Dear sisters and brothers,

The officers of Local 80 understand the impact that the Coronavirus has had on the membership of our Union. All of us have felt the impact that it has brought upon us.

We are all aware of the massive layoffs that the industry has incurred due to the cessation of production. This massive shut down is not just a local event. It has taken place all across the United States and Canada.

In a first step effort to assist our members in this troubling time, the Executive Board has taken the following actions to help minimize the impact.

The officers will continue to be monitoring and evaluating conditions and will make every effort to bring every resource available to assist our members.

Effective immediately:

1) All members who owe full and minimum dues for the second quarter of 2020 shall have their dues obligation reduced by fifty percent (50%).
   a. Those members who have paid their 2020 second quarter financial obligations prior to the date of the passage of this motion shall receive a credit equal to said fifty percent (50%) towards any future financial obligations.

   (This motion is intended to exclude any person who pays “Hardship” dues, retirees, and those persons who are in “Dropped” status or employees of Local Eighty).

2) Any member who pays dues via phone, or through the Local Eighty website shall not incur the normal and customary processing fee charged for financial obligation payments for the second quarter of 2020.

3) The monthly payments for any Applicant shall be suspended for a period of two (2) months. The Secretary-Treasurer is directed by the Executive Board to extend each applicants payment schedule by two (2) months.

4) Employment of the current Call Stewards shall be suspended immediately.

   The currently employed Call Stewards shall receive the payment of wages equal to their weekly average through April 3, 2020, plus any vacation, holiday and sick pay that has been occurred.
The first action is pretty much self-explanatory. If you have already paid your dues for the second quarter, or have paid them for the year, you will be receiving a credit for the next quarter that you would owe dues. If you have sent a check, you will be contacted by someone in the accounting department. We want to give you the opportunity to have the check destroyed or returned so you can pay the reduced amount.

For those that pay by credit card by phone or through the web site, we have suspended the normal processing fee. This is done with the intent of reducing the cost to the members and to encourage those who normally come in to pay their dues from doing so. We are making best efforts to comply with the self-distancing guidelines from the Federal, State and local health experts.

The Officers have also provided for a two-month suspension of the monthly payments schedule for those who are in the process of paying off their initiation fees. It is recognized that these requiring these payments would create a tremendous hardship and the Executive Board has committed to review this policy on a monthly basis in case additional extensions are needed.

We are also making change to the Call Board during this time of crisis. Because Local Eighty has used retirees to work the Call Board, we are following the guidelines as established by Federal, State and local health experts which is recommending that those over the age of 65 stay at home.

The Call Board will remain open.

Hours for the Call Board are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

In addition to the actions taken by Local 80, The International Union and the Pension and Health Plans are in process of evaluating plans to assist our members through these tremulous and uncertain times.

We will be sending you more information as things develop. Keep an eye out for more texts and or emails.

In Solidarity
Thom Davis
Business Manger
IATSE Local Eighty