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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 NOMINATION Meeting

Sunday September 27, 2009 • 10:30 AM • Central Music
• 5175 Ulmerton Rd Clearwater, Fl •

Satellite locations:

In Sarasota, contact Adam DeSorgo 941 928-8530

In Fort Myers, contact Bill Larsen 239 826-0817

Notes from the Secretary/Treasurer

This has been a busy year for Local 427-721 members and office staff. This summer, musician representatives have attended the ICSOM and ROPA conferences and I have attended the Southern conference of Locals in Houston. The Freelance/Casual Committee has been meeting and has made several recommendations to the Executive Board.

The September 27, 2009 meeting is a Nominations Meeting. The main order of business at this meeting will be to nominate members to run for; the six Executive Board positions, President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the Alternate Delegate to the summer 2010 AFM Convention. Term for these positions runs from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Please consider serving the Local by accepting a nomination for one of these positions. Local 427-721 Bylaws state that nominations are made only at this meeting and the nominee must either be present to accept the nomination or provide a notarized letter of acceptance. Balloting takes place by US Postal Mail and will occur between October 18 and November 15, 2009.

There are also amendments to Local 427-721 Bylaws to be considered at the September meeting. Acting on a recommendation from the Freelance/Casual Committee, the Executive Board has voted to recommend to the membership that we amend the Local 427-721 bylaws to allow for electronic delivery of newsletters and directories, and to allow for posting of additional information on a members only section of the website to satisfy Bylaws requirements of the AFM. Please see the end of the Minutes from the 8-14-09 EB meeting for the detailed proposal.

Don't forget to update the local when you change your address or instrument(s). Also, if you received this newsletter through your email address that we have on file, thank you. If you only get a regular mail copy, please call or email the local office and let us know your current email address.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

REGULAR.....\$130.00 annually
if paid in January
\$135.00 if paid in February
\$140.00 if paid in March

\$65.00...bi-annually
if paid in January & July
\$70.00 if paid in February
\$75.00 if paid in March

LIFE\$78.00 annually
if paid in January & July
\$83.00 if paid in February
\$88.00 if paid in March

\$39.00 bi-annually
if paid in January & July
44.50 if paid in February
49.50 if paid in March

INACTIVE LIFE.....\$72.00 annually
if paid in January & July
\$77.00 if paid in February
\$82.00 if paid in March

\$36.00bi-annually
if paid in January & July
41.00 if paid in February
46.00 if paid in March

YOUTH.....same asREGULAR

Per Capita paid to A.F. of M. Annually

REGULAR, YOUTH.....\$56.00
LIFE\$40.00
INACTIVE LIFE.....\$34.00

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West Coast Office..... (323) 461-3441
Canadian Office.....(416) 391-5161
On the web.....afm.org

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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

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Apply in Spanish..... (800) 651-5108
Customer Service.. ..(800) 622-2580
On the web.....unionplus.org

FREELANCE/CASUAL COMMITTEE

After the two recent meetings, the Freelance/Casual Committee made recommendations to the EB for changes to the bylaws that should help improve the flow of information and enhance opportunities for work through Local 427-721. This committee has been working on a local Members Catalogue, looking for ways to improve the website, referral service, and communications with members. The Members Catalogue for Local 427-721 provides information about valuable services available to our members. The catalogue is available through email immediately or we will publish individual copies at the request of any member. Just request a paper copy by contacting the local. A survey is online at; <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2kcx0fbfyuhb9o8/start>. Please take a few minutes to go on line and fill out one of these surveys so our Freelance/Casual Committee can identify more specific areas that we can work to improve upon.

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. Two dollars from each member is the goal for 2009.

Please Make checks payable to LAF and send to:
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