NEW MEMBER INFO

Below are a few questions that are typically asked by people interested in joining Local 491:

**What area does Local 491 cover?**
Our jurisdiction covers all the crafts (jobs) listed below, as well as the states of North and South Carolina and the Savannah, GA vicinity.

**How do I become a member?**
In order to apply for membership, you must have a total of 60 days of verifiable work experiences in your craft.

**Ok, I have the experience, now what do I do?**
If you have the required experience, you will need to have a sponsor (someone from your craft who is a member in good standing) request an application packet from the office. They will review it with you, then sign it verifying your qualifications.

Once the Local has received your completed application packet, including resume, proof of residency and proof of the 60 days work experience requirement, along with all the related fees (see below), your application for membership will be processed.

When you have been accepted into membership, your application will be forwarded to the International, and once approved, your membership card will be sent to you, along with a New Membership Packet containing information about the Local, using your benefits, agreements and a referral list.
**How much does it cost to join?**

Currently, the total to join is $840, which includes your initiation fee, registration and dues. The breakdown of the cost is:

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**What if I have not been working? Are my quarterly dues still payable?**

Yes, quarterly dues are payable whether or not you are working. Assessments are only paid when working on a project under an agreement. You will be informed of this policy at the time of your application.

**I have heard about “assessments”. What are they?**

Assessments are "working dues" paid as a percentage of gross wages (currently 3%). This is the portion of dues that is used to help pay for servicing our agreements.

**What forms of payment do you accept?**

We accept payments by personal check, Money Order or cash, as well as VISA / MASTERCARD / AmEx / DISCOVER over the phone or in person.

For more information, please contact the Local's office, either in person or by phone at 910.343.9408.
Our covered Crafts

**ART**
- Set Designer
- Graphic Artist
- Story Board Artist
- Art Dept. Coordinator
- Buyer

**CONSTRUCTION**
- Coordinator
- Foreman
- Buyer
- Gang Boss
- Propmaker
- Model Maker
- Welder
- Utility

**CRAFT SERVICES**
- Key Craft Service
- Asst. Craft Service

**ELECTRICAL**
- Gaffer
- Best Boy
- Electrician
- Generator Operator
- Dimmer/Moving Light Operator
- Lamp Operator

**GREENS**
- Foreman
- Greensman

**GRIP**
- Key Grip
- Best Boy
- Dolly Grip
- Grip

**LOCATIONS**
- Locations

**MARINE**
- Coordinator
- Boat Handler
- Dive Safety Specialist*

**PAINT**
- Charge Scenic
- Scenic Artist
- Gang Boss
- Sign Writer
- On-Set Painter
- Set Painter
- Utility

**PLASTER**
- Foreman
- Plasterer

**PROPS**
- Props Master
- Asst. Prop Master
- Props Person
- Armorer
- Picture Car Coordinator
- On-Set Picture Cars/Boats

**SET DECORATING**
- Decorator
- Leadman
- Dresser
- On-Set Dresser
- Buyer

**SOUND / VIDEO**
- Mixer
- Boom Operator
- Cableman
- 24-Frame Playback
- Projectionist
- Video Assist
• **SPECIAL EFFECTS**
  • Coordinator
  • Foreman
  • Effects Technician
  • Buyer

• **WARDROBE**
  • Wardrobe Designer
  • Supervisor
  • Key Costumer
  • Set Costumer
  • Costumer
  • Seamstress/Tailor
  • Ager/Dryer
  • Buyer

• **WELFARE**
  • Medic*
  • Teacher*
  • Child Guardian

* Copies of certifications necessary to be listed in this craft