

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Resolution No. 17-08**

For the purpose of ratifying the collective bargaining agreement with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local B-20.

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission's (MERC) designated representatives for labor relations and IATSE B-20 have negotiated in good faith; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have reached an agreement for a three year collective bargaining agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union membership ratified the collective bargaining agreement on March 20, 2017 and

**WHEREAS**, MERC believes that the collective bargaining agreement is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

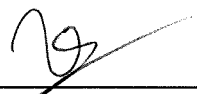
**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission:

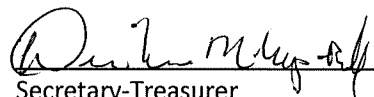
- 1) Approves the collective bargaining agreement attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
- 2) Authorizes and directs the General Manager of Visitor Venues or his designees to execute the collective bargaining agreement and forward it to the Union for signature.

Adopted by the Commission on April 5, 2017.

  
Chair

Approved as to form:  
Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

  
Nathan A. S. Sykes, Deputy Metro Attorney

  
Secretary-Treasurer

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**COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT**

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**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION**

**And**

**THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF  
THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES, MOVING PICTURE TECHNICIANS,  
ARTISTS AND ALLIED CRAFTS OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES  
AND CANADA**

**LOCAL B-20**

**Effective July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019**

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**AGREEMENT**  
Between  
Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission  
And  
IATSE Local B-20

**PREAMBLE**

THIS AGREEMENT, made by and between the METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION, managers and operators of the Oregon Convention Center and the Portland's Centers for the Arts buildings, Portland, Oregon, hereafter the "Employer," METRO and THEATRICAL EMPLOYEES UNION LOCAL B-20, INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOVING PICTURE MACHINE OPERATORS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, hereafter the "Union."

**ARTICLE 1: RECOGNITION AND SCOPE OF BARGAINING UNIT**

- 1.1 The Employer hereby recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative, and this agreement shall apply with respect to employees in the following collective bargaining unit at the Oregon Convention Center, the Portland Expo Center and the Portland's Centers for the Arts buildings.
- (a) All employees classified as ticket sellers, gate attendants, admissions leads, checkroom attendants, ushers, elevator operators, and stage door attendants excluding office and clerical employees, building maintenance employees, guards, supervisors and other professional trade employees.
  - (b) For Antoinette Hatfield Hall, the bargaining unit covers the Stage Door, Checkroom, Box Office and Newmark Theatre seating areas and box office. This Agreement shall specifically exclude all other working areas

and public lobbies of the Antoinette Hatfield Hall, including but not limited to the Winningstad Theatre, Brunish Theatre, and the public areas, elevators, and Main Street.

(c) For the Portland Expo Center the bargaining unit only includes Expo employees classified as ticket and show sellers. The agreement shall specifically exclude all other employee classifications, working areas and public areas of the Portland Expo Center.

(d) This agreement specifically excludes dock positions.

1.2 Upon written request, within ten (10) calendar days following each calendar quarter, the Employer will furnish to the Union an alphabetical list with addresses and hire date of current employees under the conditions set forth in Section 1.1 above.

1.3 It is jointly recognized that the Union is a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to interfere with any obligation the Union may owe to such International Alliance by reason of a prior obligation, provided that nothing contained in any such obligation shall be in conflict with any applicable provision of state or federal law.

1.4 Neither the Union nor any of the employees covered by this Agreement will collectively, concertedly or individually induce, engage or participate directly or indirectly in any strike, picketing, slowdown, stoppage or other curtailment or interference with the Employer's operations or interference with the flow of materials or persons in or out of places where the Employer is doing business. The Union agrees to exert every effort through its International or Local officers and representatives to end any unauthorized interruption of work. The parties agree that they will submit to arbitration all grievances and disputes (pursuant to Article 17) that may arise between them and any misunderstandings regarding the meaning or intent of all or part of this Agreement, provided, however, that the Employer shall not be required to resort to the grievance and arbitration

procedures prior to resorting to other remedies in the event of a violation of this Article by the Union or any of the employees covered by this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 2. UNION MEMBERSHIP AND CHECKOFF**

- 2.1 It is agreed that, as a condition of employment, each employee covered by this Agreement who is not now a member of the Union shall become a member of the Union within thirty days of date of hire and further provided that any employee who has not become a member of the Union within the applicable time shall thereupon be deemed a fair share payer who shall make semi-monthly payments-in-lieu-of-dues to the Union. Payments-in-lieu-of-dues shall be equivalent to regular monthly Union dues, initiation fees, and assessments. The Employer shall deduct payments-in-lieu-of-dues semi-monthly from the compensation of non-members.

Bargaining unit members who exercise their right of non-membership based on a bona fide religious tenet or teaching of a church or body of which the employee is a member shall pay an amount of money equivalent to regular Union dues and initiation fees and assessments, if any, to a non-religious charity mutually agreed on by the employee affected and the Union. The employee shall furnish written proof to the Employer and the Union that this has been done.

- 2.2 For any employee who so elects, the Employer agrees to honor the union checkoff system in whatever amount designated. The amount of the checkoff shall be set forth in writing to the Employer and signed by an official of the Union.
- 2.3 The Employer agrees to deduct from each semi-monthly paycheck: one-half of the regular initiation fee, if any, one half of the death benefit, if any, and one-half of the regular monthly dues as specified by the Union for each employee who authorized it on authorization forms submitted by the Union. An employee shall have the right to rescind such dues or initiation fee authorization by providing the Employer written notice of such rescission at least five (5) calendar days before the first of any month. Employees who have neither signed such authorization nor provided proof to the Employer of religious non-association

shall be considered fair share payers and subject to the fair share provisions of the Agreement. The Employer shall continue to make payments of these initiation fees and dues to the Union on a monthly basis.

