

# IASTE 748



## President's Report May 2010

I am so pleased to be part of this important communication tool. This quarterly outreach from Local 748 will help all freelancers - union members or not - understand our work environment, conditions and how the Union can assist you in achieving your goals.

Local Union 748 helps all freelancers by maintaining a referral list of qualified freelancers for live broadcast operations. You get on this list by becoming a member of the Union or by having a Union crewer request your placement on the list.

The list is maintained electronically by the local. And in order to help cover the cost associated in maintaining the list - a 1% charge is made from your paycheck each time you work for a crewer who is signed up with the Union. If you don't see a 1% deduction on your pay check stub, be sure to contact any Union executive board member. We have a special 1% card that you will need to fill out for each Union crewer so the 1% can be deducted automatically.

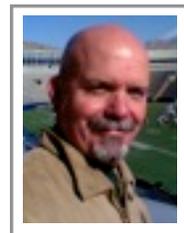
If the amount is not being deducted, you will be responsible for the 1% amount.

The referral list is an important tool for any freelancer who works freelance TV. You must be on the referral list to work regularly for any Union crewer. And as you work for a crewer who is signed with the Union - you generate health and welfare benefits as part of your listing on the referral list and working for a qualified crewer.

You do not need to be a member of the Union to acquire benefits, only work for a crewer who is signed with the Union. It is still the responsibility of the freelancer to market themselves to potential crewers who may have need of your services. Sadly - the local union is not a hiring hall. Local 748 does not actively secure work for its members. That is still your job. However, occasionally we are contacted by production companies and events looking for qualified help - and we always do our best to get the word out to freelancers for these special occasions.

As always - your elected board members are here to lend aid, answer questions and help you get the most for your relationship with the local Union. We work for you.

John S. James  
President Local 748



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# Vice President Report

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Children of all ages. Greetings and Salutations. One of my aspirations for this Union of ours is for it to be more than just a labor organization. Yes, we know a big part of our agenda is insuring working conditions and contract guidelines are followed. But, I also see the Union here for you, not only members of 748, but as a member of our Freelance community.

Anything that you or your families may need, we will try to provide for you. You and your families welfare and happiness are just as important as making sure your working rights are taken care of. The

Union is willing and able to help you or your families if you ask us. This can be anything from moral support to possible financial support. The E-board will make each situation as public or as private as you wish. Remember we work for and support you.



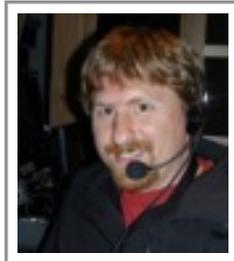
Kevin W. Flock, Vice President Local 748

# Business Agent

As the new business agent for IATSE 748 I wanted to use my column this month to talk about the changes that have been made to the Local 748 website ( [www.iatse748.com](http://www.iatse748.com) ). We gave it a facelift and added some new features.

One new area we are very excited about is the "Articles and Documents" section. This section is available to everyone.

Here we will be posting our newsletters and other items of interest to Arizona freelancers. We're also working to create documents that help you better understand various difficult to understand areas. Our first document shows you part by part how to understand the information found on your pay stubs.



In addition to this new section, we've added RSS to our news section and we've joined Twitter ( [twitter.com/iatse748](https://twitter.com/iatse748) ) to help further communicate with our community. For our membership, we are working to improve the member section and add new features. My desire is to create many avenues of education and communication through the various online mediums at our disposal which is why we have launched our e-mail newsletter that

anyone can sign up for website ( [www.iatse748.com](http://www.iatse748.com) - scroll to the bottom right ). We have many ideas that are in the works but we know our community is where the best ideas come from and I would love your input. If you have any ideas for future articles, documents or other ways of communicating, please email me at [e.falkner@iatse748.com](mailto:e.falkner@iatse748.com)

Eric Falkner  
Business Agent, Local 748

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## Treasurer's Report



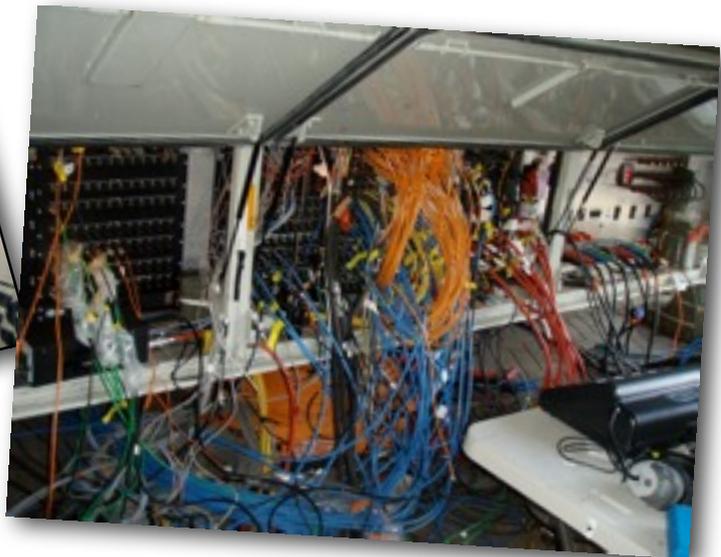
Have you moved recently? Changed email or cell phone service? You could be missing out on important information if you fail to notify the people who need to have contact with you.

