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### **Property**

**Ray Schrefel, Jr.**

### **Propmaker**

**Michael Cappello**

### **Property Master**

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### **Set Decorator**

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### **Coordinator**

**David Elliott**

### **Special Effects**

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### **Property**

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# From the Desk of BUSINESS AGENT TOBEY BAYS

to the current break in negotiations.

## Negotiations and Solidarity

**A**s I hope you are aware, negotiations with the AMPTP over the Hollywood Basic Agreement started in mid-May. After nearly four weeks of virtual bargaining with the employers over the terms of a new agreement, it was clear to both sides that a break from negotiations was necessary. To be clear we are still in the bargaining process, we are not in a labor dispute, nor an impasse. With a brief extension to the Basic Agreement in place we will resume negotiations with the employers on August 17th. Nevertheless, this break allows us an important opportunity to actively engage our members on our top priorities.

Due to the difficulty of the past fifteen months, both parties agreed that this round of Basic Agreement Negotiations would focus on general proposals and forgo local negotiations. To maximize our potential success in the bargaining process, the IATSE Hollywood Locals agreed to put forth proposals that they could collaboratively stand behind. Throughout the process of drafting these joint proposals, our Locals were brought closer together and have become more united than ever before. As difficult as our first four weeks of negotiations were, the coalition between the Hollywood Locals has remained steadfast and united in our efforts. However, there were challenges given the virtual setting and it was clear that the Producers were not adequately prepared to address our joint proposals, thus, leading

The Hollywood Locals have since released a joint statement regarding the current negotiations to emphasize the importance of our unified front in our fight for sustainable pension and health benefits, reasonable rest, improved working conditions, and livable wages for all of our members. These are the fundamental elements of the labor movement and basic worker rights that we have all committed to fight for. Mobilizing our membership to support our bargaining committee on these critical issues is vital.

As members, it is imperative that we show support for the IATSE bargaining committee and bring awareness, educate, and unify our fellow sisters and brothers. Demonstrate your solidarity by joining #IA solidarity campaign and posting your support on various social media platforms and outlets (applicable materials are available at [www.local44.org](http://www.local44.org), prop houses and from Local 44 stewards). A strong display of solidarity and support during these negotiations increases the pressure on the employers to respond to our proposals. Make no mistake the employers ARE watching. Strength in numbers and a show of unification is fundamental for success. Do your part to make it happen!

The Hollywood Locals are working in solidarity to secure the best contract for our members and their families. We stand proud and we stand together.

In Solidarity,  
Tobey Bays

# ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

We recognize and congratulate the following individuals for their years of membership with Local 44.

## MAY 2021

### OVER 50 YEARS

Arthur Lipschultz - Property Master (61) Gary Antista - Property Master (52) William Gowdy Jr. - Property (52)  
Allan Lotta - Coordinator (54) Delbert Diener - Property Master (52) Robert Planck - Property (52)  
Glenn Evans - Special Effects (53) Thomas Roysden - Set Decorator (52)

### 50 YEARS

Paul Lombardi - Special Effects

### 35 YEARS

Peter Angles II - Property Eric Ramirez - Property  
John Barton Jr. - Property Charles Robbins - Propmaker  
Damon Everett - Propmaker Fernando Sepulveda - Property  
Randy Gaetano - Property Carolyn Murray - Sewing Person George Stokes - Propmaker

### 25 YEARS

Robert Aitken - Property Lynn Garrido - Propmaker Erich Mingenbach - Special Effects  
Dustin Ackermann - Propmaker Martin Glover - Coordinator Maurice Owens Jr. - Coordinator  
Sam Anton - Propmaker Brett Gollin - Property Scott Roark - Propmaker  
Jeremy Armstrong - Property Master William Hall - Propmaker Trevor Rudolph - Property  
Chris Beresford - Propmaker Frank Iudica - Special Effects Kelton Schultz - Property  
Cynthia Coburn - Set Decorator Michael Kirchmeier - Propmaker David Simpson - Propmaker  
Thomas Craig - Property Cory Loncar - Property Benton Tedlie - Property  
Kurt DeFilipps - Property Brian Maxwell - Propmaker Eugene Trautmann - Property  
Don Diers - Set Decorator Thomas White - Propmaker

