



# Affiliated Property Craftspersons Local 44

OF THE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOVING PICTURE MACHINE OPERATORS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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## ATTENTION ALL LOCAL 44 SISTERS, BROTHERS AND KIN – IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TRAVEL TO DISTANT LOCATIONS

Audits are being conducted investigating the hiring and travel of IATSE members to distant locations.

For Local 44 members to be covered by the Local 44 Agreement and remain eligible for your Healthcare and Pension Benefits, you must have evidence that you “TOUCHED THE SOIL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY” on your date of departure and date of return from distant location. You must also have your meals and housing paid for or reimbursed by Production.

The only exception to this would be if the Company has filed a Travel Waiver with the Motion Picture Health and Pension plan for extenuating circumstances relevant to COVID-19.

So please, if you are contacted by a Production and are considering or are asked to travel to distant location by any means other than an airplane flight that you will physically board from LAX and returning to LAX, contact the Business Agent’s Department to ensure that your benefits and Local 44 coverage are protected.

### Per the IATSE Local 44 Agreement:

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#### **ARTICLE 1. Scope of Agreement**

This Agreement is made subject to the "Producer-I.A.T.S.E. and M.P.T.A.A.C. Basic Agreement of 2018."

This Agreement shall be applicable to the classifications of employees listed in the "Wage Scales, Hours of Employment and Working Conditions" set forth herein, employed by Producer to perform services in the County of Los Angeles, or hired by the Producer in the County of Los Angeles to perform services outside the said County, but within the limits of the United States, its territories and Canada.

**VI. DISTANT LOCATION DEFINITIONS AND  
WORKING CONDITIONS**

**36. Distant Locations Defined**

Distant locations are locations on which the employee is required to remain away and be lodged overnight.

**37. Traveling Expenses and Accommodations**

(a) Traveling Expenses

The employee's necessary traveling expenses, meals and lodging shall be made available at the Producer's expense. For travel anywhere in the United States, Canada and Mexico the Producer shall furnish air transportation to and from distant location. For travel outside the United States, Canada and Mexico, employees shall be furnished business class air transportation, except that when business class accommodations are not available, employees shall travel first class. Producer agrees to use its best efforts to furnish and maintain, during travel time, reasonably comfortable riding conditions in the class of transportation provided, avoiding overcrowding and providing proper space for baggage and tools.

Producer will direct the employee that he must use the Producer's form of transportation to distant location. In those instances in which Producer purchases public air transportation to and from such location site, the Producer agrees to purchase tickets refundable only to Producer.

(b) Accommodations

Employees on distant location shall be entitled to single room housing when it is reasonably available. Producer will use reasonable efforts to provide accommodations which are comparable to those provided to other members of the stage craft production crew and as close as reasonably practical to the same location. Consideration will be

given to location site and available accommodations. This provision will not be applicable to locations of short duration (not to exceed six (6) days).

(c) Transportation

If a portion of the crew is assigned accommodations in a place which is not serviced by reasonable public transportation (other than taxi), then Producer will provide reasonable transportation so that those members of the crew who are so assigned will have access to the same services and facilities as are available to the balance of the production crew by reason of the location of their accommodations.

**38. Distant Location Conditions of Employment**

The Producer will endeavor to determine the qualified persons in the locality of any of its location sites within the United States and Canada who are available to meet the employment requirements of the Producer for such location in the job classifications covered hereunder. Such persons are not subject to this Agreement. In the event that such available qualified persons are insufficient to meet Producer's employment requirements at such site in such job classifications, then such additional persons as may be necessary to fill such described employment requirements of Producer shall be employed in and taken from the County of Los Angeles, California, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Please contact the Business Agent's Department at [businessagents@local44.org](mailto:businessagents@local44.org) or 818-769-2500 if you have any questions regarding the above.

In Solidarity,



Tobey Bays  
Business Agent