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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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BULLETIN – JUNE/JULY 2010

MEETINGS – July 1, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting
July 14, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting
July 15, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting
July 21, 2010 – 12:00 Noon – Promotions Committee Meeting

ELECTION RESULTS – SECRETARY/BA – Joe Gasperov; DAY BUSINESS AGENT/PATROLMAN – Richard Finlay; NIGHT BUSINESS AGENT/PATROLMAN – Mike Ponce; DISPATCHERS – Ray Box, Mike Carranza, Patricia Aguirre, Tony Pomella; BOARD OF DIRECTORS/MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION – Mike Podue, Ray Box, George Love, Dennis Mitchell, Steve Cowell, Bob Wilderman. ALL NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS ***MUST*** BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BE SWORN IN PRIOR TO TAKING OFFICE! Swearing in will take place promptly at 6:00 pm. A sign-in sheet will also need to be signed by each of the new members being sworn in.

BUSINESS OFFICE – The office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Bloody Thursday.

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING – When signing in at the Membership Meetings, please do not leave the Hall until a “no quorum” has been called or the meeting is adjourned. At the May meeting, there were 45 members who were signed in and then left before the 6:15 p.m. tally count. The business of the Union is very important to ALL of our futures and must be dealt with in a timely manner. No quorums only prolong future meetings with unfinished business!

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT JULY 1ST MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 1) a review of updates to the Local 63 Constitution that will bring it in line with current legal requirements; 2) new Supercargo dispatch procedures – learn about the new procedures for filling Supercargo jobs; 3) swearing-in of the newly elected Officers; 4) Automated Dispatch System – find out the current status of this long anticipated new system; 5) CWOG – hear about the current status of the CWOG claims and the CWOG agreement; 6) discussion on the role of Steadies on the job.

STEADIES – It has been brought to the Officers’ attention that some members who have gone steady are not taking a leadership position as a Union Steward on the job. Taking a relief position over Hall members is unacceptable. If you fail in your responsibilities to either the Union or the job you may be subject to a complaint which may affect your ability to remain in a steady position.

SUPERCARGO TRAINING – The terms for the next round of training for Supercargoes has not been jointly agreed to as of the printing of this bulletin. Any member interested in qualifying for Supercargo, or who is a Key qualified clerk who has not previously passed the Supercargo test may sign up on the appropriate sheet in the Dispatch Hall.

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30-DAY RETURN TO THE HALL REMINDER – “If a member quits a preferred job, he /she must be in the Hall for 30 days before accepting another preferred job, with the exception of Vessel Planners.” Members must be checked-in to the Hall for 30 days prior to going steady for any Employer. Being used exclusively as a Chief Supervisor until the 1st of the month is NOT an exception to the 30-day rule.

PAID HOLIDAY – SUNDAY, JULY 4TH, 2010 – INDEPENDENCE DAY – is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2009. For those members who do not meet the automatic holiday requirements, you must be available for work at least two of the four days, Tuesday, July 6th, Wednesday, July 7th, Thursday, July 8th or Friday, July 9th. Remember, only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2009 are eligible for file a claim or receive holiday pay.

NO WORK HOLIDAY, MONDAY, JULY 5TH – BLOODY THURSDAY – is a DEAD day. As was agreed-to in past negotiations, Bloody Thursday is a no work holiday, but is NOT a paid holiday. No work shall be performed between 8:00 a.m. July 5th and 8:00 a.m. July 6th, 2010, except for military cargo, passenger vessels and on-dock rail.

ANNUAL BLOODY THURSDAY PICNIC – This year’s event will take place on Monday July 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Harry Bridges Memorial Park next to the Queen Mary in Long Beach. The address is 1126 Queen’s Way. Parking will be validated for ILWU members and casuals. Special kids’ area and a custom classic car showing are included in the festivities in addition to live musical entertainment. Bring your family to this great yearly event!

NEW BENEFIT PLANS INFORMATON – A complete and current list of all providers and health care facilities whose services and prescriptions the Benefit Plans Office will no longer cover is posted on the Plan’s website, www.benefitplans.org. Please consult this website or telephone the Benefit Plans Office directly at (415) 673-8500 to receive the most current information regarding providers and facilities which are no longer covered under the Plan. Covered services of a Preferred Provider are paid in full with no out-of-pocket expense to members, and the Plan saves money as well. Please consult the website, www.ilwu-pma-ppo.com, for a current listing of preferred providers and facilities or call the Coastwise Claims Office at 800-955-7376.

FEAST OR FAMINE – As everyone is aware the past 2 years have been difficult economically and the Employer Compliance Program has disrupted the competent operations of the facilities. Now that cargo volume is returning many companies are failing to recognize their responsibility to the supply chain and industry as a whole. Truck drivers have had turn times reduced to as little as 1.2 turns per day. As the Union continues to argue for more efficient operations we also need to understand the frustrations the truckers are facing in their efforts just to make a living. Please be patient with these fellow working people and hopefully the industry will return to some form of common sense and make velocity of freight mobility the standard of today as it once was in the past.