Thom Davis Business manager I.A.T.S.E.. Local 80, Motion Picture Studio Grips

Thom Davis became a member of the I.A.T.S.E. in 1977 when he began his career working in the jurisdiction of Local 80. He worked at most of the major studios in Hollywood on many motion pictures and television productions. While working among the rank and file, his life-long commitment to social justice issues prompted him to seek a role within the organization. In 1984 he decided to run, and was elected to the Executive Board of Local 80. After six years, he won election as Vice President of his local union.

In 1996, Thom was hired on staff as the Organizer of Local 80. He served in that capacity until 1998 when he was overwhelmingly elected as the Business Manager. He still holds this position today.

At the 2001 IATSE Convention, Thom Davis ran for a seat on the IATSE General Executive Board as an International Vice President. His bid was successful, and he has been re-elected again to that position in 2005 and 2009.

Also in 2005, he was appointed by the International President to be co-chair of District 2 of the I.A.T.S.E. There are fourteen districts throughout the United States and Canada compromised of locals within geographical proximity. District 2 is the largest one.

In addition, Thom serves as Vice President of the California Labor Federation and Vice President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. He has played a significant role in motivating the Hollywood locals to take an active role in both organizations as well as within the local, state and federal political arenas.

Thom also serves as a Trustee on the Board of the Motion Picture Industry Pension & Health Plans since his appointment by the I.A.T.S.E. International President in 2002.

Thom Davis is a highly-regarded labor leader among his peers.