- 2.4 The Union agrees that its dues and initiation fees shall not be changed except in accordance with the express provisions of its International Constitution and/or Local Bylaws, and in such events, the financial secretary of the Union shall notify the Employer, in writing, of any changes in its regular dues and initiation fees.
- 2.5 It is expressly understood and agreed that upon receipt of proof, the Union will refund to the Employer or to the employee involved any amounts erroneously withheld from the employee's compensation by the Employer and paid to the Union. The Union agrees that if an employee does not work enough hours within a pay period to cover the cost of Union dues and other Union deductions, the Employer shall not collect dues for that pay period.
- 2.6 Upon request by the Union, the Employer will make information and related material supplied by the Union concerning the Union and Union membership available to employees covered by this Agreement.
- 2.7 The Union shall indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands, causes, suits or other forms of liability that may arise by reason of action taken or not taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with any of the provision of this section.

### **ARTICLE 3: LABOR-MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 The parties recognize that the delivery of professional services in the most efficient, productive and effective manner is of paramount importance and interest to the Employer and the Union. Maximum productivity, recruitment of new employees to meet target pool levels, and innovation are recognized to be a mutual obligation within their respective roles and responsibilities. The parties agree to establish a Joint Labor-Management Relations Committee to provide input and recommendations to management. Such committee shall be composed of equal numbers of Union and management representatives and shall meet at

mutually convenient times to discuss means of increasing the effectiveness of admissions work, operational procedures, identifying cost-effective staffing measures and dealing with operational innovations.

- 3.2 Space shall be provided by the Employer for the temporary storage of personal valuables (purses, etc.) while employed on the premises. The Employer cannot guarantee the absolute safety of such items under temporary storage but will provide reasonable security measures and will offer the service as a convenience for the employees.
- 3.3 The Union will provide one (1) member to attend scheduled MERC Safety Committee meetings. A two (2) hour minimum shall be paid for attendance at these meetings.

#### **ARTICLE 4: WORK JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 4.1 Both parties to this Agreement hereby recognize the jurisdictional working rights and responsibilities of the Union as being understood to mean the following:
- (a) There shall be one (1) work unit that covers the working jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Union and the admissions workers defined in Section 1.1(a). This work unit shall be known as the Admissions Unit.
  - (b) The Newmark Theatre Admissions Unit personnel is ushers only and includes ticket-taking duties. The jurisdictional working rights and the responsibilities of the Union as described above refer to part-time work at the Newmark Theatre seating area doors and lobby not performed by other Portland's Centers for the Arts employees or by volunteers or technical staff of performing arts organizations.
  - (c) All Union admission workers shall be classified as part-time, temporary employees of the Employer.
  - (d) The Employer shall determine the specific job assignments of all individuals. The Employer and the Union further recognize and agree that all employees in the Admissions Unit may be assigned to work in all



areas if qualified, may be required to rotate positions, and may be assigned to perform work as required or as needed without regard to job classification distinction.

- (e) The Employer, at its sole discretion, may offer employees represented by the Union under the Agreement work and responsibilities not within and/or specifically excluded from the overall work jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Union covered under this Agreement, and employees represented by the Union will not unreasonably decline such work and responsibilities. Neither the offer by the Employer to employees represented by Union to perform work and/or accept responsibility of work not within and/or specifically excluded from the work jurisdiction and responsibilities of this Agreement, nor acceptance of any such work by employees represented by Union shall constitute a precedent and/or a past practice under this Agreement.
- (f) At the Oregon Convention Center, show managers may use their own employees for the admissions break person for any public shows with a daily attendance of 2500 or less.
- (g) Clients may use their own ticketing services and personnel in accordance with current practices.

4.2 Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the Employer shall require that a minimum of two (2) admission workers be employed per level whenever the Newmark Theatre seating is being utilized for ticketed events.

#### **ARTICLE 5: NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination/harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, familial status, gender identity, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability, or any other status protected by law, which is brought to the Union for processing, will be submitted directly to the Human Resources Director or designee.

## **ARTICLE 6: EMPLOYER-UNION RELATIONS AND WORK RULES**

6.1 The Employer shall have and retain the sole responsibility for the management and operation of all MERC functions and direction and control of its work force, facilities, properties, programs and activities, except as expressly limited by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. These rights include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Determining the Employer's mission, policies, and all standards of service offered to the public and other local governments.
- (2) Planning, directing, controlling and determining the operations or services of Metro and/or MERC.
- (3) Determining the methods, means, and number of personnel needed to carry out any department's or facility's mission subject to provisions found elsewhere in the contract.
- (4) Directing the work force and issuing or changing work orders and rules.
- (5) Hiring and assigning or transferring employees within or between departments or facilities.
- (6) Promoting, suspending, disciplining or discharging, consistent with this Agreement.
- (7) Laying off or relieving employees due to lack of work or funds or for other legitimate reasons.
- (8) Making, changing, publishing and enforcing work practices, rules or personnel policies and regulations covering permissive subjects of bargaining that are not in conflict with or otherwise addressed in a specific provision of this Agreement, provided that the Union may demand to bargain over the impacts of such changes on mandatory subjects.
- (9) Introducing new or improved methods, equipment or facilities.

