

INTERNATIONAL  
LONGSHORE &  
WAREHOUSE UNION



MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90731



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PRESIDENT

**BULLETIN – APRIL-MAY 2017**

**MEETINGS:** May 4, 2017 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – Stop Work Membership Meeting (Hall)  
May 10, 2017 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council Meeting (Ste. 204)  
May 16, 2017 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)  
May 16, 2017 – Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – ADA Meeting (PMA)  
May 17, 2017 – Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – Regular Clerks LRC Meeting (Ste. 204)  
May 18, 2017 – Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)  
May 23, 2017 – Tuesday – 5:30 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)

***THE BUSINESS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29th  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY***

**NOMINATIONS OPEN APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> – MAY 1<sup>st</sup>** – All nomination forms must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. the cut-off day, Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, for the following offices: Secretary/BA, Day Business Agent/Patrolman, Dispatcher (4), Board of Trustees (2), Grievance Committee (20), Memorial Association (4), Promotions Committee (5)

**VOTING ELIGIBILITY FROM NEW CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES** - *As per the July 14, 2016 Constitutional amendment of Article IV, Section 2.H states only active dues paying members in good standing, as defined in Section 2.K shall be eligible to vote on ballots prepared by the titled officers on behalf of the Local and/or various units within the Local. The intention of these amendments is for **ALL** members to be in good standing (owe less than \$100 in fines) to either run for office and/or vote in all elections. Therefore, to be eligible to receive a ballot from the Business Office, a member must be in good standing with the Local. The deadline for members to pay their outstanding balances to the Business Office is on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> by 5:00 p.m.*

1. Members **MUST** seal their ballot into the “Secret Ballot Envelope” provided to them before they mail out or deposit ballot into the designated ballot box located in the Business Office lobby as several ballots have been received by the Pensioners loosely in the “Return Envelope” only and not the proper way inside of the “Secret Ballot Envelope”, deeming them invalid.
2. Please allow plenty of time for U.S. mail to be sorted and delivered to the post office. Allowing only 1 day is not enough time to mail-in your ballot and for it to be received in our P.O. Box 6447 next day by 10:00 a.m. The official election cut-off time is on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Ensure your ballot is received on-time!
3. Sign or initial the outside bottom of your return ballot envelope as many members are neglecting to do so.

**PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017 – MEMORIAL DAY** – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over in 2016). Those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 hours if age 60 or over) but less than 1300 must work two (2) of the four (4) days that week exclusive of the holiday – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday: May 30<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, or June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.*

**FIRST BLOOD MEMORIAL PROGRAM** – The ILWU So. California Pensioners will be holding their annual memorial to those brothers and sisters who were killed on the job throughout the years. Please plan on attending and joining the ILWU family to remember those we have lost. The event will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the base of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Harbor Blvd. in San Pedro.

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**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ILWU BLOODY THURSDAY BOWLING TOURNAMENT** – Please join Locals 13, 63, 94 on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Palos Verdes Bowl, 24600 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance. Check in time is 11:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$40 which includes t-shirt, prize money, and lane fees. Please contact Rosa Golden at: (310) 930-3420.

**VACATION CLAIMS** – Members who did not work the required number 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. May 20<sup>th</sup> is the **final** deadline for an approved claim payment on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Any questions regarding a denial of this claim must be directed to Betty Pleas at PMA's Long Beach office.

**WELFARE CLAIMS** – Members who did not work the required number of hours in 2016 to qualify for Welfare Plan benefits to continue beyond June 30, 2017, will receive written notification from the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans that a welfare claim must be submitted. The Local will not automatically submit a claim for you. **You must** call or come into the Business Office to request a claim be submitted. It is your responsibility to provide the necessary information and request that a Welfare Claim be processed on your behalf. To ensure that you do not lose coverage on July 1, 2017, the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans office must receive your completed claim no later than May 31, 2017. Please call the L.63 Business Office if you have any questions or concerns at: (310) 521-6363.

**PMA IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 8.34 FOR CLERKS' NON-AVAILABILITY** – PMA is actively pursuing members who do not meet the necessary criteria for this section of the PCCCD regarding availability. Members who do not provide PMA with written medical documentation or request an official Leave of Absence, (including extended vacations), and not approved through the JPLRC for their time away from the industry may risk possible deregistration. Members may fax documentation to: (562) 436-8252, Attn: Phil Tabyanan; or mail to the Labor Relations Department – P.O. Box 21618, Long Beach, CA 90801-4443; or submit in person at PMA's physical address: 1 World Trade Center 1700, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Long Beach, CA 90831.

**PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS** – Please note the next monthly Promotions Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Labor Room, Ste.204. Members who are currently Pre-Qualifying & Key-Qualifying are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting 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.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR** – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for any Local 63 members who need 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 Mr. Alvarado on these dates may still call and/or make appointments at his office located in R.P.V. at: 28924 S. Western Avenue, Suite #202, by directly calling the office and speaking to his assistant, Olivia at: (310) 833-5144.

**AGE 60 AND OVER MEETING EXEMPTION RULE REMINDER** – As per the Local 63 Constitution, in order to be exempt 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 inside 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).***

#### **A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAUL TRANI-**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many members have volunteered their time for different committees throughout this Local and I thank them for it. I especially want to thank Brother Kenny Ursich. He has unselfishly dedicated so many years to looking after our safety on the waterfront. Behind every good man is a great woman, so a very special thanks to his wife Gretchen for her understanding efforts as Kenny continues to serve as our representative for the Joint Accident Prevention Committee (JAPC). With that being said, please continue to be mindful of wearing your (PPE) Personal Protective Equipment. One will probably never know the amount of times wearing our PPE has saved us, or how many times the sight of a fluorescent vest or even a white hardhat from the corner of one's eye has prevented an accident.

A few of you have approached me about getting a small group of members together who would like to take on the task of reaching out to our hurting brothers and sisters within our local. There are times when members get hurt on the job, have been out for a while on disability, or have had a tragedy in their life such as losing a loved one. A simple phone call from a brother or sister within this local just to say we care about what happens to them, goes a long way. If this is something that you feel in your heart you would like to help with then please reach out to me.

***An injury to one is an injury to all.***