



# NEWS AND VIEWS

## IATSE Local 665

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### BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT

**ALOHA** to our Sisters and Brothers,

I hope this finds all of you healthy and weathering this global crisis the best way you can.

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Governor Ige declared a **State of Emergency for Hawai'i**, effectively closing our borders to travelers to slow down the spread of the Coronavirus. Anyone flying to or between the islands has to have a place to self-quarantine for 14 days. Visitors with no lodging are sent back to the mainland. Those who break their quarantine are sent to jail. If you're at the beach or outside, you need to be actively exercising or risk being cited. Effective April 21st, you must wear a mask in public places. Sheltering in place, telecommuting, wearing masks, keeping your hands clean and staying home are helping to keep our numbers low. A **BIG MAHALO** to **ALL** of our **ESSENTIAL WORKERS!**

**665 volunteers** have stepped up, too! **Cathie Valdovino** contacted Queen's Hospital to see if they needed masks sewn for them. **MAHALO** to **Cathie, Karen Archibald, Mary Ann Changg, Cory Ching, Marie Noelle, Michael Tereschuk, and Kathe James**. By the end of April, we will have donated 400 masks. Mahalo also to those who helped distribute food these past four Saturdays for the **Hawai'i AFL-CIO: Rick Ruhe, Chad Hirokane, Cory Ching, Jonathon Iese, Stacy Newhouse, Chane Makita, Jacob Barcenilla, Kunani Nihipali, and Renee Rivette**. Some were on the news!

#### Here's a checklist of things to consider:

**File for Unemployment Insurance (UI).** Over 240,000 residents have filed for unemployment, so it's been hard getting through online and via phone. Hundreds of unemployed State workers have volunteered to help with the backlog of claims. They are training at the Hawai'i Convention Center and will start this Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, catching up on the backlog. If you have filed for Unemployment, you will receive an **additional \$600 relief pay per week** until July.

**File your 2018 and/or 2019 taxes.** Based on your 2018 or 2019 income, single filers who earned less than \$75k will receive a one-time payment of \$1,200, married couples filing jointly who earned less than \$150k will receive \$2,400, plus an additional \$500 per each child under 17, automatically.

**File for the Actors Fund Financial Assistance.** This is for all union entertainment workers, not just actors, so apply. The IA International donates every year to this fund, and IATSE members have been granted up to \$1,000 in financial aid. <https://actorsfund.org/>

**Call your landlord or mortgage company** and see if they will defer your rent or mortgage for a few months. The Sheriff's Department has suspended all eviction and foreclosure activities for now.

See if your bank is offering **low-interest personal loans** to tide you over until work starts up again.

**Register on our website, IATSE665.org,** and access the Member Section for posted updates.

Although there is much uncertainty due to this global crisis, take this time to spend quality time with your children and families. Remember that they are why we sacrifice and work so hard in the first place. Stay home and Be safe.

Much Aloha,

*Irish*

Aloha, Members of Local 665,

Quite a bit has changed since our March General Membership meeting. The streets are all but empty. Our favorite restaurants and watering holes have been closed. Physically congregating for any purpose is dangerous at best. The worst part is this microscopic culprit uses our love for one another as camouflage. It's tragic that there are Trojan Horses waiting in our every physical interaction with the world. A hug can be as hazardous as a hand grenade. However, nothing is absolute. Even in concrete and asphalt, wildflowers still find a way to take root. And we, in this industry, are nothing if not resilient. Luckily, we're stagehands, daggummit. We are no strangers to intense and high-stakes environments. But we are people of action. Sitting still can be difficult for those of us who thrive in the movement of our workflow. While we may be sitting at home, we haven't been sitting on our laurels.

Robin and the staff have been stalwart in their constant support of the membership, day in and day out. Irish and I have been in contact with different public and private entities in regards to the role Local 665 can play in response to this crisis. In the event that the City/State needs to retrofit entertainment venues into field hospitals, our goal is to establish willing and available 665 technicians as essential workers. Technicians who sign up for this must *not* be the sole head of household. We must insulate our members and their families from as much potential harm as possible, so this work is contingent upon the availability of an adequate supply of proper PPE.

To that end, the International has a new initiative to organize mutual aid for the most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers, centered around a new website: [iatsecares.org](http://iatsecares.org). The initiative establishes a "Buddy System", where members in need may request for a volunteer to call them at the frequency of their choice. As we are the only Local in the state, whether you sign up to volunteer or to request assistance, it's almost certain that the person you see will be a 665 member.

