



Shawn LaPorte

Brothers , Sisters and Kin of IATSE 873

My name is Shawn LaPorte and I'm asking for the opportunity to be elected again and represent 873 as a Convention Delegate

For those who don't know me , I have been a member in construction for 16 years. During these years, I have worked on the floor as an every day carpenter, lifting sheets of MDF like every one else. I have held the position of safety rep. and shop steward . I have also held the position of On-Set and location Head carpenter , Assistant Head and Head Carpenter. When leading people I make sure I don't forget how hard the tasks can be, that I'm asking people to do sometimes and will not hesitate to pitch in and lend a hand if needed.

We are only as good as our team, regardless of ones position, including my own.

Before 2006, I was a member of Nabet 700 (2003-2006), then Nabet 71 CBC (1987-2003) then 1985-1986 bounced around from ACFC, IATSE 58, IATSE 873, NABET 700 and trade shows. At that time a full time career in film was not the norm, it was the best 3 month job you ever had.

In short I'm one of the few people I know that actually chose this career path, good with the bad.

I'm always amazed how film in Toronto has grown from the days of a three wall TV set, which walls shook when the door closed, to the slick multi million dollar scenery our local has produced, we all should be proud, we've made it into a career.
I digress, back to the task at hand.

As a delegate, I pledge to represent the members of 873 with professionalism and respect for all members of the locals at the convention and take it seriously to the best of my ability.

So in closing thanks for your time and hope to get your vote as delegate for this up-and coming term.

With respect and solidarity. Shawn. LaPorte