- (10) Completing performance evaluations of employees as required, with prior notification to employees as to the forms that will be used.

These rights are diminished only by the law and this Agreement.

- 6.2 All work rules which have been or shall be implemented will be reduced to writing and furnished to employees and the Union upon their adoption by the Employer. The Employer agrees to send a copy of any new or revised work rules not less than fifteen (15) calendar days before the effective date of such rule or revision. These changes will be posted, after the fifteen (15) calendar days, on a bulletin board at each venue.

### **ARTICLE 7: WAGES**

- 7.1 The wages, hours and working conditions below shall govern during the term of this Agreement. Wage rates specified herein shall be minimum rates only, and nothing in this agreement shall limit payment to employees at a higher rate or on a weekly or monthly salary basis as long as they are equal to the minimum rates set forth herein.
- 7.2 Job descriptions in all classifications include such other duties as the Employer may assign within the classification and related functions within the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement. It is mutually understood and agreed that employees may be assigned to duties and functions covered by this Agreement, other than those normally performed in connection with their regularly assigned classification, whether during the period covered by the minimums prescribed herein or thereafter. In the event the Employer temporarily assigns an employee to a job classification other than the employee's regular classification, that employee shall receive the rate applicable to such classification, so long as such classification requires a higher rate of pay than the employee's regular classification, and the employee works a minimum of two (2) hours in the higher-rated classification. In the event the employee works less than two (2) hours in the higher-rated classification, the employee shall be compensated at his or her regular rate of pay applicable to his or her regular classification. In the event the Employer temporarily assigns an employee to a classification which

calls for a lower rate of compensation than the employee's regular classification, the employee shall be compensated at the rate of pay for his or her regular classification.

- 7.3 **Schedule of Wages:** Effective the date of ratification by the Union, wages will be increased by 2.00%; by 2.50% on July 1, 2017; and by 2.50% on July 1, 2018; as outlined in the attached pay scale.
- 7.4 **Stage Door Attendant Shift Differential:** Stage Door Attendants shall receive \$1.00 per hour of shift differential pay for all hours worked between 12:00 am and 6:00 am. Shift differential shall be paid in addition to applicable hourly rates but not included in the holiday rate calculation.
- 7.5 The time of all employees covered by this Agreement shall start at the time they are required to report for work, in uniform in the case of ticket sellers, ticket takers, gate attendants, checkroom attendants, elevator operators and ushers, and shall stop at the completion of their scheduled shift or their work should such work extend beyond the scheduled end of the event.
- 7.6 (a) **Overpayment:** An employee who receives an overpayment of wages shall report such overpayment to the PCPA Event Services Manager, Assistant Executive Director, or Admissions Staffing Manager, or immediate supervisor immediately. The Employer shall be authorized to recoup such overpayment through automatic payroll deduction from the employee's next paycheck(s).
- (b) **Underpayment:** If an employee believes that his/her paycheck amount contains an error, and this is confirmed by the Payroll Department, the employee will be issued a corrected check within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the Payroll Department is notified of such error.
- 7.7 **Overtime:** All covered employees shall be compensated at the straight time rate for all authorized work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in a day. All covered employees shall be compensated at the rate of time and one half for all authorized work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in any work week.

## ARTICLE 8: SCHEDULING

**The following Sections 8.1 through 8.7 apply to all staff:**

- 8.1 Because of the nature of the Employer's operation, it is recognized that employee scheduling requirements and assignments must be determined by the Employer based upon the nature of each event and related considerations. The Employer and the Union jointly recognize the critical nature of employee promptness and compliance with scheduling in crowd control. Failure to follow scheduling provisions, report as scheduled, and repeated tardiness place a great burden on both the Employer and fellow employees and will be cause for discipline up to and including termination. An employee, within a fiscal year, who is "no call, no show" on one occasion will be disciplined up to and including a verbal warning, on two occasions will be disciplined up to and including suspension and on three occasions will be disciplined up to and including termination.
- 8.2 MERC acknowledges that its employees have a legitimate need to meet the needs of their regularly scheduled full or part time job, or, if college students, to attend their regularly scheduled classes. Employees will therefore not be scheduled during their regularly scheduled work or classes.

Those employees with regularly scheduled jobs shall inform the appropriate department supervisor, in writing, of their work schedules (days of week and shift hours). College students shall provide the appropriate department supervisor, in writing, with their class schedule (semester or quarter as applicable).

Employees will be expected to make themselves available for scheduling on those days/hours which do not conflict with their regularly scheduled jobs/classes. The term "availability" means that staff must be available for a minimum of one listed call-time on days when events are scheduled, unless those call times conflict with primary employment or school schedule. MERC requires employees who hold other non-regularly scheduled jobs to make themselves available to be scheduled for work at MERC before working for another non-regularly scheduled employer.