### 10 YEARS

SDiane Berglund - TCR Property Mikaela Davis - Property Ryan Leegate - TCR Property  
Joseph Celis III - TCR Property Master Stephanie Hines - Set Decorator Jaime Rubio - Property  
Ryan Coombe - Property Lawrence Ketchum II - Property Timothy Thomas - TCR Property Master  
Guilherme Correa - Property Master Daniel Troutman - Coordinator

## JUNE 2021

### OVER 50 YEARS

Louis Cooper - Special Effects (55) Clarence Price - Coordinator (54)

### 50 YEARS

William Lee - Special Effects Antonio Zarazua - Propmaker

### 35 YEARS

Barry Conner - Property Robert Louden - Greens  
John Flaherty - Propmaker Robert Santaella - Property

### 25 YEARS

Dannie Anderson - Propmaker Jason Gustafson - Special Effects Curtis Laseter - Coordinator  
Michael Dudley - Propmaker James Kroning - Property Master Peter Nesmith - Greens  
Tyler Lafferty - Propmaker

### 10 YEARS

Robert-Todd Anderson - Property James Kawa - Property Michial Tanner - Property  
Debra Halpert-Storosh - Property Holiday Landa - Property Mark Wolcott - Property Master



# From the Desk of SECRETARY-TREASURER ANTHONY PAWLUC

– keep an eye out for seminar dates and invitations.

I hope this message finds you all well and staying busy. As predicted, work has been consistent this spring/summer and our **Callboard** is dispatching members for work calls on a daily basis. PLEASE make sure your work availability is up to date with the Callboard. While you are at it, if you have new certifications, licenses or training, submit them to the Callboard so we can update the “skills” in your profile.

If you haven’t visited for a while, check out [local44.org](http://local44.org) and our new website! Our **Website/IT Department** worked diligently to create a streamlined, easy to navigate site that puts Union information right at your fingertips. The Local 44 Instagram, [iatselocal44](https://www.instagram.com/iatselocal44), was created to promote further membership communication opportunities. THANK YOU to all the members who have already provided their valuable input helping me better suit the needs of our members. Keep an eye out for more surveys coming from Secretary-Treasurer regarding our website, App, Social Networking and Newsreel. Our **Business Office** continues to crank out Loan and Re-Fi letters on behalf of members to Mortgage Companies and lenders plus Rent relief letters to Land lords and lenders. If you or a member you know needs help, PLEASE let my office lend a hand.

In May 2021 we hosted a “how to grow your wealth seminar.” We are custom building a “basic finance planning seminar” to help members manage their income, expenses, savings, etc.

Local 44’s **Social Services** Department has been busy helping members and their families. Remember, we have a Licensed Mental Health Professional who runs this department at Local 44. PLEASE, take advantage of this amazing resource. Also, we can provide more information regarding Industry and MPI Wellness Resources. They include, [Live and Work Well](#) which covers benefits for mental health, finances, legal needs and much more. [Active & Fit Direct](#): Discounted gym memberships (\$25/month) [Sanvello](#): a mental health app to improve your mood and overall well-being and [Wondr](#): a digital self-paced weight loss program and support system offered quarterly. [Solera Diabetes Prevention Program](#): Qualified members can enroll in a one-year digital program to manage weight and prevent Diabetes. [Picture Quitting](#): Customized nicotine cessation program. As always, Social Services continues to help with [Unemployment](#), subsidized COBRA continuation coverage, [Covid-19 Industry Financial Resources](#) and [retirement](#).

To wrap up, we had an amazing turnout of members who participated in our in-person Craft Meetings in June. Three meetings achieved quorums with attendance up in almost every craft classification. I want to thank all of you for attending and

Welcome BACK!

Best,

Anthony Pawluc

# ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

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We recognize and congratulate the following individuals for their years of membership with Local 44.

