

An Extended Thanks

This issue of the Official Bulletin focuses on the recently concluded 66th Quadrennial Convention held in Orlando, Florida. As such, it presents an opportunity for me to express my sincerest appreciation for the efforts and achievements of those who helped make our Convention such a tremendous success.

While thanks in general are due to a great many people, I would particularly like to express my gratitude to the staff of the IATSE General Office for their hard work and dedication throughout the many long months of preparation. The challenges involved with moving our operations over 1,000 miles were numerous, but the entire process was managed with foresight and finesse. In addition, those staff members that traveled to Orlando and provided front-line assistance to officers and delegates deserve special recognition for the dedication that they demonstrated.

This was the largest Convention in the history of our Alliance and the extraordinary hospitality of the Host Locals, 161, 477, 600, 631, 700, 780, 798, 800, 835, and United Scenic Artists Local 829, was much in evidence. Delegates, staff and guests were all made most welcome by our host locals and I know they were most appreciative.

It was also a pleasure to see the IATSE's extended family of organizations at the Convention. Representatives of the IATSE National Benefit Funds were available to provide information and individual support for delegates. The Will Rogers Foundation once again provided free health services including cholesterol and blood pressure monitoring. Union Privilege provided information on the various financial services available to IATSE members and the Actors' Fund provided information on their numerous programs.

The members of the Credentials Committee ensured that delegate registration was a smooth and orderly process. It is no easy task to accommodate many last minute changes and get 836 delegates registered in a timely manner, but this team did it with efficiency and grace.

Finally, thank you to the delegates for the support you gave me personally and for your commitment and participation in the supreme governing body of the IATSE. This was my 8th IATSE Convention, and my second Convention as General Secretary-Treasurer. The delegates in Orlando were amongst the most dedicated and hard working that I have seen. Whether it was sacrificing evenings by participating on the various committees or attending any number of caucuses that occurred outside the hours of the general sessions, the delegates were clearly committed to moving our organization forward. As we continue to work together over the next four years we will do just that.

2010 SUPPLIES

The 2010 Supplies will be mailed in late November to those local unions that have submitted their 3rd Quarterly Report for 2009 and purchased the appropriate number of per capita stamps.

The number of per capita stamps that must be purchased is based on the number of members reported on the 1st and 2nd Quarterly Reports plus two times the number of members reported on the 3rd Quarterly Report [to allow for an estimate of the numbers that will be reported on the 4th Quarterly Report]. When the 4th Quarterly Report is submitted in January 2010, an adjustment to balance the local's account is made if necessary.

PER CAPITA TAX INCREASES

Delegates to the 66th Quadrennial Convention voted to increase the per capita tax for local unions by one dollar (\$1.00) effective 1/1/2010, two dollars (\$2.00) effective 1/1/2011 and one dollar (\$1.00) effective 1/1/2012, all of which is to be allocated to the General Fund. Per capita tax for Special Department local unions will remain unchanged.