- 8.3 Once having indicated availability and having been scheduled, an employee's schedule may be changed only with Employer consent for good cause. Any unauthorized change to an employee's schedule will result in disciplinary action. In an emergency, the Employer reserves the right to assign employees to a particular event on an as-needed basis.
- 8.4 All employees shall be required to attend "All Staff" meetings unless they have made prior arrangements to be excused. Employees shall be notified of the date, time and place for All Staff meetings. When feasible All Staff meetings shall be posted on the tentative calendar, but not less than two (2) weeks' notice shall be given. The Employer shall compensate employees at least two hours, or actual meeting time, whichever is greater. If an employee is unable to attend an All Staff meeting and fails to call, it will be considered a "no call no show."
- 8.5 If an event is canceled due to weather or other conditions beyond the Employer's control, employees who report for work will be compensated on the basis of a two (2) hour minimum call, provided however, that if employees report for work and work one (1) hour or more before cancellation, a minimum call will be applicable, any provision in the Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.
- 8.6 In the event of a small crowd, if the Employer asks for volunteers to leave early from work, the Employer will still compensate any employee the minimum call if the employee has worked at least one hour as stated in Article 10. If they volunteer to leave within the first hour, they will be compensated on the basis of a two (2) hour minimum call. The Employer will not retaliate against any employee who does not want to leave early voluntarily.
- 8.7 In the event of the cancellation of a shift at the OCC, PCPA Event Services Department must notify by e-mail or telephone a cancellation of an employee no later than 6:00 p.m. the calendar day before the event for any such cancellation. The Employer will compensate any employee cancelled less than 6:00 p.m. the day before the event on the basis of a two (2) hour minimum call. The only exceptions to the requirement of 8.7 shall involve events being cancelled due to weather, acts of God, such as fires, floods, earthquakes and

storms, cancellations due to power outage, civil disorder or terrorist activities. Sections 8.5 and 8.6 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement do not apply.

**The following Sections 8.8 through 8.11 apply to Leads, Gate Attendants, Ushers, Elevator Operators and Check Room Attendants Only:**

8.8 From the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, employees will use a format and system provided by the Employer to indicate their availability for the month following. Employees shall indicate their availability for each calendar day, entering the earliest starting time and the latest ending time they are available, or indicate "All Day." They will also indicate if they wish to work more than one shift. For each calendar day the employee is not available to work, they will indicate "Not Available." Employees shall indicate with a "Pass" the days they are willing and available to work but choose to pass the shift down the seniority list. When scheduling in a non-theatre venue a shift shall generally be no more than 8 hours. If the shift is over 8 hours then the employee will be notified and given the opportunity to decline prior to scheduling.

If shifts are cancelled at any P'5 facility prior to call time, management will make a good faith effort to cancel scheduled shifts for employees that have requested a "pass", in descending seniority order. This provision is not subject to the grievance procedure.

Consistent with the requirements of each event, PCPA Event Services personnel shall begin staffing each day's events by beginning at the top of the Seniority List, and rotate through the list until all shifts are staffed. Employees shall be assigned shifts, in descending order, and in accordance with their experience, until, 1) all shifts are filled, or, 2) all personnel who have declared themselves available are assigned. If it becomes necessary to schedule over an employee's "Pass," the Employer will assign shifts beginning from the bottom of the seniority list, in ascending order. Employees who are scheduled over their "Not Available" indication ("forced call") will receive a ten percent (10%) pay premium for those shifts. If it becomes necessary to schedule over an employee's "Not Available", the Employer will assign shifts beginning from the bottom of the seniority list, in ascending order. If additional personnel are still required,

the Employer shall fill the call with other labor sources. Each employee shall be given the opportunity to work one shift per pay period regardless of their seniority unless there are not enough total shifts for the total pool to work.

October through April, each Lead will be assigned at least one shift in each venue per month if shifts are available.

- 8.9 For purposes of this Agreement, “peak day” for Ushers, Gates, Checkroom Attendants and Leads shall be defined as a day in which two (2) or more events are scheduled. Peak days for Elevator Operators shall be defined as a day in which two (2) or more events are scheduled. Events in the Newmark Theater shall not be counted in determining peak days. For Ushers, Gates, Leads, Checkroom Attendants and Elevator Operators “Peak month” shall be defined as a month which has ten (10) or more peak days.

In each month, employees shall be available for a shift on all peak days as well as 50% of the regular shifts when events are scheduled, up to a maximum of 20 days per month. These percentages shall not compound. The employees who are on approved leave during any month must make themselves available for work in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph (on a proportional basis) for any days on which they are not on leave.

The Employer shall state the number of ushers, gates, checkroom attendants and leads as of the date of posting for each peak month. If the target pool of ushers is below seventy-two (72), or below thirty-two (32) for gate attendants, or below seven (7) for checkroom attendants, or below (6) for leads for a peak month thereafter, Ushers, Gates, checkroom attendants and leads shall have one less shift of required non-peak day availability in that month. The target pool shall exclude employees who are not available more than 50% of the required shifts in the last quarter.

- 8.10 Those employees who do not meet the minimum availability for three (3) months per fiscal year shall lose their seniority and their names will be dropped to the bottom of the seniority roster.



At any time, an employee may elect to relinquish their seniority by notifying their supervisor in writing. The employee will then be dropped to the bottom of the seniority roster. This decision may not be revoked and in the future their seniority will accrue in the same manner as new hires.

- 8.11 When scheduled in accordance with their availability employees shall be allowed to schedule a replacement (another MERC employee in the same job class) for an assigned shift up to 12 times per fiscal year. In order to assure proper crew mix this action must be approved by management. Such replacements must be confirmed either verbally or electronically by the PCPA Event Services Department after requested by the employee by telephone or email a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the shift and must be confirmed by telephone or email a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance by the replacement. Should the replacement employee fail to report as authorized, the replacement employee will be subject to discipline. In the event of multiple venue calls, the Employer will make every reasonable attempt to fill the calls with available bargaining unit employees, however, where there is not a sufficient number of bargaining unit employees available for call; the Employer shall fill the call with other labor sources.

