

## Post-Convention Special Edition

### What's Up at Local 47

Vince Trombetta, President of Professional Musicians Local 47, was elected to the AFM International Executive Board. He led a Local 47 Delegation to the Convention that included John Acosta, Leslie Lashinsky, Bonnie Janofsky, Greg Huckins and Bobby Rodriguez. Not only was Vince elected to the IEB, he was the highest vote-getter among the Executive Officers, with 358 votes.

Copies of the Overture were distributed at the Convention, with the Resolutions passed by the Local 47 members in April on the front page. The message of financial responsibility and need for democracy sent by the Local 47 membership was perfectly in tune with the mood of the Convention.

Congratulations to Vince, and to the whole Local 47 Delegation for a successful AFM Convention!



**Monday, July 26**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Local 47**  
**General Membership Meeting**

### New AFM Officers

President **Ray Hair**  
International Vice President  
**Bruce Fife**  
Vice President from Canada  
**Bill Skolnik**  
Secretary-Treasurer  
**Sam Folio**  
Executive Officers  
**Tino Gagliardi**  
**Tina Morrison**  
**Joe Parente**  
**Dave Pomeroy**  
**Vince Trombetta**

### May We Introduce You To...

President-Elect **Ray Hair** has been the highly respected President of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Local in Texas for many years. A professional drummer, he has long served on the IEB as Executive Officer.

The brand-new faces on the IEB:

**Bruce Fife**, our new International Vice President, is President of Local 99 in Portland Oregon.

**Tino Gagliardi** is the President of Local 802 in New York, the largest AFM Local. Tino previously served as an RMA New York Officer.

**Tina Morrison** is President of Local 105 in Spokane, WA, and a long-serving member of the AFM Diversity Committee.

**Dave Pomeroy** is the President of the Nashville Local 257. Previously he served as an RMA Officer.

### Taxation *With Representation*

The 2010 AFM Convention adopted a financial package with something very new, very different, and very exciting.

A new fee, like per capita dues (your annual membership dues), can now be proposed by the AFM International Executive Board outside of the Convention. It would only go into effect if you and your recording musician colleagues vote it in. For the very first time, some Federation dues for recording musicians are subject to vote by the very members paying them!

Like membership dues, or symphonic dues to ICSOM or ROPA, this new fee would be a flat, fixed amount. It is intended to help pay for turnkey, baseline expenses. This dramatically new provision of AFM Bylaws allows for this fee to be adopted only if a) it is agreed to by a rank-and-file Oversight Committee and b) you agree. By secret ballot!

The AFM's financial interest will be directly tied to having healthy communication with AFM recording musicians. The community of AFM recording musicians will be identified by the AFM itself, using a threshold of \$2500 dollars a year of scale wages earned. This is designed to apply only to recording musicians, so symphonic players whose orchestras produce recordings would not be subject to this

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provision. The new Bylaw language requires the participation of the EMSD Oversight Committee, so rank-and-file representatives can help make the process work. The new administration has already begun actively seeking input about how best to implement this new provision. Our community has a real opportunity to help the AFM thrive both financially and in regards to community involvement and democracy.

We can also report that the AFM's disastrous experiment with work dues on our residuals is over.

The 2010 Convention marks a sweeping change in our union's leadership, and represents the beginning of an era of greater collaboration for the benefit of all AFM members.



The Blue Ribbon Health Care Committee instituted by RMA LA continues to meet and work on your behalf.

You can find Motion Picture Health Care Info at [rmala.org/pages/HealthFAQ.aspx](http://rmala.org/pages/HealthFAQ.aspx), or call our health care hotline at 323-446-8316.

