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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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**BULLETIN – APRIL/MAY 2010**

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PRESIDENT

**MEETINGS** – May 4, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (HALL)  
May 12, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting (LABOR ROOM)  
May 14, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Educational Meeting (HALL)  
May 19, 2010 – Noon – Promotions Committee Meeting (LABOR ROOM)  
May 20, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (EB ROOM)

**NOMINATIONS OPEN – APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>** – for the following offices: Secretary/BA (1); Day Business Agent/Patrolman (1); Night Business Agent/Patrolman (1); Dispatchers (4); Board of Trustees (3) six-month term; Grievance Committee (20) six-month term; Labor Relations Committee (1); Memorial Association (7). Election will be by mail ballot, mailed no later than May 25<sup>th</sup>, returned postmarked no later than Midnight, June 9<sup>th</sup> or in the Business Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup>; results posted by 5:00 p.m. on June 11<sup>th</sup>. *\*The nomination period has been extended to the 17<sup>th</sup> by President Peyton due to the 15<sup>th</sup> falling on a Saturday!*

**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 designating the office to which he/she aspires to and contain the signatures of ten (10) members in good standing. To be eligible to run for any office or committee, one must have attended a minimum of six (6) membership meetings within the year preceding the regular nomination period of either the June or December elections. The **Business Office staff** 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 nomination form circulated and signed before the office is designated is NOT valid. Members who obtain signatures on blank nomination forms or who change the office sought after the signatures have been obtained will be disqualified from running. The Business Office staff will issue to each potential candidate a separate nomination 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 Marine Clerks Constitution, members may only file for one (1) office excluding the office of Convention/Caucus Delegate and/or Memorial Association.** Once a member has submitted a nomination petition to the Business Office, that petition will not be returned to the candidate for any reason. A member who has filed a valid nomination petition for any 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 **prior** to the ballots being printed.

**NIGHT DISPATCH TIME CHANGES** – Effective Saturday, April 17, 2010, members may check-in via telephone or physical. Effective May 1, 2010, telephone check-in cut-off which currently 12 Noon will move back to 11:00 a.m. Additionally on May 1, 2010, physical check-in which is currently from 12 Noon to 3:15 p.m. will change to 11:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

**WELFARE PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT** – Any active or retired member who wishes to change his/her medical and/or dental plan may do so during the month of May by completing the appropriate form(s) in the Business Office; the change will then take effect on July 1st. This enrollment month is in addition to one (1) other month of the member's choice during the year who may wish to change their medical and/or dental coverage(s).

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY EDUCATIONAL MEETING** - The speeches given at the recent "Pulse of the Ports" Conference by various freight mobility industry leaders will be edited and reviewed at this meeting so our membership may better understand our role and responsibility to the future of our industry.

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**COAST ARBITRATION AWARD ON VESSEL SUPERINTENDENTS AT PORTS AMERICA GROUP** - The Coast Arbitrator, John Kagel, recently heard the Employers' appeal of Southern California Area Arbitrator Miller's arbitration awards on Vessel Superintendents at PAG (SCAA-1-2010 and SCAA-2-2010). The Coast Arbitrator vacated Miller's arbitration awards and ruled that Superintendents are allowed to use technologies to observe and monitor the operation, but only to the extent that they were allowed to do so prior to the implementation of technologies. They can then relay their observations to the Supercargo who will then make a determination as to what the problem is and how to resolve it. Superintendents cannot give specific directions regarding what to do beyond telling the Supercargo what the Superintendent observed and having the Supercargo investigate further and resolve the problem within the content of the day's operational plan. The Union's issue of Superintendents' micro-management due to the "pervasive assignment" of a large number of Superintendents observing and interfering with the ability of Marine Clerks to carry out their daily assignments was left undecided. Kagel ruled that a decision on that issue would require additional specifics as to situations and dates should the Union decide to pursue that matter at a future arbitration hearing. Overall, it appears that Coast Arbitrator Kagel was intent on preserving the chain of command and the jurisdiction of Marine Clerks to investigate and resolve problems based on the Employers' overall plan.

**RELIEF FOR THE LOCKED OUT ILWU LOCAL 30 WORKERS** – On Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m, ILWU Local 13 will present "Comic Relief for Boron" to support the locked out ILWU Local 30 workers; several major comedians will be performing. Ticket prices are \$25 each and all proceeds will benefit our locked out Brothers and Sisters. The event will be held at the ILWU Local 13 Memorial Hall located at 231 West "C" Street in Wilmington. See [www.ilwu63.net](http://www.ilwu63.net) for the event flyer. Additionally, should you also wish to send a tax deductible donation, a pre-addressed envelope has been enclosed with this bulletin. Please make checks payable to "**Labor Community Services**" with "**Boron Lockout**" in the memo section of the check. Your contribution will help sustain our ILWU families while the International works to get them back to work.

**LOCAL 13 OFFICE RELOCATION** – Local 13 will be moving their main office and health benefits office to San Pedro and will officially be open for business effective May 3, 2010. Their new address will be 630 Centre Street, San Pedro, CA. 90731. Their telephone numbers will remain the same: Main - 310-830-1130, Health Benefits - 310-830-6116.

**SAFETY SHOE REMINDER** – The time period for this year's JPLRC reimbursement program began on July 1, 2009 and ends on June 30, 2010. Remember to use your yearly shoe certificate by the June 30<sup>th</sup> date or the \$200 benefit will be lost. If you have lost your certificate, you will have to apply to the local Joint Port Labor Relations Committee for a replacement. There will be an approximate one-month delay while the old certificate is cancelled and the system is checked to ensure that it has not already been used. The deadline to turn in a request for a lost certificate is May 14, 2010. You must have a valid current address to receive this certificate. The "Lost Shoe Replacement" form or the "Reimbursement Request" form may be obtained at the PMA office in Long Beach or via the internet at <http://www.pmanet.org/>, click on the heading entitled "Longshore", then click on "Safety Shoe Forms" and select the form you need.

**2010 CAUCUS REPORTS** – The recent Caucus shed light on a number of similar issues that are affecting all of the Locals coastwise. At the May 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Membership Meeting, a report will be given on the following key Caucus issues: 1) pension plan; 2) welfare plan; 3) jurisdiction; 4) training; 5) Coast finances; 6) automation. Make certain to attend this meeting so you can be informed on all of these important topics.

**OUTSTANDING FINES** – Notices will soon be mailed to those members who owe over \$150 in fines. Any member wishing to review or challenge his or her debt may do so on Thursday, May 13, 2010. Upon notification and review, a list will be submitted to the Executive Board and upon approval, all those members who fail to pay their fines prior to the June, 2010 Regular Membership Meeting will be taken to Small Claims Court.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ILWU/PMA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON** – This annual luncheon supports the youth of the Los Angeles Harbor area and will take place on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at Noon at their facility located at 100 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro. Tickets prices are \$50 each (checks only, made payable to Boys and Girls Club) and are available in the Local 63 Business Office. *Local 63 members are encouraged to attend as the Boys and Girls Club is the recipient of our largest fundraising efforts each year.*