This month's April GM meeting will only be held virtually. Please do not come down to the hall physically. If you're interested in participating in the meeting, all appropriate information (meeting link, password, agenda, unapproved minutes, etc) will be posted in the forum section (only visible to Verified Members) of our official site - [iatse665.org](http://iatse665.org). *You must register an account with [iatse665.org](http://iatse665.org) to access the forum area.* We've recently increased security settings for our website and our virtual platform and are actively researching alternatives to Zoom. We hope to find an agreeable solution to the now necessary physical distance we must maintain between one another.

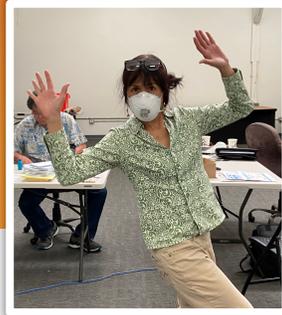
Communication is now much more deliberate than before. When we call each other, when we drop off supplies for our kupuna, and when we video chat our loved ones - all of these actions are so much more intentional than they used to be. There's a simple beauty in contacting one another, nowadays. And until we can physically gather again, it's comforting to know that we're all in this together.

In Solidarity,  
Tuihana Scanlan, President, IATSE Local 665



# THE FACES BEHIND THE MASK

IATSE LOCAL 665



## MAHALO...

Versatile, Optimistic, Lovable, Understanding, Nice, Talented, Energetic, Enthusiastic, Resilient – that is the kind of amazing VOLUNTEER that you are.

*“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.” - William Shakespeare*



DONATIONS TO THE QUEENS MEDICAL CENTER

**1859: Queens’s Hospital established to protect “Hawaiian race”**

*King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma are concerned about the decline of the Native Hawaiian population from 300,000 at the time of Kamehameha I, to 70,000 in 1855. When the queen’s personal physician states publicly, “the only means of prolonging the existence of the Hawaiian race is by bringing them...medical aid,” the monarchs respond by opening Queen’s Hospital to provide free service to low-income Hawaiians.*

*Courtesy Hawaii State Archives*



QUEEN EMMA, CA. 1850 TO 1871



CHARTERED JUNE 07, 1937

## I.A.T.S.E. MIXED LOCAL 665 CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

### Pledge

I, the undersigned, as a condition of my membership in Local 665 and the International Alliance Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada, do solemnly pledge myself to accept and abide by the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws, as now in force and as hereafter legally amended, and hereby express my consent to be governed thereby in the conduct of my trade and in my relationship with the Local and the Alliance.

### ARTICLE 16

Transfer, Suspension, Expulsion and Reinstatement

#### Section 2. Suspension

*Any member in arrears for dues, fines, assessments, or other financial obligations for a period exceeding ninety (90) days shall be deemed automatically suspended and notified of their suspension by regular mail.*

*A suspended member loses all rights of a member in good standing and shall not be allowed to attend local meetings or vote in any of the affairs of the Local but shall continue to be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the International and of this Local.*

*Any member who has been suspended from membership shall be required to pay a reinstatement fee one (1) quarter dues together with all financial obligations that may have accrued against him during the period of his suspension.*

- Adams, Cate
- Dahlin, William Jr.
- Gage, Alexander
- Jyo, Gene
- Nakanelua, Keala
- Reis, Ralph
- Savage, Ian
- Sterling, Floyd
- Yee, Skye
- Barr, Timothy
- Fernie, James
- Garcia, Sean
- Kumura, Shane
- Naone, Samuel Jr.
- Ribuca, Marc
- Seabury, Kekai
- Viela, Jordi
- Cabrinha, Alvin Jr.
- Flores, Serena
- Haley, Thomas
- Lani, Donald
- Punivai, Pesalili
- Ruiz, Ricky
- Seabury, Kealoha
- Wilson, Arthur
- Cochran, Daniel
- Friel, Scott
- Hollmann, Edwin
- Lopez-Zeitz, Brenda
- Purvis, Johnnie
- Santi, Laura
- Stempel, Bruno
- Wong, Robert

## Don't Let Your Membership Account become EXPELLED!

Non-payment of Membership Dues for two consecutive quarters will result in **Expulsion** and therefore removal of listing on the rosters.

If you must take a leave of absence from the film industry, please zero out your account and then submit a written request an **Honorable Withdrawal**.

*You will be unable to work on any Union project with an Expelled or Withdrawn status.*

## Members NOT in Good Standings

As of March 31, 2020, these persons are not eligible for work.

If you believe there is a mistake, please call (808) 596-0227  
Be advised that some members may have become reinstated by the time this issue went to print.