Employee schedules shall be available on or about the 25th of each month. Once scheduled, employees are expected to honor their assigned shifts.

**The following Section 8.12 applies only to stage door attendants:**

- 8.12 MERC may continue to determine how all stage door attendants are scheduled based on employee availability and event need.

**The following Section 8.13 applies only to ticket sellers and show sellers:**

- 8.13 As is the current practice, ticket sellers will provide their availability in advance to the ticket services manager. They will be scheduled based upon event need and employee availability.

**Use of Volunteers:**

- 8.14 The Employer may allow Oregon Symphony Orchestra and Portland Youth Philharmonic the use of volunteers in conjunction with B-20 unit members for student youth performances (field trips) Monday through Friday, prior to 4 p.m.

### **ARTICLE 9: STRAIGHT SHIFT AND FRACTIONS**

A straight shift shall apply to all four (4) hour minimum calls in all work classifications except that the minimum call for the Antoinette Hatfield Hall and for the resident company youth concerts or children's theatre productions shall be three (3) hours. All work in excess of the minimum call shall be paid for at the straight time rate.

- (a) For purposes of computing time, any time worked beyond the minimum call will be computed and paid in fifteen (15) minute increments.
- (b) For purposes of computing total time worked at the Antoinette Hatfield Hall, employee time will be computed from the call time until dismissed by the Employer. No employee will be released from a rehearsal or performance work call prior to completing three (3) hours work, unless the performance or rehearsal has ended.
- (c) Special conditions shall apply to youth concerts or children's theatre productions or at PCPA. In the event two performances of a student youth performance or children's theatre production (field trips) are presented "back-to-back," employees shall be compensated with one 3-hour minimum call pay plus any additional hours or incremental portions thereof. For single public weekend youth concerts or children's theatre productions, employees shall be compensated with one 3-hour minimum call pay plus any additional hours or incremental portions thereof. In the event two performances of a public weekend youth performance or children's theatre production are presented "back-to-back," employees shall be compensated with one 3-hour minimum call pay plus any additional hours or incremental portions thereof. For all other "back to back" performances with separate audiences, employees shall be fully compensated on the basis of separate minimum calls as described above.

Business meetings with one “audience” will have a four (4) hour minimum. Back-to-back business meetings with two (2) “audiences” shall be compensated with a six (6) hour minimum plus any additional hours or incremental portions thereof.

“Back to back” performances are defined as one-call time for two shows.

- (d) In no event shall wages be duplicated or pyramided. Compensation shall not be paid more than once for the same hours under any provision of this Article or Agreement, except as identified in 9(c) above.
- (e) No employee covered by this Agreement shall volunteer his or her services without prior, mutual, written consent of the Employer and the Union. The services volunteered must be significantly different than those normally performed in the course of his/her paid job.

#### **ARTICLE 10: PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

- 10.1 The probationary period is an integral part of the employee selection process and provides the Employer with an opportunity to upgrade and to improve the Employer's operations by observing a new employee's work, training new employees and assisting new employees in adjusting to their positions and by providing an opportunity to reject any employee whose work performance fails to meet the required work standards.
- 10.2 All new employees shall have a probationary period of forty (40) shifts. This probationary period may be extended for up to an additional forty (40) shifts of work upon mutual agreement between the employee, Union and Employer.
- 10.3 During the probationary period, an employee's employment may be terminated at any time and for any reason in the sole discretion of the Employer. Termination of employment during the probationary period shall not be subject to the grievance or arbitration procedures provided in Article 17 of this Agreement. In an employee is terminated during the probationary period, the Union may request within seven (7) days of the termination to meet with management.

## ARTICLE 11: TRAINING

- 11.1 (a) Employees who are required to attend orientation or training classes shall be reimbursed by the Employer at the regular straight-time rate of pay for all hours while in attendance and such classes shall not be subject to minimum call-time provisions. Orientation and training classes shall be included within a work call whenever possible. If such classes are not included within a work call, the two (2) hour minimum shall be paid.
- (b) New hires (trainees) shall be scheduled in addition to required labor request, except in cases of unanticipated call needs. Written instructions shall be provided to the trainer and written information shall be provided to the trainee, to be signed by them at the end of the shift. This documentation will be presented to the House/Event Manager and shall be placed in the employee's official personnel file.
- 11.2 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, employees undergoing required training will not be entitled to a four (4) hour minimum. Employees undergoing required training will be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours for each training session and training that includes training on briefing, ingress, intermission and egress. Employees will be paid "straight time" for all time worked after the two-hour minimum.

## ARTICLE 12: LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- 12.1 Employees covered by this contract shall be eligible for pre-approved, unpaid leave(s) of absence ("LOA") for up to thirty (30) calendar days per fiscal year, which must be requested with a minimum of five (5) days except as provided in Section 12.2. The leave of absence must be requested at least by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the leave of absence. After the schedule has been issued, the employee may voluntarily forfeit some of the leave days by letting the scheduler know which days they will be available. If the employee does work some of the five (5) days, those days will still count toward the thirty days of leave of absence available per year. Provisions of Section 8.8 forced call will not apply to the forfeited leave days. A longer leave without pay may be granted at the sole

discretion of the Facility Director not to exceed 90 days. Leaves of absence without pay for periods in excess of ninety (90) days, but not to exceed six (6) months, must be approved by the General Manager. Among the factors which determine whether any unpaid leave of absence will be allowed are:

- needs of the event including but not limited to Peak Day designation as defined in Section 8.9;
- the reason for the request;
- the length of service;
- the employee's prior performance, disciplinary and attendance records;
- any previous leaves of absence (and the length/purpose of such leaves);
- a sincere (and written) commitment to return to work immediately following expiration of the leave.

