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NEWSLETTER

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REPORT: Scott Thom- Film Liaison

Greetings, Brothers, Sisters and Kin. Welcome to my first newsletter. In an effort to make this **our** newsletter, instead of mine, please accept my invitation for submissions by members. Any submissions can be sent by email to my address (on the website). This is your voice. Use it.

As we step in to last quarter, we have been a busy Local. We are predicting \$100 million in Northern production by year's end for the second consecutive year. Congratulations 634. I was able to attend the International Conference in Calgary in September and had my eyes opened to the resources available to our Local from the National and International organizations. My fellow delegates were open and supportive and very interested in our journey of growth. I got an amazing sense of where we fit into the collage of differently sized and focussed Locals across the country.

I will be reaching out and distributing information on initiatives that we can utilize to increase our structure and ownership of the Local. As well, there are educational and training opportunities through the IATSE Training Trust. (www.iatsetrainingtrust.org). Please explore this site that is available to all IATSE members.

As well, Keith Clausen has attended a session of the Officers Institute, specifically geared to his position as Secretary/ Treasurer. He will have much to report in the next few meetings.

Our own Axel Green participated in the Cinefest Film Forum on Sept 21. Axel is planning report on the topics discussed at our next meeting. We have to thank him for adjusting his schedule to accommodate this opportunity. We had very short notice on the event, and it was only the diligence of the participants from IATSE 667 that got us to the table.

Jennifer Mathewson, who is a member of Local 411, has taken on a new role with the City of Sault Ste Marie. Jennifer and I had a very good initial discussion of the opportunities that involvement with IATSE can offer to the workers in her town. We will be following up on that conversation in the future, ideally with an information meeting with the unaffiliated workers in the Soo.

Lastly, I would like to follow up on Keith's sad duty of reporting the death of one of our members, Norm Laberge earlier this month. Many of us have had the joy of working with or chatting with this cheerful, incredibly positive man. It is a great loss for us and so much more for his family. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts. We are poorer without him.

Please attend the next Meeting at the Lexington, Sunday October 14 at 1 pm. Reading this rag is no substitution for participation.



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