



BULLETIN – JUNE 2008

MEETINGS – July 10, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting

July 8, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting

July 9, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting

July 17, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

July 23, 2008 – 12 Noon – Promotion Committee Meeting

LOCAL 63 MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE CHANGE – due to the Independence Day holiday, the Membership Meeting for the month of July has been changed to July 10th as was announced at the June 5th Membership Meeting.

ELECTION RESULTS – SECRETARY/BA – Richard Finlay; DAY BUSINESS AGENT/PATROLMAN – Mike Ponce; NIGHT BUSINESS AGENT/PATROLMAN – Revote election in process; DISPATCHER – Poppy Cornejo, Steven Pekich, Anthony “Tone” Lauro, John Carranza; LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE – William Hallet; BOARD OF DIRECTORS/MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION – George Love, Tom Warren, Bob Wilderman, Michael Podue, Patricia Aguirre, Steve Cowell, Ray Box.

UNFILLED OFFICES – Any member interested in occupying a position on the Grievance Committee for a six-month term should contact Vice President Mascola. There are currently 17 unfilled positions on this committee. Additionally, any member interested in the unfilled Sgt.-at-Arms position should attend the July Membership Meeting to be nominated off of the floor.

BUSINESS OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS – The business office will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

PAID HOLIDAY – FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008 – INDEPENDENCE DAY – is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2007. For those members who did not meet the automatic holiday requirements, you must be available for work at least two of the four days (Monday, June 30th, Tuesday, July 1st, Wednesday, July 2, or Thursday, July 3rd). If you are off on disability, you must submit written medical documentation to the business office covering you for this week. If you will be on vacation, you must notify the Records Clerk no later than Thursday, July 3rd to be placed on the claim list. Only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2007 are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays.

NO WORK HOLIDAY, SATURDAY, 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 7:00 a.m., July 6th, 2008, except for military cargo, passenger vessels and on-dock rail.

MARINE CLERK SECTION 1 AND TECHNOLOGY ARBITRATION AWARDS - in addition to posting Section 1 and Technology Framework arbitrations awards in the Dispatch Hall glass display case, you will find recent arbitrations awards at www.ilwu63.net under "Technology Update" on the right side menu of the screen. In addition, we have posted a table with a brief summary of all Marine Clerks Section 1 and Technology Framework arbitrations (2003 – present), coastwise, that will be updated on a regular basis.

MOTIONS PASSED FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD – the following motions were made at the June 19, 2008 Executive Board and will be read for final approval at the July 10, 2008 Membership Meeting:

1) M/S/C: Gamulin/Mitchell – to take any three (3) days off during the payroll week without taking average (mirror the night-side) based upon a 60-day trial basis. This would eliminate Rules D009 and D010.

2) M/S/C: Gamulin/Finlay – that any time the Hall is cleared; average is moved to 10-hours.

LOCAL 63 STEWARDS – members who signed up for the Stewards Committee and were unable to attend the June 24th meeting may come to the business office and collect their Stewards Id cards and vests. Any other member who has not attended the meeting and would like to become a Steward may sign up on the interest list posted in the Dispatch Hall. Future meetings for the interested members will be held and notifications sent.

POLITICAL ACTION – With 4 months until the November Presidential general election, it is critical that members recognize its significance and learn from our past 8 years the importance of this election. Political action envelopes are available in the business office, please pick one up and contribute to your union's future.

BLOODY THURSDAY PICNIC – This year's event will take place on Saturday, July 5th at Peck Park in San Pedro. Bring your family to this great yearly event.

MESSAGE FROM THE RECORDS CLERK – For those members who time-stamp their work works, please place the time-stamp on the back of the work card.

MESSAGE FROM OUT-GOING SECRETARY PEYTON – As we all know work in our port has dropped to levels unseen in 15 years. With the economy and changes in logistics strategies the next 1 ½ years are projected to be flat as well. However, we must understand that marine transportation systems are the future of this country and currently employ indirectly over 8.4 million people nationwide. It is critical that the Union members understand not only their individual jurisdictions but also the role we play in the whole of transportation systems; and with proper strategic thinking the success that can be gained if we stop thinking from a mindset of only within the fences of the terminals. The future is ours due to the demographics of the southwest and the infrastructures that have already been developed in Los Angeles and Long Beach. It is up to every union member to understand his/her role and decide whether this industry we work in is our industry or the industry of outsiders that shows little concern for workers, community and environmental standards which affect all of our lives.