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## \*Contracts Required\*

Article XV Section 18: All contracts must be in writing, and must be executed on the Official Contract blank and on all engagements, the leader or contractor shall file with the Secretary-Treasurer within 24 hours following the beginning of the engagement a copy of his contract, setting forth in detail all conditions pertaining to the said engagement such as date, time, duration, number of performances, price, etc.



## Local 427-721 General Meeting

Sunday January 18, 2009 • 10:30 AM • Central Music  
• 5175 Ulmerton Rd Clearwater, FL •

Satellite locations:

In Sarasota, contact Greg Knudsen 786 261-3381  
In Fort Myers, contact Bill Larsen 239 826-0817.

## VOTE ON DUES PROPOSAL

## Notes from the Secretary/Treasurer

We would like to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year with the sincere hope that 2009 is a better year for each of you than 2008!

In our industry, change has always made a significant impact on our professional careers. In recent times, changes in methods of recording and distribution of music have had a huge impact on sales and our union members incomes. Movie sound tracks have been outsourced to save producers money and pirating in all forms of the delivery of music has been a problem internationally. The economic downturn has forced cutbacks that have resulted in a smaller number of musicians being hired to play in virtually all venues, and ticket sales appear to have been negatively affected, too. Unfortunately, some changes happen and we have little influence over them. Some things we can influence, so we must look for ways that are available to us to improve opportunities for work and to increase income.

A Web presence offers possible dividends no matter what style of music is your specialty. One of the ways the AFM has been able to help each of us to help ourselves is through making Go Pro services available to all of our members. Please check them out and see how you can utilize them.

[www.GoProMusic.com](http://www.GoProMusic.com). List yourself or your group on the AFM live music referral site. [www.GoProLessons.com](http://www.GoProLessons.com). List your services on the AFM music instructor referral service. This online resource enables consumers to easily locate and engage AFM member music instructors. [www.GoProHosting.com](http://www.GoProHosting.com). Professional web hosting services to help you develop the perfect web site.

[www.GoProAuction.com](http://www.GoProAuction.com). Buy or sell instruments and equipment.

The local is also an excellent source for referrals, so please make sure that we have the latest information on you and your group in the office. Include sample CD's and mp3's, photos, and biographical information so we can offer it to prospective employers when asked.

In the minutes that appear later in this newsletter, please note that the board had a lengthy discussion about the budget and I made a motion to increase our annual dues by \$9 to \$130. Please plan on attending one of our meeting locations on January 18<sup>th</sup>, take part in the discussion and vote on the proposed dues change.

**2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES  
"PROPOSAL"**

**REGULAR.....~~\$121.00~~ \$130.00 annually**  
*if paid in January*  
**~~\$126.00~~ \$135.00 if paid in February**  
**~~\$131.00~~ \$140.00 if paid in March**

**~~\$60.50~~ \$65.00...bi-annually**  
*if paid in January*  
**~~\$65.50~~ \$70.00 if paid in February**  
**~~\$70.50~~ \$75.00 if paid in March**

**LIFE Membership Dues~~\$47.00~~ \$48.00**  
**A.F. of M. Per Capita 30.00**

**LIFE...~~\$77.00~~ \$78.00**  
*Annually If paid in January*  
**~~\$82.00~~ \$83.00 if paid in February**  
**~~\$87.00~~ \$88.00 if paid in March**

**~~38.50~~...\$39.00 bi-annual**  
*If paid in January*  
**~~43.50~~ 44.50 if paid in February**  
**~~48.50~~ 49.50 if paid in March**

**INACTIVE LIFE...~~\$71.00~~ \$72.00 annually**  
*If paid in January*  
**~~\$76.00~~ \$77.00 if paid in February**  
**~~\$81.00~~ \$82.00 if paid in March**

**~~35.50~~...\$36.00 bi-annual**  
*If paid in January*  
**~~40.50~~ 41.00 if paid in February**  
**~~45.50~~ 46.00 if paid in March**

**YOUTH.....~~\$121.00~~ \$130.00 annually**  
**~~\$60.50~~ \$65.00...bi-annually**

**Annual Membership Dues Breakdown:**

**Regular & Youth : ~~65.00~~ - 74.00**  
**A.F. of M. Per Capita : 56.00**

**Life:~~\$47.00~~ - \$48.00**  
**A.F. of M. Per Capita: \$30.00**

**Inactive Life :~~\$45.00~~ - \$46.00**  
**A.F. of M. Per Capita : \$26.00**

**Important Contact Numbers:**

*Headquarters NY..... (212) 869-1330*  
*West Coast Office..... (323) 461-3441*  
*Canadian Office.....(416) 391-5161*  
*On the web.....afm.org*

**AFM-EP**

*(Pension Fund)..... (800) 833-8065*  
*Theatrical & TV Motion Picture*  
*Special Payments Fund/Phono Record*  
*Manufacturers Special Payments*  
*Funds..... (212) 310-9400*

**Musical Equipment Insurance,  
Musicians' Liability Plan**

*Wohlers/Seabury & Smith .....*  
*.....(800) 503-9230*

**Union Plus Program**

*Customer Service.. ....(800) 622-2580*  
*On the web.....unionplus.org*

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**SUPPORT LAF**  
**Help Musicians Achieve Our Legislative Goals**

**What is the Legislative Action Fund?**

LAF is a club supported by voluntary contributions from members of the American Federation of Musicians and its friends who understand the need for political action to achieve their legislative goals.

**Why do we need LAF?**

We need the voluntary contributions to LAF because, by law, unions cannot use their general funds to assist political candidates; yet such political activity is absolutely necessary for the election of men and women who represent the interests of our members.

**Does LAF support a particular political party?** No. LAF supports deserving candidates running for President of the United States, the United States Senate or the United States House of Representatives, regardless of a candidate's party affiliation.

**Does LAF tell me how to vote?** No. You vote the way you want. LAF simply helps the candidates who have done, or pledge to do, the most for you and other members.

*Contributions to LAF are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal tax purposes.*

**Why Should I Join LAF?**

Joining LAF makes your individual contribution count for more, because it is combined with contributions from thousands of other AFM members.

Please Make checks payable to LAF and send to:  
**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS**  
**FLORIDA GULF COAST LOCAL 427-721**  
**P.O. BOX 12333**  
**ST PETERSBURG, FL 33733**