A personal leave which has been granted for less than the maximum allowable period may be extended to the maximum, provided that the extension is requested prior to the expiration of the original leave and is deemed appropriate under the standards outlined above.

- 12.2 In each fiscal year an employee may designate an additional four annual leave of absence days on any calendar day as Personal Leave which may be taken in one to four day increments and are not subject to forced call, provided they are scheduled no later than the 10th of the previous month. These days are called "super X" days.
- 12.3 **Military Leaves:** To the extent applicable, military leave shall be available to employees under the terms and conditions of federal and/or state law.
- 12.4 **Family and Medical Leaves:** To the extent applicable, the Employer shall grant Family Leave to employees in accordance with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") and the Oregon Family Leave Act ("OFLA") and as designated in MERC's Personnel Policies. Employees shall be required to follow all notice and other requirements provided for by the law and in MERC's Personnel Policies.

Any subsequent changes in the FMLA, OFLA, or applicable FMLA/OFLA provisions of MERC's Personnel Policies will be incorporated into this Agreement.

- 12.5 **Union Business Leave:** The Employer recognizes that from time to time employees may need an unpaid leave of absence to conduct Union business. Therefore two (2) employees may be granted up to two (2) weeks absence each in a calendar year. Requests for the leave of absence must follow the regular leave of absence approval process. Union business leave is not to be counted in the 30 day leave of absence (LOA) as above in 12.1.

### **ARTICLE 13: HOLIDAYS**

- 13.1 When employees are engaged for any work on a holiday, the employee shall be compensated at one and one-half (1½) times the regular straight time hourly rate. Holidays for the purposes of this Agreement are:

1. New Year's Day (January 1)
2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (third Monday in January)
3. Presidents' Day (third Monday in February)
4. Easter Sunday
5. Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
6. Independence Day (July 4)
7. Labor Day (first Monday in September)
8. Veteran's Day (November 11)
9. Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November)

### **ARTICLE 14: RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

MERC presently participates in the Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS") and agrees to maintain such participation for the term of this Agreement, subject to applicable law. MERC will provide all new employees with information regarding PERS. Employees will pay the Employee contribution.

## ARTICLE 15: HEALTH INSURANCE

The Employer agrees to comply with the terms of the federal Affordable Care Act.

## ARTICLE 16: DISCIPLINE

Non-probationary employees shall not be disciplined without just cause. Probationary employees do not have just cause rights.

Employees in the work classifications covered herein are not employed on a weekly basis, and no notice or salary in lieu thereof is necessary when the Employer has just cause to terminate an employee.

## ARTICLE 17: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

17:1 **Pre-Grievance:** Prior to filing a grievance, employees and/or union representative and supervisors are encouraged to meet to discuss potential grievances in an effort to resolve issues at the lowest level.

17.2 **Grievance:** A grievance is defined as a dispute by the Union or a covered employee concerning the application or interruption of a specific provision of this Agreement. Grievances may be initiated in the following manner:

**Step 1.** The employee or Union representative shall present the grievance, in writing, to the unit manager within ten (10) calendar days of its occurrence or the date the employee or union knew or should have known of the grievance, whichever is later. The grievance shall include:

- (a) the name of the grievant(s);
- (b) the fact statement of the grievance;
- (c) the sections of the contract violated; and
- (d) the resolution requested.

The unit manager and employee shall then attempt to adjust the matter within seven (7) calendar days from the date the grievance is received. The unit manager will respond in writing within seven (7) calendar days.

**Step 2.** If a grievance has not been settled between the affected employee and his or her unit manager, the grievance shall be submitted in writing to the facility director, by the union representative within ten (10) calendar days. The facility director shall respond in writing to the Union representative within ten (10) calendar days after receipt thereof.

**Step 3.** If the grievance is not resolved, the union or the affected employee may submit the grievance to the General Manager within ten (10) calendar days from the date of receipt of the facility director's written response. The General Manager or his/her designee shall respond in writing within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the grievance.

**Step 4.** Should the parties fail to settle a matter of suspension or termination with the General Manager within seven (7) days from the date of submission to him or her, it may be referred in writing within seven (7) calendar days thereafter to a Board of Adjustment upon mutual agreement of the parties. The Board of Adjustment shall consist of two (2) members designated by General Manager and two (2) members designated by the Union. Members of the Board of Adjustment designated by the General Manager and the Union shall not be from any of the facilities under the jurisdiction of this Agreement or any IATSE local union. The Board of Adjustment shall convene within ten (10) calendar days following referral of the grievance to hear evidence submitted by the Union, the grievant, the facility involved, or the General Manager. The Board of Adjustment shall decide the issue by majority vote of its members within five (5) calendar days following the hearing. A majority decision of the Board of Adjustment shall be final and binding on all parties. In the event of a split decision, the grievance shall be considered unsettled.