### JULY 2021

#### OVER 50 YEARS

Leonard Mazzola - Set Decorator (65)  
Peter Albiez - Special Effects (55)

Kenneth Pepiot - Special Effects (55)  
Eddie Surkin - Special Effects (54)  
John Zemansky - Property Master (54)

Thomas Ryba - Special Effects (53)  
Gregory Villalva Jr. - Coordinator (53)

#### 50 YEARS

no members

#### 35 YEARS

Scott Bobbitt - Property  
Randy Gunter - Property Master  
Dean Katz - Property  
Dennis McGeehan - Propmaker

Robert Nickloff - Propmaker  
Scott Nifong - Property Master  
Joseph Ondrejko - Coordinator

James Roach - Propmaker  
Frank Smoot - Propmaker  
Ty Taylor - Property  
James Triphon - Propmaker

#### 25 YEARS

Dena Allen - Set Decorator  
Charles Basurto - Propmaker  
Bret Brand - Propmaker  
William Cash - Propmaker  
John Diersing - Coordinator  
Daniel Dupont - Property  
Jim Early - Propmaker  
Christian Eubank - Special Effects  
Marc Fekkes - Propmaker  
Rachel Flores - Property  
Robert Flores - Propmaker  
Joshua Foster - Property  
Tim Gospodnetich - Propmaker  
Andrew Grant - Property Master  
Craig Handschu - Property  
Robert Hansmann - Propmaker  
Robert Henson - Propmaker  
Geoffrey Heron - Propmaker

Eric Hill - Property  
Rick Holman - Propmaker  
James Ide - Property Master  
Eric Ingraham - Propmaker  
Ronald Jaynes - Propmaker  
Sheldon Jones - Greens  
Frank Kilmartin - Propmaker  
Joshua King - Propmaker  
Mike Koenig - Propmaker  
Lance Larson - Property Master  
Andrew Lopprino - Propmaker  
Kelsey Malm - Propmaker  
Alberto Miyares - Propmaker  
Jose Montoya - Propmaker  
William Naumann - Propmaker  
Paul Pastorelli - Property  
Mark Polanco - Propmaker  
Sally Protiva - Sewing Person  
Paul Rauch - Property

Barbara Remhild - Sewing Person  
Alexandra Reynolds-Wasco - Set Decorator  
Darryl Robertshaw - Propmaker  
Stephen Roll - Propmaker  
Charles Rousseau - Property  
Craig Sheets - Propmaker  
David Sliwa - Property  
Julie Smith - Set Decorator  
Eric Taylor - Property  
Jonathan Thackery - Propmaker  
Andrew Thompson - Property  
Susie Thompson - Property  
Robert Tupta - Property  
Tom Waisanen - Property  
Dan Walton - Property  
Rod Walton - Propmaker  
Ross Young - Propmaker  
Larry Zelenay - Propmaker

#### 10 YEARS

Sheldon Carter - Property  
Donna Cliver - Property  
Christian Corio - Set Decorator  
Mark Gittleman - Property  
Roger Gunnip - Property

Jason Holman - TCR Property  
Andrew Kim - Property  
Laura Ochoa - TCR Set Decorator  
Laura Plansker - TCR Set Decorator

Collin Pulsipher - Property  
Dylan Rosenberg - Propmaker  
Lance Schultz - Property  
Steven St. John - Property  
Jane Todd - Property

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# From the Desk of PRESIDENT ERIN HENNESSEY

To my brothers and sisters of Local 44,

I want to share my excitement to serve again as President for the remainder of the term. I enjoyed reconvening with all of you and our new members at our June craft meetings. As our Union affairs return to normal, it is wise for us to encourage one another to be more involved by attending craft meetings. We stand stronger when we show up in great numbers and thus reinforces our solidarity. The future of our Union is best when all members are participating. As President, I encourage members

to voice their opinions and ideas at meetings or by speaking to your elected officers. Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any concerns. My email and phone number are attached to the newsletter. I will serve as President of Local 44 with great honor and respect to all members.

Sincerely,

President Erin Hennessey

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## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Due to the impeachment of Dutch Merrick, there was a vacancy in the position of President. Per Local 44's Constitution and Bylaws, it is the responsibility of the Executive Board to fill the vacancy of any office for the remainder of the current term.

Erin Hennessey, who was currently serving as our Vice President, was nominated and elected unanimously to be Local 44's President for remainder of this term.

Due to the vacancy caused by President Hennessey's election, the Executive Board had to fill the Vice President position. Ray Schrefel, a Property Craft Representative on the Executive Board, was nominated and elected to fill the remainder of the term of Vice President.

Due to the vacancy caused by Vice President Schrefel's election, a vacancy opened for Property Craft Representative on the Executive Board. Natasha Pirouzian, who had been serving as the Alternate Property Craft Representative on the Executive Board, was nominated and unanimously elected as Property Craft Representative on the Executive Board for the remainder of this term.

