

Brothers, Sisters, and Kin,

Checks

The \$400 checks were issued and put in the mail today, June 2, 2020. There was a slight snafu and they could not be printed until today. Start watching for them in in your mailbox in a couple of days. They will be a self-sealing envelope where you tear the sides off.

We have had some people say they have corrected their address information online, but it didn't take. Were you on www.iatse478.org then logged into the payment system? That is the only place the updates transfer to our database from. We send corrections to the International and NBF, but they do not send them to us. If you made a change and you do not see it, please take a screenshot of the page you are making the change from and email it to rmasa@iatse478.org. If you add a mailing address on the website, please email us so we can take the final step to make sure we flag your mail to go there.

Balances

When reviewing the letter with the open balance statement and notifying you of the check coming, here are a few things to remember.

The statement dated 5/18 is the important one to look at. They do not combine. If on 5/18, you had a credit balance in your account the far right number will look like this

Name	Invoice Number	Comment	Effective Date	Amt Due	Amt Paid	Net Due
		CREDITS		\$0.00	\$67.00	(\$67.00)
		Total:		\$0.00	\$67.00	(\$67.00)

If you have a balance the bottom right number will look like this **\$67.00**. These statements are NOT an attempt to collect at this time. You may make a payment if you wish. Some people have asked if they can apply the \$400 to their account. If you chose to cash the check and send us a check for all or a part of your balance with those funds, that is your choice. We have put on hold all payment plans during COVID-19 unless specifically requested to continue. If you have invoices that are more than 9 months past due, we will have to collect on those invoices 60 days after we return to work.

If you have a credit you have requested to be refunded, we have to get all the \$400 checks put into our system, then I'll start processing the credit refunds. It is probably going to take another week. I will send an email out when those credit checks have been issued. You must email sect@iatse478.org or mail a letter stating this is the option you want. Some people have opted to leave at least \$272.00 in credits in their account so they have their dues covered for 2020. There is NOT a cut off date for requesting these refunds.

Unemployment

On the Alabama front, I finally have a secret contact that we have made some progress with. Let me know if you are having issues still. Mississippi, I can navigate their system now, so reach out. Louisiana – Memorial Day threw a kink in the system, but they seem to be working things out. If you call in your claim,

If you work, be sure to claim the work. Say YES for still employed or working part time since they do not offer an option for temporary employment if you say no. You are already in the system and receiving the \$600 stimulus. You will continue to receive this for every week you have at least \$1 in state unemployment until the week ending July 31st. The search for work option will not be required until then as well. If you are offered a one or two day gig, take it, but be sure to report it to unemployment and the Local if it is crew work related.

Rental of your equipment does NOT need to be claimed as wages. It is rental of equipment. Some people have asked about residual checks. I'm double checking about that answer, but I believe they are more like investment dividend checks and do not need to be claimed as wages.

Those are my words of wisdom for today. I think there are more, but it is Tuesday and my brain is in need of Tacos.

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