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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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BULLETIN – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

MEETINGS: March 2, 2017 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – Stop Work Membership Meeting (Hall)
March 15, 2017 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council Mtg. (Ste.204)
March 15, 2017 – Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – Regular Clerks LRC Meeting (Ste.204)
March 15, 2017 – Wednesday – 12:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees Meeting (Ste.200)
March 16, 2017 – Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste.200)
March 21, 2017 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Ste.204)
March 21, 2017 – Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – ADA Meeting (Ste.204)
March 28, 2017 – Tuesday – 5:30 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Ste.204)

Locals 63 and 13 will hold a Stop-Work Membership Meeting on March 2nd

***THE BUSINESS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CESAR CHAVEZ BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY***

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS – The total amount of Dues and Assessments paid in 2016 was \$3,873.60 (Class ‘A’ Dues are \$322.80 per month). Any member who was off due to an excused disability on file in the Business Office only paid their Coast Pro Rata and Per Capita which was \$83.87 per month and the assessments, so those members should multiply the amount(s) times the number of months they paid these figures to Local 63. Any member who was not part of Local 63 for the entire year should multiply the above amount(s) times the number of months they were in the Local to have their actual amount paid.

LONGSHORE OPPORTUNITY INTEREST/REPLACEMENT/PUBLIC CARD COMPLAINTS – In regard to the January 2017 Longshore Opportunity process in the Ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, it has come to the Officers’ attention that many Interest, Replacement, and Public Cards were returned to the senders by the U.S. Post Office in error. Any disputes or claims about any aspect of this Casual processing program must be in writing and received by the Joint Port Labor Relations Committee (JPLRC) within ten (10) calendar days (no extensions) of the source of the complaint at the below mailing address. Decisions of the JPLRC are final and binding. **Mailing Address for Disputes or Claims: JPLRC – LA/LB Casual Processing Grievance, P.O. Box 21618, Long Beach, CA 90801.** For affected Local 63 members, in addition to sending the required letter, please see the Local 63 Business Office as soon as possible. Please see Locals 13-63-94 flyers posted on the Local’s website at: www.ilwu63.net

JANUARY 2017 SPECIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT RESULT – The ballots were counted and the results were posted to the Local’s website on Tuesday, February 7th, for (1) position of Dispatcher, a six-month term through June 30, 2017. Congratulations to Max Lopez.

PMA OFFICE RELOCATION – Please be advised that the PMA Long Beach office will be closed on Friday, February 17th, 2017 to accommodate the move to their new office. PMA will resume business operation on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017. Their new operating location will be on the 17th Floor of the World Trade Center in Long Beach, California. Please update your records to reflect their new address at:

1 World Trade Center 1700
Long Beach, CA 90831
Tel: (562) 495-7600 Fax: (562) 436-8252 (Remain unchanged)

PAID HOLIDAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2017 - CESAR CHAVEZ BIRTHDAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over in 2015). Those members who worked at least 800 hours but less than 1300 must work two (2) of the four (4) days that week exclusive of the holiday – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, March 27th, 28th, 29th or March 30th, to qualify for the paid holiday, or if out on disability during that week, they must request that the Business office file a holiday claim on their behalf with the appropriate medical documentation covering them for that week. *Remember, only members who **worked** at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) are entitled to file a holiday claim or receive holiday pay.*

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 in 2016 must contact the Business office to request a claim be submitted on their behalf. The first claim deadline was February 17th for an approved claim payment on March 10th. May 19th is the final deadline for an approved claim payment on June 9th, 2017.

VACATION/PENSION/WELFARE/HOLIDAY REQUIREMENTS – Please be aware that each of these benefits have very distinct criteria. Receiving one (1) or more of these benefits by having a claim approved DOES NOT necessarily ensure that any of the other benefits will be attained. *As a reminder, it is the member's responsibility to request that a claim be submitted on their behalf should there be a need.* If a member is uncertain of the requirements for any of the above noted benefits, they should request information in the Business office or by contacting the appropriate office (i.e. PMA in Long Beach or the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans Office in San Francisco).

MEMBERS ON NON-DISPATCH – Members who are placed on non-dispatch for non-payment of dues ***Must*** notify the Business Office as to when they are coming in ***Prior*** to arriving to rectify their accounts in order to be removed from the non-dispatch list. Members have been coming into the Business Office within minutes of wanting to pick up a job and demanding to have their issues resolved. Some issues have included the supplying of untimely doctors' notes which require review and adjustments to their outstanding dues before arriving at the correct amount owed; others are unjustifiably late and are expecting to be serviced ahead of other members who are conducting business at the window. Automatic dues check-off is a convenience which alleviates being placed on non-dispatch 95% of the time. Members who are not already on automatic dues check-off should reconsider their unwillingness to utilize this service to alleviate possible loss of work opportunities. Members who are placed on Non-Dispatch due to LRC issues must make an appointment with an Officer to discuss the rectification process to be removed from Non-Dispatch, as the Business office staff has no authority to handle this particular situation.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Tuesday, March 14th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for any Local 63 members who are in need of his services. Please call the Local 63 Business office ahead of time to schedule your appointment. ****Appointment times fill up quickly, scheduling in advance is recommended.*** Local 63 Members who are unable to meet with him on these dates may still call and/or make appointments at his office located at: 28924 S. Western Ave., Ste.202, in R.P.V., by directly calling him or his assistant, Olivia at: (310) 833-5144.

PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Please note the next monthly Promotions Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 21st, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Labor Room, Ste.204. In addition, the Promotions Committee will also be available in the Labor Room one hour ***prior*** to the March 2nd Stop Work Membership meeting. Members who are currently Pre-Qualifying & Key-Qualifying are strongly encouraged to attend either of these meetings to stay updated during their probationary time. It is the member's responsibility to meet with their leader as Promotions is a monthly volunteered committee.

AGE 60 AND OVER MEETING EXEMPTION RULE REMINDER – As per the Local 63 Constitution, in order to be exempted from being fined for non-attendance of monthly membership meetings, a member must be aged 60 or over, have achieved 5-years in Local 63 and sign the required form in the Business Office; any missed meetings after the signing of the form will not be fined. ****Please note, that this only exempts a member from being fined, it does not affect the required availability for check-in rule(s).***

ILWU PINS – The Business office has a new variety of dress pins for sale including the much requested gold longshore hook and large round pin; prices vary from \$6.00 to \$10.00.

MESSAGE FROM THE WORK CARD COMMITTEE – Members on the 30% board must show both sets of hours on their time card, i.e. their 30% hours in the appropriate column, and their key hours in the appropriate column. In addition, they must show both sets of hours in the last column for their totals, i.e. their 30% on top and their total hours below, even if their total key hours are zero for the month. Otherwise, it will be considered an incomplete time card. The 'Total Hours' column furthest to the right must reflect how you have checked-in for dispatch.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – There seems to be some questions and confusion on filling in for yard planning and rail planning positions that are temporarily vacated by a steady planner. Whether filling in for vacation, sickness or just for the day. Unless a member has taken the class and is 30% qualified only then will they be allowed to be temporarily placed in that position. Otherwise, that job must come to the hall. I am sure all would agree that until PMA agrees to such classes, we as a local cannot create a secondary dispatch or favoritism by allowing the employer to choose who they wish to train and locking the 30% hall out of those jobs. There is nothing more this local would want than more qualified 30% members, but until PMA agrees to further train our workforce, we must stand together on this issue. Thank you! In Solidarity, *Paul Trani - President*