Notifying your employer that you have moved is just one place you need to keep updated. The National Benefits Fund is another, they handle all matters pertaining your Health and Welfare.

If you're a member of Local 748 you need to notify the International, and finally please keep us (local 748) informed of any changes.

Contact me at [d.warner@iatse748.com](mailto:d.warner@iatse748.com) or 602-799-9161 and I will assist in making sure your contact information is updated.

Dave Warner, Secretary-Treasurer, Local 748

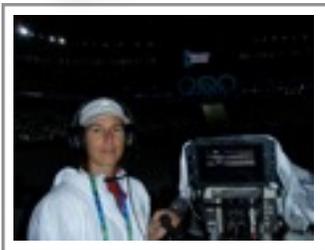


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# An OLYMPIC Experience



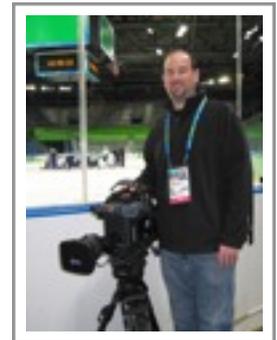
This past February the Winter Olympics took place in Vancouver, B.C. Amongst the 4,500 athletes partaking and the 25,000 volunteers, there were thousands upon thousands of people working, making it all come together so you could watch it in the comfort of your home. A few of those people are from our very own Local. Here's what they had to say about their Olympic Experience...



Korina in show "white" for the Ceremonies

Korina Riggin, camera operator: "This was my 3rd Olympics, 2 winter, 1 summer, and this was BY FAR the best. Vancouver and the entire country of Canada should be very proud of themselves. To see a country come together to fully embrace the Olympics was quite a sight. I worked the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and during the Games, I was on the relief crew. Being there for 1 month, I witnessed Vancouver being just a normal functioning, absolutely beautiful city, to one that welcomed the world to the biggest party and celebration of the top athletes. Every night there would be somewhere around 300,000 people flocking to the streets downtown, all in fun and good sportsman ship. Come on everyone, sign with me... 'O Canada....' "

Toby Finch, camera operator: "This was my first Olympics so I didn't really know what to expect. My venue was Women's Ice Hockey and we covered 17 games in 11 days, overall, I was in Vancouver for 18 days. Our production crew consisted of around 80 people from all over the world with most of them coming from different Provinces in Canada. What I'll take away most from this experience is how nice Canadian people are, very friendly and always willing to go out of their way for you! Vancouver is a beautiful city and really shined during the Vancouver 2010 Olympics."



Toby getting ready for Women's Hockey at UBC

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Judd at CHP

Judd Mazur, camera operator: "So...my experience was positive. At Canada Hockey Place, the OBC covered 32 hockey games in two weeks. At the start of the tournament, for eight days in a row we covered 3 games a day...then four days of two games a day including the mens and women's bronze and women's gold medal games. Our last day, we covered the men's gold medal game...which was the highest rated hockey game worldwide ever...a great-grueling experience. The game itself was payoff to the long days..."

Mickey Wheeler, camera operator: "Vancouver was awesome, a great experience personally & professionally. I spent 18 days doing women's hockey at the UBC Thunderbird Arena. I ran a French version of X-MO, called Superloop. It was a hard camera (pictured below).

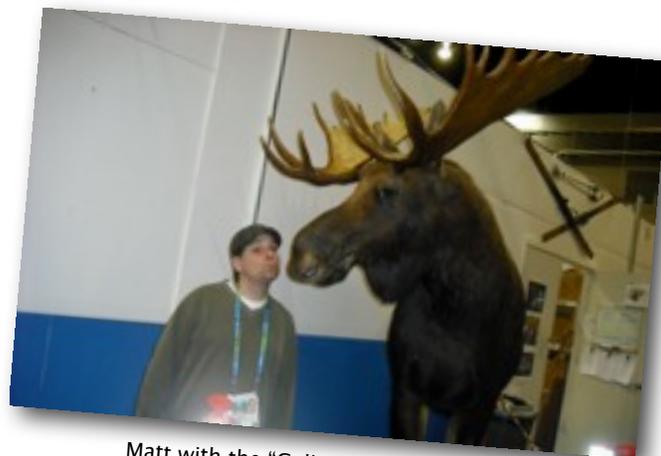
What I enjoyed the most was, meeting people from all over the world and making some lifelong friends...."



