



Hello Brothers, Sisters and Kin of Local 873,

My name is Michael Huschka and I am asking for the honour of representing you and Local 873 as a Delegate.

I am a 23 year member of the Props, Sets, Greens Department. During my time at IATSE 873, I have worked as a Set Dresser, On-Set Dresser, Assistant Prop Master, Props Buyer, On-Set Key Props, and Prop Master on television, feature film and SVOD productions. This has allowed me to experience the life of an IATSE technician from the perspective of both the prep crew and the shooting crew on productions of various sizes and budgets.

I regularly attend membership meetings and am an active participant in the decision-making process afforded to our membership.

I have also been privileged to serve as Co-Chair of the Props/SetDec/Greens Committee this past term and am proud of the job that our committee has done screening applicants for membership to ensure that we are presenting the best qualified candidates for membership. To that end, we also introduced some additional requirements for membership which will enhance the knowledge and skills of permits and new members who wish to join our unique category of three similar and yet diverse departments.

I promise to be an active participant at ALL Conventions and Functions.

I will proudly represent my Brothers, Sisters and Kin with the betterment of our local and its members as my sole focus.

I have been fortunate to serve as a Delegate representing Local 873 in the past and have learned much about the workings of the IATSE, not only in our jurisdiction but in other jurisdictions across Canada and the United States. I wish to, once again, serve as a Delegate to continue my education of trade unionism and how it relates to the entertainment industry so that I can better serve and represent our local.

The National Convention is an important event as it gives locals from across Canada the opportunity to sit down and discuss the state of the industry and how it pertains to all of the various jurisdictions whether they be stage or motion picture. There is much to be learned from listening to and discussing the issues that other locals are facing that are similar to our own. I have used that knowledge and what I have learned at the Education Sessions when dealing with issues when they arise on my productions.

I have had the distinct privilege (and sometimes challenging task) of taking on the position of Shop Steward on many shows over the last fifteen years. During this time, I have witnessed how our contracts have changed. I have dealt with Production Managers and Producers over various issues on behalf of the crew members and have always endeavoured to establish the best working conditions possible for those crews that I have represented. The skills and knowledge I gain at the Conventions are a great asset when dealing with the various situations that I encounter as a Shop Steward on our productions.

Please remember that IATSE 873 is your local and it is up to you, the member, to elect those people who you feel would be best suited to represent your interests.

When it comes time for you to cast your ballot, I hope that you will consider me because it would be an extreme honour to represent you as a Delegate for the next term.

Thank you.

