



UPNORTH

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Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Kin,

Hope everyone is doing well. We just wanted to provide everyone with another newsletter since we have a few updates and a couple new things in the works.

Due to the current gathering restrictions, we had to cancel our regular membership meetings. To stay connected to everyone we have been circulating emails as often as we have new information or news to share. In the next week we would like to try something new. For 3 evenings we will be holding membership meetings through Zoom. With our Zoom subscription we are limited to 100 people at once, so a quick registration will be required to attend. Find the date below specific to your city and register via the corresponding link. Once registered and accepted you will be sent a link and password to attend the meeting. You will then be required to download the free Zoom app on either a computer or smart phone to be able to join the meeting. It is especially important that you do not share the link or meeting password with anyone. Each member must register on their own, so please make sure that the name you use to register is the name we have on file for you. These meetings will be for members only, so we will be screening every name that registers. We ask that while you participate in the meeting you use headphones or segregate yourself from other members of your household that are not members of this Local for the duration of the meeting. The cut off time to register for the meetings is 2:00pm on the day of each meeting, which is when the link and password will be sent out. The meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday May 19th 2020 @ 7pm – Sudbury & Sault Ste. Marie members (including everywhere between)
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-fULafLSYOUfNqQJsU00g
- Wednesday May 20th 2020 @ 7pm – North Bay, Parry Sound, the rest of Northern Ontario, plus Southern Ontario
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YwynnV-aS-OUx4oYDzvxmw
- Thursday May 21st 2020 @ 7pm – Ottawa Region members
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xz_h8EmWTyarl6yzcpEK6g

During these meetings we can conduct regular business such as approval of minutes and other motions. Motions can be made/seconded using the Q&A or chat function. At any time during the meeting you can type a question in the Q&A or chat functions, or there is a raise your hand function and you will be given authorization through the app to unmute yourself to speak. Regular business will be short so please join us for these meetings and come engage in some discussions with us.

In addition to memberships meetings, the first online version of the Local 634 Orientation Workshop will be offered this coming week on the following dates:

- Friday May 22nd 2020 @ 6:00 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ILQNtnh-RUCpqhDit_naNg
- Sunday May 24th 2020 @ 6:00 pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aY2OTeowRBaNTu9hLdFiEA

Space is limited so please register via the links above as soon as possible. These dates are only available for members so please do not share the link with anyone. Once you register you will receive a confirmation email with a link and password to the Orientation. The free Zoom app can be downloaded to your computer or your smartphone. As a participant in the orientation there is no need to pay to use it, it is free to all participants. Since the orientation will be a slide show I would recommend using a computer. The orientation will be a webinar style, so no need to have a webcam. All participants will only have audio capabilities during the Orientation, and there will be a Q&A and chat function for asking questions. More dates will be announced soon for June.

Over the last two months, the Executive Board has been participating in a variety of conference calls with various groups of industry leaders. Our recent weekly call with the Canadian Office and other Locals across Canada gave us the opportunity to hear from Federal NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, and NDP Heritage Critic Alexandre Boulerice. Mr. Singh discussed the impact COVID-19 has had on the entire Arts and Entertainment sector. He also opened the floor to questions where Locals asked many questions including asking about the NDP's willingness to push for longer term financial support beyond what is currently offered. Mr. Singh expressed his full support for all members during these challenging times we are facing, and the importance of live events and festivals making a return. Everyone was thrilled to hear Jagmeet Singh state "The best way to come out of a crisis is when you invest directly in the people."

Our industry will take time to recover from this pandemic, especially live entertainment. It is so imperative that when we all do return to work, it is done safely and ensures we do everything within our control to prevent the spread of this virus. The Film Ontario Workforce Development Panel is forming a response to COVID-19 as part of its mandate, in conjunction with the Ministry of Labour. The Section 21 Committee (our industry H&S Committee) is also working to create a guideline document to outline the minimum standards to help employers with creating working environments that prevent the spread of the virus. The Section 21 Committee consists of representatives from all unions, guilds, and associations. Representatives on this committee representing IATSE include Scott Thom and Peter DaPrato. Once these guidelines are finalized and published, we will be able to share those with everyone.

Finally, I wanted to share some of the good things our members are doing on their own time and using their own resources for. I reached out on social media to see if there were any members out there making masks or PPE. Some photos were shared and from the numbers I have been given, our

members have made at least 700 masks. That is amazing! Here is a shout out to some of those people using their spare time to make masks. If you haven't been mentioned this time, please email me pictures tiffboivin@gmail.com I want to give recognition to the good work everyone is doing out there in our communities.



Fabric ends and scraps ready to be made into masks by Jen Campaner



Masks by Karen Churma with more fabric piled up behind



Masks made by Cathy Vezina that went to North Bay Community Living and some were even shipped out to Newfoundland

Pauline Bergeron was also busy making cotton masks. She has also given fabric to other women making head covers, bags, quilts, and masks for nurses and hospitals.



Adult, child, and custom sized masks for bearded grips by Natalie Ellis

In Solidarity,
Tiffany, Ashley, Keith, Wayne, Scott, Shawn, and Jamie