- Cambra, David Jr.
- Klingenberg, Noel
- Maciag, Madeleine
- Moon, Darrin
- Rasmussen, Douglas
- El Hajji, Moumen
- London, Edward
- McLeod, Marc
- Powers, Justin
- Tihada, Tyson

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## PENDING APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

• Orientation with Sponsor Representation: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 • Executive Board & General Membership Meeting: TBD

<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	<b>Sponsor:</b>	<b>Sponsor Initiation Date:</b>
1. Justin Anderson	Glenn Seguancia	August 25, 2013
2. Justin Tyler Ashton	Nofoa Nofoa	June 28, 2009
3. Kahea Bento	Koa Sua	October 19, 2000
4. Jonathon Brown	Norman Akau	May 08, 2009
5. Rick Caruso	Chris Wood	February 27, 2011
6. Ronald Clair	Norman Akau	May 08, 2009
7. Stephen Fermahin	Kimo Risso	April 16, 2004
8. Layla Hanohano-Tripp *APOC	Alexandria HERNANDEZ-Fernandez	June 23, 2013
9. Gregory Hansen	Charlie Kao	November 19, 1986
10. Joseph Kaahu III	Kili Wong	October 04, 2004
11. Siah Kaluna	Nofoa Nofoa	June 28, 2009
12. Melody Koerber	Aaron Ellis	July 25, 2010
13. Jesse Liu	Tino Snedeker-Tanaka	August 25, 2019
14. Jeramie McNeeley	Billy Koshi	February 21, 1986
15. Shaina Nakahara	Melody Levy	May 22, 2011
16. Tracen Otani	Darrell Tachibana	October 04, 2004
17. Brooks Risso	Kimo Risso	April 16, 2004
18. David Sinnott	Chris Wood	February 27, 2011
19. Olaf Sundt	Charlie Kao	November 19, 1986
20. Luisa Tupea *APOC	Christina Lee	August 23, 2015



**Oliver Konia**  
 Birthdate: June 5, 1954  
 Initiated: February 10, 1985 IN MEMORIAM  
 Retired: January 26, 2009  
 Died: March 14, 2020



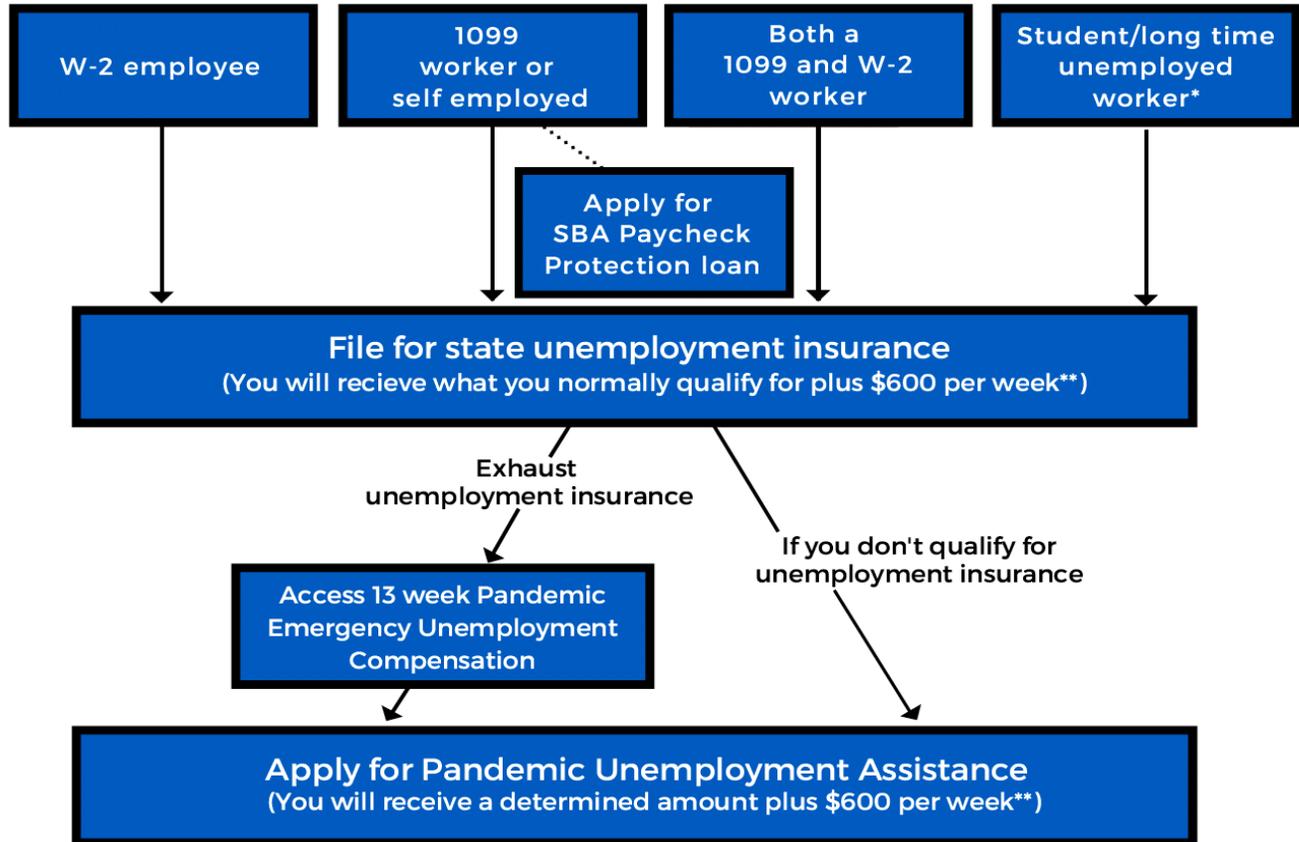
**Dado Santos**  
 Birthdate: August 21, 1952  
 Initiated: April 10, 1983  
 Died: March 31, 2020

# GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR CREATIVE PROFESSIONALS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

*A snapshot guide for people who lost current or upcoming full- or part-time work*

**For the first time, 1099 workers will be able to get unemployment insurance.**

I have lost all or partial employment, or I am not able to start a job, and I am a...  
(choose one of the following)



\*Someone who has not worked in the last six months

\*\*Through July 31, 2020, all UI and PUA claimants will receive their calculated benefits plus an additional \$600 per week in compensation.

Contact your union for specific information on navigating this process. Creative professionals paid through a loan out corporation should contact their union for specific information.





PLAN C

*As we all weather these challenging times together, I'd like to give a shout out to our Officers and Staff for holding down the fort.*

*We have Terrific Tui, who zoomed in to make sure that we all stay connected. Along with our Incredible Irish, who sends the latest news feeds and keeps us updated with every link available. Then there's Remarkable Robin along with Kindly Kim, making sure that all the numbers sync and our UI claims are processed. Seeing that I am a newbie to unemployment, Robin even had me call her on a Sunday to complete the process! And Awesome Al has been coming in to man the phones, assist with Annuity inquiries, and tie up loose ends.*

*Yes, I am grateful for our tremendous team, and every one of our members as we watch each other's backs and today more importantly our fronts!*

*Malama a palekana,*

*Mariann Tesauro*

The Pension Fund was initially established in 2002 under International President Thomas C. Short and adopted by IATSE Local 665 in 2004. It continues to be maintained, pursuant to Collective Bargaining Agreements entered into between the International Union and Contributing Employers.

The Fund is administered by sixteen Trustees, eight Union-designated and eight Employer-designated Trustees who act pursuant to an Agreement and Declaration of Trust which establishes their legal responsibilities.

There are six different types of Pensions based upon the age of the Employee at the time of retirement and his or her accumulation of Pension Credit:

1. **Normal Pension**
2. **Early Retirement Pension**
3. **Disability Pension**
4. **Vested Pension**
5. **Combined Pension**
6. **Partial Pension**



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*As you know, our General Membership Meeting will be held virtually until we can figure out a way to hold it in keeping with safety protocols. I look forward to the day that many hundreds of us can be in the same room again, engaging together as a UNION needs to.*

*Please continue to stay strong, mindful, focus on keeping healthy and know that as with ALL calamities "This too, shall Pass"*

*In the Best Interest of the Members,*

*Robin Kekuewa Wong  
Secretary Treasurer*



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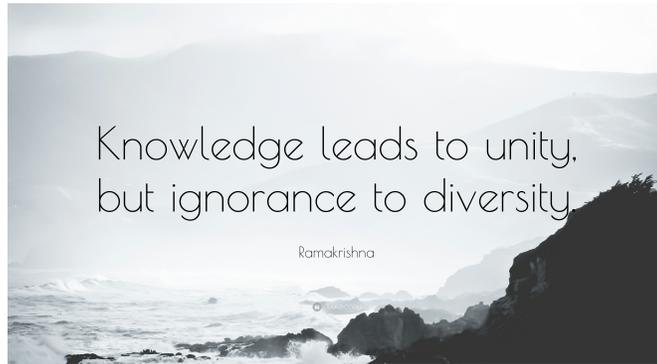
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