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**ANIMATION GUILD RATIFIES NEW THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT**

The members of The Animation Guild, Local 839 IATSE, have ratified the new 2015-2018 contract, which the Guild negotiated with animation studios represented by the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) from June 29 to July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The Guild, though one of the West Coast production locals in the IATSE, negotiates separately from the IA's west coast bargaining unit. Percentage-wise, the Animation Guild's overall ratification vote ran 68% higher than in 2012.

The new collective bargaining agreement includes 3% annual wage increases to contract minimums, a 10% pension increase, and 30% increases for contribution hours under Animation Guild's unit rates. Additionally, a new pay structure and higher benefit contributions were negotiated for freelance Timing Directors.