

# The Daily Synopsis

Friday • July 21, 2017



## SYNOPSIS OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

**International Alliance of Theatrical Stage  
Employees Moving Picture Technicians,  
Artists and Allied Crafts of the United  
States, Its Territories and Canada**

**Diplomat Resort & Spa  
Convention Center  
Hollywood, Florida**

**FIFTH DAY  
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017**

*The Convention was called to order at 10:00 a.m.,  
President Loeb presiding.*

Invocation: Sister Rose Etta Venetucci, Local 28.

### RETIRED OFFICER AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

President Loeb presented Retired Officer Awards to the following retired officers:

Retired International Vice President Jack Beckman  
Retired International Vice President Walter Cahill  
Retired International Vice President Tony DePaulo  
Retired International Vice President Brian Lawlor  
Retired International Representative Barny Haines  
Retired International Representative Joel Youngerman  
Retired Special Representative Ron Kutak  
Retired Assistant to the President Debbie Reid  
Retired West Coast Counsel James Varga

### INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

President Loeb presented the International President's Awards to the following:

Stephen Altman, Local 110, Chicago, IL  
Wayne Goodchild, Local 873, Toronto, ON, Canada  
Irving "Chuck" Clay, Local 22, Washington, D.C.  
Cecilia Friederichs, Local USA829, United States  
Siobhan Vipond, Local 210, Edmonton, AB, Canada  
Anne Vantine, Local 868, Washington, D.C. (*Award accepted by Barbara Churchill, Local 868*)

### OUTSTANDING WOMAN LEADER AWARD

President Loeb presented the Outstanding Woman Leader Award to the following:

Catherine Repola, Local 700, Chairperson of the IATSE Women's Committee

### OUTSTANDING YOUNG LEADER AWARD

President Loeb presented the Outstanding Young Leader Award to the following:

Marielle "Apple" Thorne, Local 720, Las Vegas, NV

### OBLIGATION OF OFFICERS

Retired Vice President Walter Cahill administered the Obligation of Office to the elected officers.

### REMARKS OF APPRECIATION

**President Loeb** expressed appreciation to those involved with hosting the 68<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention, including:

UNITE HERE Local 355

Plumbers Locals 719 and 725

IA staff

Production AV and sound crews

Convention Photographers

President Loeb went on to state:



“And the special work that was done by Tommy Hill and Dan Mahoney, Dave Garretson, Krista Hurdon. And especially for all the work she did, MaryAnn Kelly, to make this a great convention.”

“My trusted assistant, Alex Tomais, without whom I’d be likely wandering around the hotel lost, told me where to be and when to be there.

I couldn’t have done it without you. Great job.”

“To General Secretary-Treasurer Wood, for his work every day and his dedication to this Alliance. The work that he did at this convention, it simply wouldn’t have been what it was without the work of General Secretary-Treasurer Wood. So thank you, Jamie.”

“And to all the Officers and Representatives of the International. It takes a village and it is a village. These folks are absolutely committed. They do a fantastic job, with dignity and with honor, that’s worthy of this great organization; and I thank all the Officers and Representatives for their hard work.”

“Folks, to the delegates who support this administration and who have acted on behalf of the members of this convention, thank you for your work and your commitment and your dedication and your support. Nothing happens with a vision just by saying it out loud; people have to act on it. And that’s exactly what’s happened here, and that’s what I hope for, when we leave this convention, that we take home this feeling of solidarity and strength that we’ve created at this convention. So I also thank all of you for your commitment.

## CLOSING REMARKS

### President Loeb

In closing, President Loeb made the following salient points:

“Being chosen to be the International President of this Alliance is the honor of a lifetime, and I take extremely seriously the obligation to represent members and bring prosperity and security to their families. I want you all to know that your commitment to the members in support of our shared vision is crucial in our success. We are the sum of our parts.”

“You have my absolute commitment, with everything that I am, to do the very best I can do so that our mission and our goals are successful. And our mission and our goals are all about the members. And whenever you ask yourself the question, “Am I doing the right thing?” think about the

members. And that’s usually pretty good guidance, folks.”

## General Secretary-Treasurer Wood

In closing, General Secretary-Treasurer Wood made the following comments:

“I was thinking earlier this week, that I realized, I attended my first convention almost 30 years ago, in 1988, in Reno, Nevada. And I’ve attended every one since, and this makes my tenth convention. But I will tell you this: To echo what President Loeb said, I have never seen a convention and a group of delegates so unified and singular of purpose than this convention. And we will all be better for it, and the hard work you did is well worth it. We are going to continue to make this union better and stronger over the next four years with your help.”

“And like all good things, it all starts at the top. President Loeb has assembled, in my opinion, a fantastic group of Officers and Representatives to work on your behalf. It’s an honor to be part of that team with them. And, Matt, it’s a pleasure to work with you closely every day.”

**Additional remarks** of gratitude were made to the delegates by the International Vice Presidents, International Trustees, and CLC Delegate.

## RAFFLE OF CONVENTION GAVEL

The Convention Gavel and box, made by Local 500 members Thomas McLellan and Edward Gurney, Sr., were won by Local 900.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two found items to report. Left in the men’s restroom behind the stage is a Live United baseball cap. And found yesterday on the second floor in the convention center here is a silver chain.

We would like to thank the Sergeant-at-Arms and pages from the host locals who served this week: Victoria Olson, Local 500. Thomas McLellan, Local 500, 477. Gary Darling, Local 500, 477. Fred Schwendel, Local 500, 477. Helda Pinz, Local 500. David Kent, Local 500, 477. Edward Gurney, Local 500. Jo Anne Czirr, Local 500. Floyd Black, Local 477, 38, 500. Greg Casper, Local 798. Dan Williams, Local 477. Tony Alley, Local 477.

Immediately at the close of the convention we will distribute the transportation and per diem checks in the Regency Ballroom one level down. If you want to get it personally, you can. We should be able to distribute them within an hour.



### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Delegate Jane Leslie, Local 33, and seconded by Delegate dooner, Local 800.

*(At 11:17 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2017, the 68th Quadrennial Convention of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada, AFL-CIO/CLC, was adjourned sine die.)*