance. All members have \$25,000 in Life Insurance Coverage. We still have **195** members that have not submitted their form to J&D Benefits. There is a good chance that you haven't submitted this form so please do so. Most members would have received the form in a letter back in March of 2019. If you don't have the form, follow these tabs on the website: Members > Forms and Booklets > Group Benefits Change and Beneficiary Designation Form. Fill it out and mail it to J&D Benefits (address on bottom of form) so that they have this information on record.



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An email was recently sent out about upcoming training for members. If you have not already done so, please sign up for any courses you are interested in taking and don't forget to send your \$50 deposit to Keith. Once courses are open for permits to sign up the classes will fill quickly. The following are dates for January courses.

Electric 101 – Jan 11th in Sudbury
Costume 101 Jan 25th & 26th in Sudbury
Grip 101 – TBD in Sudbury
Mental Health First Aid – Jan 16th & 17th in Sudbury

If there is any other training or workshops you would like to see for your department please let us know.

We recently created an IATSE Local 634 group on Facebook, it is a private group which means you must request to join. The group is for members and permits only. We are always looking for pictures of members at work to use in our promotional products so join the group and share those pictures. We post everything Film and Stage related, and we will be posting upcoming meeting dates, and courses offered through the local as an additional source for reminders. We will still circulate this information through email and post it on the website. Here is the link to the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IATSELocal634>

The next meeting will be on January 12th 2020 at 1pm at the Northbury Hotel in Sudbury. There will be a special presentation to celebrate a few of our members so please attend this meeting if possible. We will also have the new 2020-2022 Collective Agreement to hand out for everyone. Hope to see you all there.

Happy Holidays Everyone, see you all in the New Year!
Tiffany Boivin-Brawley
President Local 634