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RE: Board Vote for Quarterly Dues Waiver

Dear Member:

As you are probably painfully aware, during the 100-day WGA strike, hundreds of our Local 600 brothers and sisters suffered financial hardship when television productions across the country began to fall, one after another, like dominos. It was a time of uncertainty for all of us, given the economic downturn in the national economy.

Last month, Local 600 responded to the concerns of our brothers and sisters by working closely with the IATSE in putting together strike survival seminars in conjunction with The Actors Fund, The Motion Picture & Television Fund and other community organizations to provide financial counseling and assistance. These resources were helpful and well-received and I thank all of these organizations for their excellent support. However, the National Executive Board and I wanted to do more.

I am very happy to report that last weekend, your Board took a historic vote to waive quarterly dues during the first quarter of 2008 to those brothers and sisters who were in good standing at the time of the strike and who have experienced financial hardship as the result of the strike.

With the exception of one dissenting vote, your Board overwhelmingly stood united and strong behind our membership. Since that time, our hardworking staff has worked very hard to create a means by which we can implement the dues waiver credit as quickly as possible.

If you have been directly and financially impacted by the strike, please fill out the attached "Dues Credit Application" and send it to your Region Office as soon as possible, with a postmark no later than March 31, 2008.

Local 600 and your elected leadership will continue to do everything in our power to move beyond this difficult time.

Fraternally,

Steven Poster ASC
National President



International Cinematographers Guild Local 600 I.A.T.S.E.

Dues Waiver Application Form – Please Complete and Return to Your Regional Office

Personal Information							
Full Name:							
		<i>Last</i>		<i>First</i>		<i>M.I.</i>	
Address:							
		<i>Street Address</i>		<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>			
		<i>City</i>		<i>State</i>		<i>ZIP Code</i>	
Home Phone:	()	Alternate Phone:	()				
E-mail Address:							
Information on production(s) on which you were employed or called to work on just prior to the WGA strike which began November 5, 2007. Please attach a call sheet, check stub and/or crew list.							
Title:				Production Company:			
Classification:							
If applicable, state which camera or unit you worked on (i.e. A Camera, B Camera, 1st Unit, 2nd Unit, Still Photographer, Publicist, etc.)							
Camera:		Unit:		Still Photographer		Publicist	
In the case of a project that was shut down due to the WGA strike, identify the dates you worked on the project.							
Start Date:		End Date:		Average number of days per week on this production?		Will this project start again, and if so when?	
If the project was cancelled because of the WGA strike prior to your work starting, what days did you expect to work on the project?							
Start Date:		End Date:		Average number of days per week on this production?		Will this project start again, and if so when?	
Provide documents supporting that expected period of employment if possible.							
Evidence of unemployment or employment outside of the motion picture and television industry: Please provide check stubs, proof that you were receiving unemployment benefits during the time of the WGA strike or evidence of current financial hardship.							
Alternative Employment:				Unemployment Insurance		Financial Hardship	
Please identify any other assistance you have received or applied for related to your unemployment (e.g. Actors Fund etc.)							
Actors' Fund				Motion Picture Television Fund			
Utility Assistance				Musicians Interguild Credit Union			
If you have received assistance please indicate source, date and amount received							

Information provided will remain confidential and only used to determine eligibility