

INTERNATIONAL
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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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BULLETIN – APRIL/MAY 2011

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PRESIDENT

MEETINGS – May 5, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (HALL)
May 11, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting (STE. 204)
May 18, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (STE. 204)
May 19, 2011 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (EB Room)
May 25, 2011 – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (STE. 204)

LOCAL 13 STOP WORK MEETING – Local 13 will be holding a 2nd Shift Stop Work Meeting on May 5th, whereas the Local 63 Membership Meeting will be a Regular Meeting.

NOMINATIONS OPEN – APRIL 15TH – MAY 16TH – for the following offices: Secretary/BA; Day Business Agent/Patrolman; Dispatcher (4); Board of Trustees (2) six-month term; Grievance Committee (19) six month term; Memorial Association (7). Election will be by mail ballot, mailed no later than May 25th; returned postmarked no later than Midnight, June 9th or in the Business Office no later than 5 p.m. on June 9th; results posted by 5 p.m. on June 13th.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES – A member filing for office must have dues paid up to the current month and must show eighteen months continuous membership in the Local. Any member desiring to be a candidate for any office in the Local shall secure from the Business Office a printed form designating the office or committee to which he/she aspires to and obtain the signatures of ten (10) members in good standing. To be eligible to run for any office or committee, one must have attended a minimum of six (6) membership meetings within the year preceding the regular nomination period. The **Business Office staff** will fill out the top portion of the nomination form to designate the office or committee the member seeks to hold at the time the form is issued. A nomination form circulated and signed before the office is designated is NOT valid. Members who obtain signatures on blank nomination forms or who change the office sought after the signatures have been obtained will be disqualified from running. The Business Office staff will issue to each potential candidate a separate nomination form for each office the member is considering running for. A member who is unsure which office he/she plans to file for should complete a separate form for each potential office. **However, under Article IV, Section 1(F) of the Marine Clerks Constitution, members may only file for one (1) office/committee excluding the office of Convention/Caucus Delegate and/or Memorial Association.** Once a member has submitted a nomination petition to the Business Office, that petition will not be returned to the candidate for any reason. A member who has filed a valid nomination petition for any office/committee may only withdraw from candidacy in writing to the Business Office **prior** to the ballots being printed.

WELFARE PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT – Any active or retired member who wishes to change his/her medical and/or dental plan may do so during the month of May by completing the appropriate form(s) in the Business Office; the change will then take effect on July 1st. This enrollment month is in addition to one (1) month of the member's choice during the year who may wish to change their medical and/or dental coverage(s).

MOTIONS PASSED AT EB MEETING OF 4/21/11 – The following motions were passed at the Executive Board Meeting and are pending Membership approval at the May 5th Regular Membership Meeting:

M/S/C: Ponce/Harrison – to endorse the negotiations of the OCU merging with Local 63 and show solidarity to strengthen the longshore division as a whole, as well as supporting the protection of the One Door Policy.

M/S/C: Ponce/Love – to bulletinize that the Local will formulate a program which will allow Local 63 members to voluntarily contribute to the 2012 Convention and Caucus and that all members who contribute will be recognized on a list to be posted in the Business Office and the Dispatch Hall.

M/S/C: M. Carranza/W. Carranza – that any Supercargo on the night shift (2nd or 3rd) who takes an opposite shift (Key or Basic) must cover a Supercargo for that shift, whether 2nd or 3rd;

M/S/C: M. Carranza/W. Carranza – that the order of dispatch will be determined by the total hours for any Supercargo (day or night) who is on the same Supercargo hours.

KAISER PERMANENTE REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Marsha Fox will be in attendance on Thursday, May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Local 63 Labor Room (Ste. 204) for our members who may have any questions or problems with their Kaiser coverage. An appointment is not necessary.

6TH ANNUAL ILWU/PMA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON –

This annual luncheon supports the youth of the Los Angeles harbor area and will take place on Friday, May 20th at Noon at their facility located at 100 West 5th Street, San Pedro. Ticket prices are \$150 each (checks only: made payable to Boys and Girls Club) and are available in the Local 63 Business Office. Local 63 members are encouraged to attend as the Boys and Girls Club is the recipient of our largest fundraising efforts each year as they serve seventeen sites within the Los Angeles Harbor.

PROTECTING OUR FUTURE – Never has the International Executive Board meeting had so many issues of concern covering so many topics. Just a few examples are Wisconsin and the stripping of collective bargaining rights of public employees while the richest 1% are given tax cuts; ILWU contracts that are not signed because of employers' unwillingness to maintain medical benefits while they reap massive year-over-year profits. The percentage of American workers working under a collective bargaining agreement in 2002 was 14%. Today prior to the many states that have recently stripped collective bargaining agreements away from public employees, the 14% number has fallen below 10%. The middle class of this country is being destroyed and the decisions made over the next 10 years for this Union are critical. Harry Bridges once said, "You can lose what you fought for overnight, and if you do, it could take decades to win it back."