**Step 5.** If the grievance is still unsettled, the Union shall, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the decision of the General Manager have the right to have the matter submitted to final and binding arbitration by submitting a written notice to



the Human Resource Director or designee with a copy to the Employer. MERC and the Union shall first attempt to select an arbitrator who is mutually acceptable. If within ten (10) calendar days from the request for arbitration MERC and the Union are unable to agree upon an arbitrator, the Employment Relations Board shall be requested to submit a list of seven (7) names. Upon receipt of the list of arbitrators, within fourteen (14) calendar days both MERC and the Union shall have the right to strike three (3) names from the list. The first strike shall be determined by coin toss, then the parties shall alternate strikes with the remaining person to be the arbitrator. The designated arbitrator shall set a time and place for hearing which is agreeable to both parties. Expenses for the arbitration shall be borne equally by both parties, however, each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim recording of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made. If the other party desires a copy, both parties shall jointly share the cost of the transcript and all copies.

- 17.3 The provisions of this article shall not be interpreted to require that the Union process any grievance through the grievance or arbitration procedure which, it believes in good faith, lacks sufficient merit.
- 17.4 The arbitrator shall have no authority to amend, nullify, modify, ignore, add to or otherwise alter the provisions of this Agreement, and shall decide only the grievance presented. The arbitrator's decision and award shall be based on his or her interpretation of the meaning or application of the terms of this Agreement to the facts of the grievance presented. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the Employer, the Union and all employees involved.
- 17.5 The time limits of this grievance and arbitration procedure shall be strictly adhered to. The Employer shall have the right to refuse to process or arbitrate a grievance which is not raised or processed within the above-described time limits. If at any step of the grievance procedure the Employer does not formally respond as provided herein, it will be assumed that the Employer has rejected the grievance, and the next step of the grievance procedure shall be available.

- 17.6 **Probationary Employees:** A probationary employee suspended or terminated during his or her probationary period shall not be entitled to invoke the arbitration procedure of this article to contest such suspension or termination.
- 17.7 **Extension:** The time limits of this grievance and arbitration procedure may be extended or waived by mutual agreement, in writing, between the parties.
- 17.8 An employee's election of any administrative or judicial proceeding involving any matter which is or might be alleged as a grievance under this article shall relieve the Employer of any obligation to arbitrate such grievance. In such event, for purposes of the grievance procedure, the Employer's last response at Step 3 shall be final and binding on all parties.

#### **ARTICLE 18: ADMISSION TO PREMISES**

- 18.1 Any officer or other duly authorized representative of the Union shall be admitted to the premises of the Employer during normal working hours for the purpose of checking the performance of this Agreement by the Employer. Any person so admitted shall comply with all the rules and regulations of the Employer while on its premises.
- 18.2 Any officer or duly authorized representative of the Union must attempt to provide reasonable advance notice to management on duty, or their supervisor, prior to visiting the Employer's facilities shall not interfere with the regular work assignments of employees on duty at the time of such visit.

#### **ARTICLE 19: WAIVER AND SEPARABILITY**

It is agreed between the parties that either party shall have the right upon a showing by the other of emergency or special need satisfactory to the party to whom the showing is being made, to grant a written waiver or compromise of any of the terms and conditions of this collective bargaining Agreement for such special situation or emergency. It is further agreed that the waiver of any provision of this Agreement by either party shall not constitute a precedent for any further waiver of such provisions.

## **ARTICLE 20: SUBCONTRACTING**

Any proposal to contract out bargaining unit work will be subject to the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act (PECBA), will be bargained in accordance with the expedited bargaining process in ORS 243.698, and will otherwise comply with the terms of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 21: DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

21.1 The following policy will be adhered to by all full-time and part-time employees:

- (a) Possessing, using, transferring, offering or being under the influence of any intoxicating liquor while on the Employer's property, during work time or in other circumstances which might directly and adversely affect the Employer's operations or safety, including consuming alcohol immediately prior to reporting to work or during breaks or lunch periods will be cause for discipline, up to and including discharge.
  
- (b) Possessing, using, transferring, offering or being under the influence of any narcotic, hallucinatory, stimulant, sedative, narcotic or drug (including marijuana) while on the Employer's property, during work time or in other circumstances which might directly and adversely affect the Employer's operations or safety, including consuming such substances immediately prior to reporting to work or during breaks or lunch periods may be cause for discipline, up to and including discharge.

Exception: The use of medically prescribed or over-the-counter drugs during working hours is allowed and an employee shall have no obligation to inform his or her supervisor of such usage unless the prescribed or over-the-counter drug contains a warning notice of possible impairment which may prevent an employee from performing his or her job safely and adequately (for example, operating mechanical equipment). An employee must inform his or her supervisor that he/she is taking prescribed or over-the-counter drugs which contain a warning of possible impairment prior to beginning work each day he or she uses

the medication. Possessing, using, transferring, offering, or being under the influence of marijuana while on the Employer's property or during work time, even if prescribed and used for medicinal purposes, remains prohibited and does not fall within this exception.

- (c) Where the Employer has reasonable cause to believe that an employee may have violated the prohibitions described above, he/she may be suspended immediately and/or be requested to submit to a drug and alcohol test.

21.2 Employees may be subject as a condition of continued employment to searches, inspections and drug and/or alcohol testing in accordance with MERC policy.

In the event any portion of the above policy conflicts with federal or state law, that portion of the policy shall conform in all respects to federal and state law.

