

## Membership Information –IATSE Local 470

Anyone wishing to become a member of IATSE Local 470 should send the Local a Letter of Intent at the address below. The IATSE 470 process for accepting new members stipulates that Letters of Intent will only be accepted in the month of April or November. The blank form for a Letter of Intent can be found at [www.ia470.com/application.pdf](http://www.ia470.com/application.pdf).

Prospective members of IATSE Local 470 must have lived in the Local's jurisdiction for 18 months and have worked at least 100 hours as a worker on the Local470 Hiring Hall referral list.

Letters of Intent are read to the membership at the regular May or December meeting. At the regular June or January meeting the letters get a second reading and applicants approved by the membership are invited to the August or February meeting for an interview. **Applicant must pass a written exam based on the first four sections of the [Study Guide \(Basic Union Knowledge, General, Hiring Hall, Safety\)](#) before interview proceeds.** After the interview the membership votes on whether to accept each applicant as an apprentice member of IATSE Local 470. Applicants that are accepted are invited to the following meeting to pay their initiation fees, complete the Membership Form for the International office in New York and be sworn in as an apprentice member of IATSE Local 470.

Initiation fees include a \$100 application processing fee, which is forwarded to the International office in New York, and a \$350 initiation fee. This total of \$450 must be paid before a new member can be sworn in.

Membership dues for 2024 are \$100 per quarter, \$400 per year. Membership dues often go up a few dollars each year. Dues are payable quarterly, the first day of each quarter. Members are allowed the 1st full month of the quarter as a grace period to pay those dues without penalty. Beginning with the second month of the quarter, and for each additional month thereafter, a fine of \$5.00 per month is added to the unpaid quarterly dues. Members who are 6 or more months behind in dues may be subject to suspension, additional fines or expulsion.

To become a Journeyman member of Local 470 Apprentices need to pass the Written Test and then the Practical Test. Apprentices have 1 year from the date the International office approves their application to pass the written test and 1 more year after that to pass the practical test. The written test is given at the regular monthly meetings in January, April, July and October. The practical test is given twice a year at the March and September meetings.

Useful information about IATSE Local 470 and new stagehands may be found at [www.ia470.com](http://www.ia470.com) under the First-timers tab. More detailed information about the new member process may be found by clicking the [Stagehand Application Info](#) link under the First-timer tab.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact the Secretary at the address below.

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