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

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## BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 2008

**MEETINGS** – October 2, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting  
October 8, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting  
October 14, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting  
October 15, 2008 – 12 Noon – Promotions Committee Meeting  
October 16, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

**NOMINATIONS OPEN OCTOBER 15–NOVEMBER 15, 2008** - for the following offices: President, B/A, Vice President, Sergeant-at-Arms (1), Board of Trustees (3), Executive Board (11), Labor Relations Committee (1), Grievance Committee (20), Promotions Committee (3), Dispatchers (4), Convention and/or Caucus Delegation (11). Election shall be by referendum mail ballot, mailed no later than November 24, 2008. Postmark deadline for return of ballot shall be midnight, December 9, 2008. Results will be posted by 5 p.m. on December 12, 2008. The business office will be open Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to accept nominations only.

**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) Regular Membership Meetings within the year preceding the regular election of either June or December. The **business office** will fill out the top portion of the nominating form to designate the office any 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 to each potential candidate a separate nominating form for each office the member is considering running for. A member who is unsure which office she/he 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 office excluding the office of Convention and/or Caucus Delegate. Further, a member filing for the office of President or Vice President may also file for the Executive Board.** 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 ballots are printed and mailed.

**2008-2114 PCL&CA BALLOT RESULTS:** On September 18, 2008 the Local 63 Contract Ballot Committee certified the following ballot results: 755 voted “Yes” and 328 voted “No” for a total of 1,083 valid ballots cast. All Longshore Division locals have voted and the International will report the results shortly.

**WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Officers' have added a feature to the Local 63 website, whereby we can add important and urgent messages to the top of the homepage when needed. Please visit the website often to check for updates at ([www.ilwu63.net](http://www.ilwu63.net)).

**OBAMA for PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN:** Join the push to secure Labors candidate for President! There are 2 ways to help: (1) Volunteer in Oregon, Nevada, New Mexico, Alaska, or Colorado—Contact Sister Dawn DesBrisay (40) at 503-703-2623 or by e-mail [dawndesbrisay@msn.com](mailto:dawndesbrisay@msn.com) to apply. (2) Phone banking at Local 63, Monday thru Thursday nights, 5-9 p.m., beginning September 22nd. Food and drinks will be provided by the L.A. County Federation of Labor. Please contact Robert Maynez, Director of Administration at 310-521-6363 ext. 13, or by e-mail [rmaynez@ilwu63.net](mailto:rmaynez@ilwu63.net) to sign up. Please ensure that we have your contact information (name, phone number and e-mail address), and note which nights that you prefer to volunteer.

**“IT’S A WINTER WONDERLAND” CHRISTMAS PARTY!** Local 63 will host its annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 5, 2008, 6 p.m. at Madeo’s ballroom, Double Tree/Hilton Hotel (San Pedro’s only union hotel), 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro. This year we will have jazz cocktail hour from 6-7, with dinner following at 7 p.m. and a D.J. to spin your song requests. For your convenience, we have secured a hotel room rate of \$109 plus tax (single and double) and \$129 plus tax (marina view). Special group rate is guaranteed through November 19, 2008. Beginning on Monday, October 6, party tickets will be sold at the Local 63 Business Office for \$60. Tables of 10 may be reserved for a discount rate of \$50 per person. “Early birds” will also receive this discounted price of \$50 through Friday, November 7. Get your tickets soon and see you there!

**FIDELITY INVESTMENTS 401(k) REPRESENTATIVES:** Representatives from Fidelity Investments will be available at the General Membership Meeting, Thursday, October 2, 2008 between 5:00 -6:30 p.m. to provide information to help determine an investment strategy to help you reach your retirement goals, and answer questions about your retirement plan.

**PMA IS MOVING:** Please be advised, on Monday, September 29, 2008, Pacific Maritime Association will begin operations in its new location at 300 Oceangate, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802. Please note, the phone numbers, P.O. Box and e-mails are not changing. The office will be closed for operations on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and Friday, September 26, 2008. All data and voice services will be disconnected in preparation for the move and will be reconnected Monday, September 29th. Please note, Labor Relations Representatives and Management will be available via cell phones.

**MEMBERS’ OUTSTANDING DUES UPDATE:** We have many members not on dues check off and they are not paying their dues upon receipt. As we all know, dues should be paid on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the month for that month – *There is no grace period.* We encourage you to come to the Business Office and sign up on dues check off so you do not find yourself delinquent. All members who fail to pay their monthly dues payment by the first day of each month will automatically be placed on the non-dispatch list.

**MEMBERS ON DISABILITY:** Members are required to notify the business office of disability status in a timely manner with written medical documentation to support the dates. If returning prior to the expected return date, notification of this date is also necessary. It is the member’s responsibility to check their dues status in the business office before checking in and returning to work. In order to be reimbursed or credited for dues due to disability status, all documentation must be current with the business office.

**HARRY BRIDGES INSTITUTE HONORING WORKING CLASS WOMEN:** The Seventh Annual Working Class Women’s Luncheon will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in San Pedro on Sunday, November 20, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The event is being hosted by the Harry Bridges Institute. For further information and tickets contact the HBI at (310) 831-2397 or [www.HarryBridges.com](http://www.HarryBridges.com).

**DISPATCHING HOURS:** Reminder to all Local 63 members, during dispatching hours only members are allowed inside the hall; no children, animals, or guests are allowed.