Due to the vacancy caused by Property Craft Representative Pirouzian's election, a vacancy opened for Alternate Property Craft Representative on the Executive Board. George Atamian was nominated and elected to fill the remainder of the term of Alternate Property Craft Representative on the Executive Board.

# SUPPORTING THE IATSE BARGAINING COMMITTEE



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# MOTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS



IATSE Local 44 invites and encourages all members in good standing to take interest in their Union's business. One of the best ways to do so is by reviewing your Local's Executive Board Meeting minutes. All you need to do is follow Article VIII, Powers and Duties Section 4 Secretary/Treasurer paragraph K (I) Minutes and Log of Motions of Local 44's Constitution and By-Laws. The article states: "Any member in good standing who submits a written request to schedule an appointment to review a copy of the minutes or the log of motions may do so."

This allows members to draw their own conclusion on the entire meeting, not just highlights that someone else considered important to print. Contact the Secretary Treasurer to schedule an appointment so we can accommodate your request. The following are motions/actions of past Executive Board Meetings.

## SUMMARY OF MOTIONS: 04-07-2021

Michael Cappello: "At the absence of President Merrick, I would like to make a motion to elect Brother Schrefel as this evening Second Chair."

Charli seconded the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote without opposition.

Michael Cappello: "I would like to motion to accept the regular Executive Meeting Board Minutes of 03-10-2021 as amended/corrected."

Tony seconded the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote without opposition.

Tobey: "I would like to motion to move New Business to the top of the agenda."

Tony seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously without opposition.

Andrea: "I make a motion to take cognizance of the charges of impeachment against Steven Dutch Merrick."

Tony Chavez and Karen Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote without opposition or abstentions.

Michael Cappello: "Through the Chair if I may, I would like to motion to suspend President Steven Dutch Merrick from his position of Local 44 President pending completion of his upcoming impeachment trial. I also request that this motion is voted upon through a rollcall vote."

Tony seconded the motion. (The vote was conducted under rollcall, and passed with the following results):

In Favor of Motion In Opposition of Motion In Abstentions of Motion  
Tobey Bays Michael Loomer  
Anthony Pawluc  
Andrea Joel

Eric Hulett  
Ray Schrefel  
Karen Higgins  
Charli Jayson  
Emily Ferry  
Zak Knight  
JD Streett  
Tony Chavez

Armando 'Grande' Gonzalez

Michael Cappello

JD Streett: "Motion to accept the Trustee report as presented."

Michael Cappello seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote with no opposition or abstentions.

Anthony: "Motion to accept the Diversity Committee Report as amended."

Michael Cappello seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Eric: "Motion to accept the Property Steering Committee Report as presented."

Ray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Anthony: "Motion to accept the Set Decorators Steering Committee Report as amended."

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Tony: "Motion to accept the Business Agent report as presented."

Grande seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Anthony: "I move that Local 44 put \$7,500 towards the sponsorship of The Heartbeat of Hollywood for the Motion Picture and Television Fund (MPTF) 100th Anniversary Celebration taking place June of 2021. The funds for this sponsorship will be de-

rived from line item #244 (Donations)."

Tobey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Tony: "Motion to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented."

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Michael Loomer: "Motion to approve 5-6 additional Committee Members / Alternates for the Property Steering Committee."

Andrea seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Emily: "The Property Masters would like to request \$1,100.00 from line item #245 (Member Training) for the purpose of a Property Master Negotiating Seminar."

Tobey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Grande: "Motion to adjourn."

Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition or abstentions.

## SUMMARY OF MOTIONS: 05-19-2021

Michael Cappello: "I would like to motion to accept the regular Executive Meeting Board Minutes of 04-07-2021 as amended/corrected."

Tony seconded the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote without opposition.

Tobey: "I would like to motion to move New Business to the top of the agenda."

Tony seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously without opposition.

Tom: "I would like to nominate Brother Erin Hennessey to serve the remaining term as

President to the Executive Board."

Andrea seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously with 15 members in favor and zero members in opposition.

Michael Cappello: "I would like to nominate Brother Schrefel as Executive Board Vice President."

Tom seconded the nomination. The nomination passed by majority vote with ten (10) votes (out of 16 votes in total) in favor of Ray Schrefel.

Michael Loomer: "I would like to make a nomination for Natasha Pirouzian to fill the vacated Property Representative Seat."

