

INTERNATIONAL
LONGSHORE &
WAREHOUSE UNION



MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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**BULLETIN – October 2009**

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PRESIDENT

MEETINGS – **October 1, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – 2nd Shift Stop Work Meeting**
 October 8, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting
 October 14, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting
 October 28, 2009 – 12 Noon – Promotion Committee Meeting
 October 15, 2009 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

**Please note that the Grievance Committee Meeting nights have been changed to the second Thursday of each month effective with the October meeting.*

**JURISDICTION MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE – EMPLOYER USE OF AFFILIATE
NON-PMA MEMBER COMPANIES TO ELIMINATE ILWU JOBS**

- The Employers have notified Local 63 that they intend to proceed forward with a “vessel swapping” agreement between SSA Pier A and APM Terminals. As a result, certain MSC vessel services will now call at APM Terminals and certain Maersk vessel services will call at SSA Pier A. As a further result of this arrangement, Marine Clerk vessel planners would cease performing vessel planning on these Maersk vessels calling at SSA Pier A. This is a direct violation of the Vessel Planners’ Supplement and the PCL&CA’s Letter of Understanding, dated July 1, 2008, regarding “Contractual Obligations.” The Union has engaged the Employers in an effort to preserve the work outlined and agreed to by the parties in the Vessel Planners’ Supplement. This issue of the Employers using affiliated “non-member” PMA companies to shift away ILWU work could have wide ranging and long lasting ramifications on ILWU Longshore Division jurisdiction, not limited to Marine Clerks. We will update the Membership on this urgent issue at the upcoming October 1 second shift Stop Work Membership Meeting.

NOMINATIONS OPEN – OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 16, 2009 – for the following offices: President/BA; Vice-President/BA; Sergeant-at-Arms (1); Board of Trustees (3); Executive Board (11); Labor Relations Committee (1); Grievance Committee (20); Promotions Committee (3); Dispatchers (4); Caucus/Convention Delegate (11). Election shall be by referendum ballot, mailed no later than November 24, 2009. Postmark deadline for return of ballot shall be midnight, December 9, 2009 or turned into the Business Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2009. Results will be posted by 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2009. **Please note that the Officers and Executive Board have extended the nomination period by one (1) day due to the official closing date falling on a Sunday this year.*

NOMINATION PROCEDURES - A member filing for office must have dues paid up to the current month, and must show eighteen (18) 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 which he/she shall properly fill out designating the office to which he/she aspires and containing the signatures of ten (10) members in good standing. To be eligible to run for any office or committee, one must have attended six (6) Membership Meetings within the year preceding the regular election for the December ballot. The **Business Office** will fill out the top portion of the nominating form to designate the office the member seeks to hold at the time the form is issued. A nominating form circulated and signed before the office is designated is not valid. Members who obtain signatures on blank nominating forms or who change the office sought after the signatures have been obtained will be disqualified from running. The Business Office will issue each potential candidate a separate nominating 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 Constitution, members may only file for one (1) office excluding the office of Convention/Caucus Delegate. Further, a member filing for the office of President or Vice President may also file for Executive Board.**

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Once a member has submitted a nominating petition to the Business Office, that petition will not be returned to the candidate for any reason. A member who has filed a valid nominating petition for an office may only withdraw his/her name from candidacy for that office by submitting a notice of intent to withdraw from candidacy *in writing* to the Business Office before the ballot is printed and mailed.

INTERNATIONAL BALLOT RESULTS – Interim results pending certification reported by the International Balloting Committee are as follows: PRESIDENT – Robert McEllrath; VICE PRESIDENT – Ray Familathe; HAWAII VICE PRESIDENT – Wesley Furtado; SECRETARY-TREASURER – Willie Adams; COAST COMMITTEE (CALIFORNIA) – Ray Ortiz, Jr.; (NORTHWEST) – Leal Sundet; INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD – Debbie Manowski, Rene Ducroux, Melvin Mackay, Fred Pecker, Herald Ugles, Max Vekich, Mike Mitre, Peter Peyton, John Fageaux, Jr., Bruce Wade, James Daw, Ryan Takas, Tom Dufresne, Alan Cote. ***Please be advised that ILWU International President Bob McEllrath has notified all Southern California Locals that he has filed a written constitutional challenge to clarify the issue of whether the provisions of Article VI, Section 6 – “there shall not be over one (1) Executive Board member from any one Local” – apply to the candidacies of Peter Peyton and John Fageaux, requiring that only the highest vote-getter between them may fill a Southern California seat on the IEB. The Local 63 Officers will update the Membership as soon as the constitutional issue is resolved.*

CWOG – The Officers met with the PMA again a few days ago to deal with CWOG issues, including scheduled days off for Hall clerks. PMA is still refusing to live up to what they agreed to in relation to providing five (5) days of work in weeks where there is a Stop Work Meeting. As there is a Stop Work meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 1st, the Union’s position is that night Hall clerks are eligible for CWOG on Saturday, September 26th. Therefore, if you check into the Hall on that Saturday night and do not receive a work opportunity, please file a grievance claiming a shortage with the Business Office. In addition, any Steady clerks who are scheduled by their employer on Saturday, September 26th and do not have work available at their dock and who check into the Hall, are also eligible. Also, any Steadies who are only scheduled for four (4) days rather than five (5) the week of September 26th, please contact an Officer so that we may assist in the filing of a grievance.

JIM SPINOSA RETIREMENT PARTY IN LIEU OF HOLIDAY PARTY – Due to the inadequate ticket sales for this year’s annual Local 63 holiday party, at the Special Executive Board of September 24th, a motion was passed to cancel this year’s holiday party and support a retirement party for President Spinosa on Friday, December 11th at the Ports O’ Call Restaurant in San Pedro. This party will celebrate the occasion of President Spinosa’s upcoming retirement and to honor him for his long years of service to the ILWU. A volunteer committee, led by Peter Peyton (63), David Arian (13-retired), and others, will handle the fundraising for this party in which ILWU members from up and down the Coast, Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada will attend. We will update the Membership as soon as more details are available.

12TH ANNUAL “FEED THE COMMUNITY” DAY – This year’s event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th at the ILWU Memorial Hall in Wilmington from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The goal this year is to feed 1500 families for Thanksgiving with each basket capable of feeding up to 10 people. Donations can be made at the ILWU Local 13 dues office or mailed to Local 13 at 320 Golden Shore Drive, Suite 300, Long Beach, CA., 90802. Checks may be made payable to ILWU, Local 13 with “Thanksgiving Event” written in the memo section. Volunteers are needed for Monday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the ILWU Memorial Hall for the prepping of the baskets and on Tuesday, November 24th from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the ILWU Memorial Hall for the distribution of the baskets. For more information, please contact Local 13 member, Lisa Tonson at (310) 266-9973.

HARRY BRIDGES INSTITUTE 8TH ANNUAL WORKING CLASS WOMEN’S LUNCHEON – this year’s event will be held on Sunday, October 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in San Pedro. This year’s Local 63 honoree is Rebecca Schlarb. For tickets and more information, please call Stacey at the HBI (310) 831-2397.

DECEASED MEMBERS – Anthony Raquel, #35047 (retired) - 8/12/09; James Harryman, #40173 (retired) – 8/21/09; Monroe Dantzler, #35201; Elmo Brenden, #40583 (retired) – 9/5/09.