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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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BULLETIN – MARCH / APRIL 2012

MEETINGS – April 5, 2012 – Thursday - 6:00 p.m. – 2nd Shift Stop Work Membership Meeting
 April 11, 2012 – Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. – So. California District Council Meeting
 April 17, 2012 – Tuesday - 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting
 April 19, 2012 – Thursday - 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting *day change
 April 19, 2012 – Thursday - 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

NOMINATIONS OPEN – APRIL 16th – MAY 16th – For the following offices: Secretary/BA; Day Business Agent/Patrolman; Dispatcher (4); Board of Trustees (2) Six-month term; Grievance Committee (14) Six-month term; Memorial Association (7). Election will be by mail ballot, mailed no later than May 25th; returned postmarked no later than June 11th in the Business Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 11th; results posted by 5:00 p.m. on June 13th, 2012. ***Dates have been changed by the President due to falling on weekend dates.*

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS – The total amount of dues paid in 2011 was \$2,720.08. Total amount of Coast Pro Rata and International Per Capita paid in 2011 was \$905.52 (\$75.46 per month) for a **total amount paid** of \$3,625.60. Any member who was off due to an excused disability on file in the Business Office should multiply the above amount(s) times the number of months they paid these figures to Local 63. Disability "dues" are \$75.46 per month, this amount is forwarded to the International for the Per Capita and Pro Rata. The Local is responsible for paying this amount to the International for each member of the Local whether it has received the amount from the member or not. Those members who were not part of Local 63 for the entire year should also multiply the above amount(s) times the number of months they were in the Local to have their actual amount paid for 2011.

CAUCUS ASSESSMENT – As was approved at the November 2011 Regular Membership Meeting, members will be assessed an additional \$30 to their dues amount for a period of four (4) months to cover the cost of the upcoming ILWU Convention/Caucus. Members will see this amount on their statements as an assessment which will continue to be reduced until the final payment is deducted from their paychecks in April. Those members who are on disability or who are not on the automatic dues deduction will have to pay this amount in the form of cash, check or credit in the business office or through the U.S. mail.

VACATION CLAIMS – Members who did not work the required amount of hours to qualify for all or part of their vacation payment due to disability status and have not already contacted the Business Office must do so by May 18th for the final payment on June 8th, 2012.

PAID HOLIDAY – SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012 – CESAR CHAVEZ BIRTHDAY – Is an automatic paid holiday for those members who worked 1300 hours or more in 2011 (1200 for age 60 or over). For those members who did not meet the automatic paid holiday requirement, they must work at least two (2) of the four (4) days – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, April 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th to qualify for the paid holiday. *Remember, only those members who worked at least 800 hours in 2011 (700 for age 60 or above) are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays.* As this year's holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be observed on Monday, April 2nd.

CONVENTION/CAUCUS RESOLUTIONS – The Caucus Committee will be meeting over the next four (4) months to strategize not only resolutions for the upcoming Convention/Caucus but also be looking towards the 2014 Contract Caucus. Any member who may have any resolutions that they would like considered, please submit them to the Business Office no later than the April 5th Regular Membership Meeting.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will be present on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for any Local 63 members who are in need of his services. He will set up office in the small conference room located in the Local 63 Business Office. Members may call ahead to make an appointment or just stop by on these same days monthly. These are dedicated days for Local 63 members only, members who are unable to meet with him on those days may still call and/or make appointments for his office at (310) 833-5144. Effective immediately, Kaiser and DHS representatives will only be in attendance on a quarterly basis. Therefore, the June 28th will be the next date they will be here.

REMINDER FROM THE WORK CARD COMMITTEE – Members are responsible for being familiar with the Marine Clerks Working and Dispatch Rules as well as the Marine Clerks Constitution. Everyone is provided a copy of both booklets when they become Local 63 members. Ignorance is not an acceptable excuse for members breaking the rules or stating that they are not being afforded the privileges which come with Local 63 membership (i.e. membership meeting exemption). Both booklets are available in the Business Office for members who may need a replacement copy.

REMINDER FROM THE PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE – Aside from the day change of the monthly meetings from Wednesdays to Thursdays, until further notice the Promotions Committee will be in the Labor Room (suite 204) on Membership Meeting night from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. for any members who need information regarding their qualifying.

MOTIONS/ACTIONS/REMINDERS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF 3/15/12 –

MOTIONS:

- 1) M/S/C: Ponce/Trani – to modify Rule ND-11 to read: "Supercargo shall be available for S/C work on their particular shift only (if a S/C job goes off the Board on own shift, a S/C may only work to Redline for a S/C job)".
- 2) M/S/C: R. Mitchell/Aguirre – to make it a requirement that members must fill in the day of the week on the date column of the monthly work cards.

REMINDERS: Under no circumstance should a marine clerk adjust weights without verification. If directed to do so by a Superintendent, please advise the Chief Supervisor and/or call the Business Agent. Clerks must verify the maximum gross weight on the back of a container, the tare weight on the chassis, and the weight of the tractor from the truck driver. If any of the information is not correct in the computer, please adjust accordingly. This information may alleviate a serious accident both on and off the terminal.

ATTENTION ALL 30% SHIP, DOCK & RAIL STEADY AND HALL CLERKS – The Officers will conduct a meeting on Thursday, April 12th at 12:00 p.m. (for night-side) and 6:00 p.m. (for day-side) regarding recent violations by Employers involving Sections 1, 3, and 17.

SUPERCARGO CLASS – The deadline for members interested in signing up for Supercargo class is Friday, March 30th in the Business Office. This deadline is for members who have NOT already signed the list in the Dispatch Hall.

ILWU CREDIT UNION – Representatives will be in attendance at the April 5th Membership Meeting to answer any questions as well as update the Membership on the status of installing an ATM machine in the Local 's lobby.

POINT COUNTER POINT – On Wednesday, March 28th the Center for International Trade and Transportation (CITT) will be hosting a presentation titled - *The future of Southern California Goods Movement: Will We Survive or Thrive in 2025?* The event will be held from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at California State University, Long Beach. Over the years, the CITT has held valuable educational forums; all members interested in their futures should mark this event on their calendars.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CLERKS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – This October, our Local will be celebrating an important milestone. The Officers are calling on all active and retired Marine Clerks to check their photo collections for photos of Marine Clerks on the job and/or at the Hall regardless of time period. These photos may also include Marine Clerks at important charitable or political events. Please bring these photos to the Business Office for the attention of President Podue. Photos may be donated to the Local or returned to after reproduction based upon request. Please identify the individuals in the photo(s), the location and approximate time period, whenever possible. Questions may be directed to President Podue or Director of Administration, Robert Maynez at the Business Office (310) 521-6363. This celebration is slated to be a most memorable one.

MARCH "ASK" END OF THE MONTH – What was the 1950's title of the Local 63 Bulletin? Answer: "The Clipboard".