Andrea seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously without opposition.

Michael Cappello: "Through the Chair, I would like to make a motion to table discussion of the Alternate Property Representative replacement until the next Board meeting on June 9, 2021."

Andrea seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously without opposition.

Anthony: "So moved (approval from the Executive Board allowing Ayse Arf as a Set Decorator Steering Committee Representative)."

Tobey seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition

or abstentions.

Michael Cappello: "Motion to accept the Set Decorator Steering Committee report as presented."

Timothy seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Timothy: "Move to accept the Women's Committee Report as presented."

Michael Loomer seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

JD Streett: "Motion to accept the Business Agent report as presented."

Andrea seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Anthony: "I motion that we accommodate our previously agreed commitment and send \$950 to the Actor's Fund."

Tom seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Tony: "Motion to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's report as presented."

Tom seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Michael Loomer: "I would like to motion for Catastrophic Relief Funds (\$2,500) to for member (name redacted) who was working on set and was injured."

Timothy seconded the motion. The mo-

tion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Natasha: "I would like to make a motion and request Catastrophic Relief funds in the amount of \$2,500 for (name redacted) who has a serious illness and currently in the hospital."

Michael Loomer seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Timothy: "I would like to make a motion to request Catastrophic Relief Funds for the family of (name redacted) who died in his sleep at the age of 43."

JD Streett seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

Charli Jayson: "I would like to motion for Catastrophic Relief Funds in the amount of \$2,500 for (name redacted). Last December (name redacted) was stricken with a life-threatening condition, which required urgent surgery (which was successful). (Member) is in need of extensive physical therapy to regain mobility and return to normal life."

Timothy seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed without opposition or abstentions.

JD Streett: "Motion to adjourn."

Timothy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without opposition or abstentions.

## TRIAL BOARD DECISION ON MERRICK IMPEACHMENT

Below is a synopsis of the full report that was emailed to all subscribed members on May 10, 2021. It is also available in its entirety at [local44.org/News/decision-and-report-of-the-trial-board](http://local44.org/News/decision-and-report-of-the-trial-board).

On Saturday, May 8, 2021, Steven "Dutch" Merrick was tried before the Trial Board of Local No. 44. It is the decision of the Trial Board, upon all testimony presented at the trial that Steven "Dutch" Merrick is guilty as charged as found by the Trial Board, the Accused did the following:

- On Count 1, under the Local 44 Constitution and By-Laws, Article XII, "Impeachment of Officers", Section 1, Grounds, (I) Misconduct in Office, the Trial Board voted unanimously that Brother Merrick is Guilty.
- On Count 2, under the Local 44 Constitution and By-Laws,

Article XII, "Impeachment of Officers", Section 1, Grounds, (III), Violation of the Officer's Duties, the Trial Board unanimously finds Brother Merrick is Guilty.

- On Count 3 under the Local 44 Constitution and By-Laws, Article XII, "Impeachment of Officers", Section 1, Grounds (IV) Any Acts or Practice Contrary Local 44's or its Members' Best Interest, the Trial Board found Brother Merrick Guilty by a vote of 14 to convict and 2 not proven.
- Brother Merrick has appealed the decision to the International President's Office.



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**Thomas Frank DelGenio**

*Special Effects*  
*Born: 4/2/1929*  
*Joined: 5/5/1964*  
*Died: 6/10/2021*

**Wilbur Louis Finks**

*Property*  
*Born: 8/9/1938*  
*Joined: 4/11/1974*  
*Died: 5/12/2021*

**Wayne E. Fisher**

*Property Master*  
*Born: 10/18/1938*  
*Joined: 1/8/1974*  
*Died: 6/23/2021*

**Mary Ianniccheri**

*Property*  
*Born: 7/22/1956*  
*Joined: 10/17/2014*  
*Died: 5/20/2021*

**Robert Glen Newhouse**

*Greens*  
*Born: 6/12/1964*  
*Joined: 10/7/1985*  
*Died: 5/7/2021*

**Christina Quigley**

*Sewing Person*  
*Born: 12/24/1945*  
*Joined: 10/1/2002*  
*Died: 5/18/2021*

**Bill Thompson**

*Propmaker*  
*Born: 12/9/1967*  
*Joined: 8/25/1997*  
*Died: 6/12/2021*

### #IAReasonableRest



### #IALivingWage