#### **ARTICLE 22: SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Should any article, section or portion thereof of this Agreement be declared invalid or held unlawful by any legislative act or by any court of competent jurisdiction, such legislation or decision of the court shall apply only to the specific article, section or portion thereof, directly specified therein. In such event, the parties agree immediately to negotiate a substitute, if possible, for the invalidated article, section or portion thereof.

#### **ARTICLE 23: FUNDING**

The parties recognize that revenue needed to fund the wages and benefits provided by the Agreement must be approved annually by established budget procedures. All such wages and benefits are therefore contingent upon sources of revenue appropriated pursuant to established budgetary procedures. The Employer has no intention of cutting the wages and benefits specified in this Agreement because of budgetary limitations, but cannot and does not guarantee any level of employment in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement. The Employer agrees to include in its annual budget amounts reasonably sufficient to fund the wages and benefits provided

by this Agreement, but makes no guarantee as to the availability of revenue in connection therewith.

#### **ARTICLE 24: TERM AND CLOSURE**

- 24.1 This Agreement shall be effective upon ratification by both parties, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2019. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing not later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the expiration or subsequent anniversary date that it wishes to modify or terminate this Agreement for any reason. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall begin no later than thirty (30) calendar days after such notice.
- 24.2 This Agreement results from full collective bargaining with respect to all subjects which were or might have been raised and closes all such subjects to further bargaining for the full term thereof.
- 24.3 This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Union and the Employer, any such amendment must be in writing and signed by both parties.

**EXHIBIT A: IATSE LOCAL B-20 PAY SCHEDULE**

Pay Range	Job Code	Classification	2016-17**		2017-18		2018-19	
			Probation Step	Regular Step	Probation Step	Regular Step	Probation Step	Regular Step
815	8065	Show Seller *	\$ 16.20	\$ 16.45	\$ 16.60	\$ 16.86	\$ 17.02	\$ 17.29
820	8075	Ticket Seller	\$ 14.34	\$ 14.60	\$ 14.70	\$ 14.96	\$ 15.07	\$ 15.34
825	8255	Stage Door Attendant	\$ 13.66	\$ 13.91	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.26	\$ 14.35	\$ 14.62
855	8090	Admissions Lead	\$ 17.10	\$ 17.35	\$ 17.52	\$ 17.78	\$ 17.96	\$ 18.23
865	8070	Usher	\$ 13.14	\$ 13.39	\$ 13.47	\$ 13.73	\$ 13.80	\$ 14.07
865	8080	Gate Attendant	\$ 13.14	\$ 13.39	\$ 13.47	\$ 13.73	\$ 13.80	\$ 14.07
865	8265	Elevator Operator	\$ 13.14	\$ 13.39	\$ 13.47	\$ 13.73	\$ 13.80	\$ 14.07
865	8270	Checkroom Attendant	\$ 13.14	\$ 13.39	\$ 13.47	\$ 13.73	\$ 13.80	\$ 14.07

\*Hired prior to 1987

\*\*Upon Ratification

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION  
RECREATION COMMISSION**

**IATSE LOCAL B-20**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ross Hume  
Program Manager, Labor Relations and  
Employee Engagement

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bambi Ooley  
Business Agent, IATSE B-20

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Durr  
Director of Event Services, P'5

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris "Radar" Bateman  
International Representative, IATSE B-20

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Jepson  
Director of Event Services, OCC

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Warrene Gill  
President, IATSE B-20

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Antonia Heffelfinger  
Administrative Assistant, P'5

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Michele Doumitt  
Assistant Director of Event Services, P'5

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Clark Moss  
Ticketing/Parking Services Manager, Expo

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Cruickshank,  
General Manager of Visitor Venues, MERC





## MERC STAFF REPORT

**Agenda Item/Issue:** For the purpose of ratifying the collective bargaining agreement with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local B20.

**Resolution No.** 17-08 **Presented by:** Ross Hume, Program Manager  
Labor Relations and Employee Engagement

**Date:** April 5, 2017

**Background and Analysis:** The MERC - IATSE B20 collective bargaining agreement represents a contract of the terms and conditions of employment for three full-time Audio/Visual (AV) Lead Technicians and 15 part-time/event-driven AV Technicians. These employees work at the Oregon Convention Center and provide AV services for conventions.

Parties met for their first session of bargaining on June 15, 2016 for negotiations of a successor collective bargaining agreement. Tentative agreement of the contract was reached on February 7, 2017. Ratification was reached by IATSE B20 membership on March 20, 2017.

This resolution is submitted to ratify the contract between IATSE B20 and MERC/Metro for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. This three-year agreement contains traditional mandatory subjects of bargaining found in other MERC contracts, with the following key elements:

- **Recognition:** The Oregon Employee Relations Board certified the Ticket and Show Sellers at the Expo Center as members of IATSE B20 unit on August 29, 2016.
- **Wages:** Upon ratification, wages will be increased by 2.00; by 2.50% on July 1, 2017; and by 2.50% on July 1, 2018.
- **Scheduling:** Definition of a “peak day” changed from three events in one day to two events in one day. Employees are required to be available to work on a peak day.
- **Health Insurance:** Removed “me too” language regarding part-time employee’s eligibility for health insurance.

**Short Range Fiscal Impact:** The costs of the collective bargaining agreement are within budgeted amounts for FY 16-17.

**Long Range Fiscal Impact:** The costs of the collective bargaining agreement will be reflected in future budget years and are viewed as reasonable and consistent with other employee compensation.

**Recommendation:** Recommend approval of Resolution 17-08 which states the MERC Commission approves ratification of the contract.