Mickey at UBC



Mickie's "Superloop" Camera



Matt with the "Colbert Report" moose

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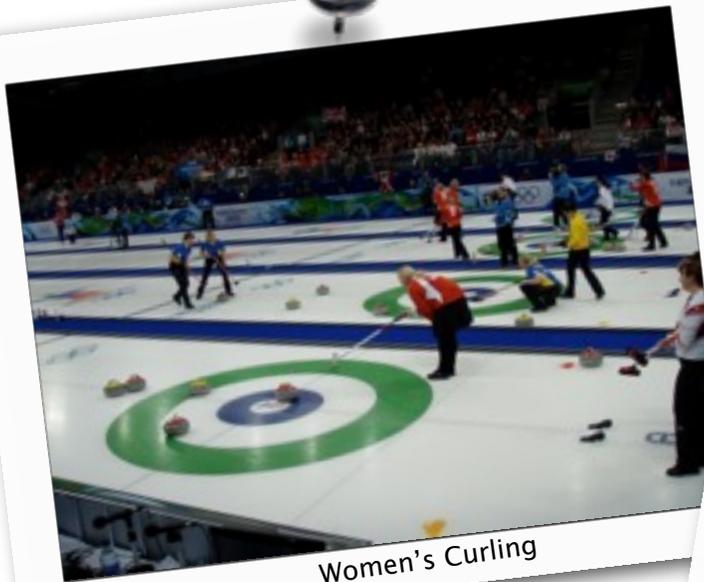


Your typical Media coverage for Men's Hockey

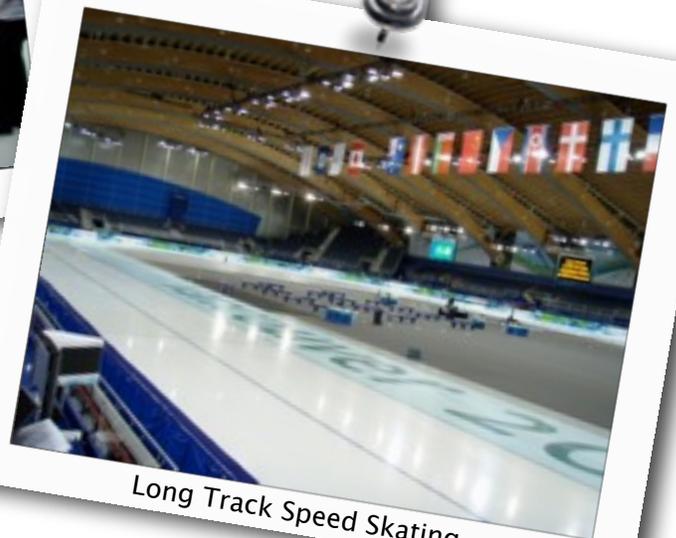


Mickey, Jimmy, Judd, Toby and Matt enjoying an after work tradition

Others that partook in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics were James Rincon (camera) at Men's Hockey, Matt Webber and Greg Miller (EVS) did the NBC Daytime Studio Show, Ralph Kelso (camera) did World Feed Short Track Speed Skating in which he was the only American (the rest were from Toronto, Canada). Jay Cox (camera) was up in the only place there was snow, Whistler, having fun doing the Medals Ceremonies. We also have Charles and Kerry Burke (tape and camera) working for NBC doing Figure Skating and Short Track Speed Skating. And finally Kevin Kellogg (camera) working for NBC, did the Open and Closing Ceremonies as well as Long Track Speed Skating.



Women's Curling



Long Track Speed Skating



Olympic torch en-route to the Opening Ceremonies



Downtown Vancouver nightlife had over 300,000 people flooded the streets every night.



Matt Webber and Greg Miller



USA marching in at the Closing Ceremonies

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## Announcements

On February 16th Mike Kellogg married his new bride, Pati.



On February 9th, Neil Malmstrom married his new bride, Bianca.



Next IASTE Local 748 Meeting on June 1st, 2010 at 10:30am. We'll be meeting at the Musician's Hall located on 12th St. and Oak in Phoenix. ([Click for Directions](#))

If you have any news or announcements please email them to Korina at [k2pooh15@gmail.com](mailto:k2pooh15@gmail.com)

## Letters To The Editor

If you have any letters to the editor, please email your comments to Korina at [k2pooh15@gmail.com](mailto:k2pooh15@gmail.com)

The Newsletter staff will do their best to get the proper person to respond to your question/concern.

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