

BULLETIN – MAY 2008

MEETINGS – June 5, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. – Membership Meeting
June 10, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting
June 11, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting
June 18, 2008 – Noon – Promotions Committee Meeting
June 19, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

**The Business Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.*

TWIC DEADLINE EXTENSION – Per the U.S. Department of Homeland Security press release, the final compliance deadline date for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program has been extended to April 15, 2009. Port workers may pre-enroll online at www.tsa.gov/twic. Pre-enrollment can accelerate credentialing by allowing workers to provide biographic information and schedule a time to complete the application process in person. This eliminates delays at enrollment centers and reduces total enrollment time for each worker. Although the compliance date has been extended, workers are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible to alleviate any unforeseen delays as the final date approaches.

MOTIONS/ACTIONS PASSED – Motion approved at Membership Meeting of May 1, 2008 – to change night dispatch times effective May 10, 2008 as follows:

- A) phone check-in until 11:00 a.m.
- B) phone dispatch from 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- C) physical dispatch from 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- D) physical check-in until 3:15 p.m.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 26TH – MEMORIAL DAY – is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2007. For those members who did not meet the automatic requirements, you must be available for work at least two of the four days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, May 27th – 30th). Only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2007 are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays.

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).

WASHINGTON D.C. – The response to the Membership action to voluntarily not work on May 1st was applauded by many politicians who support labor and have spoken out against the war in Iraq. The ILWU, as is true to its history has once again performed accordingly to speak out on social justice issues.

SO. CALIFORNIA ILWU DRILL TEAM – Due to rank and file interest, Locals 13, 63, & 94 are convening a meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a Southern California ILWU Drill Team. This team would perform at various functions, including the annual Labor Day march held in Wilmington to promote union solidarity and a positive image of the ILWU in the community. Initial training would be conducted by Brother Josh Williams, Founder and Captain of the Local 10 (San Francisco) Drill Team since 1966. Members who are interested may contact Local 63 Sis. Connie Chaney at (310) 701-8899 or via email at ccthekid6@aol.com.

ILWU LOCAL 63 WEBSITE POSTINGS UPDATE – The Records Clerk is now posting daily work requests, dayside dispatch and nightside dispatch, Monday (p.m.) through Saturday (a.m.). We are working on the remainder of the weekend postings and will notify the Membership through the bulletin once the weekend postings begin. The Records Clerk is also posting the Marine Clerks Average Hours, dayside, and steady postings.

ILWU BLOODY THURSDAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT – This year's tournament is set for June 21st & 22nd. The deadline for signing up is June 6th and the cost is \$750 per team. For more information, please contact Red at (310) 350-6094.

FROM THE RECORDS CLERK – Due to the new scanning system, members may not turn in work cards which have not been formally issued by the Local. Any work card which does not come from the business office will be returned to the member and will therefore be considered late.

STEWARDS MEETING – Thank you to the people who participated in the May 14th meeting. Any member who signed up and was unable to attend will be contacted as to the next meeting date. However, it should be noted that anyone working in a 30% category supervising other marine clerks is considered a Steward of the Local. If you have recently transferred and do not understand the responsibilities of a Chief Supervisor and how it relates to being a Steward of the Local, please come to the Business Office to be placed on the list for the next meeting.

CHIEF SUPERVISORS – A number of issues coming before the Local are involving complaints that should be dealt with by the Chief Supervisor rather than the Business Agent or Executive Board. If a person working as a Marine Clerk does not work as directed, the grievance machinery is very clear as to the steps the Chief Supervisor should follow, including but not limited to the filing of complaints or firing a person not working as directed. If you have any questions on obligations and responsibilities of a Chief Supervisor, please contact a Business Agent or Officer.

POLITICAL ACTION – The November national elections are nearing and the fight to take back the White House and pick up ten additional U.S. Senate seats is in the works. The success of this election is particularly important for unions in regards to organizing and the new appointments of the regulatory agencies that set rules for all unions. Under the Bush Administration, all regulatory rules from the Department of Labor have reflected the Administration's pro-employer positions. Your participation, whether through volunteering or simply by donating to these November campaigns is critical to the Union's future and the conditions in which we work under.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES – The Officers are beginning to draw a very clear picture on which companies' new computer systems are working well and which systems are not. Please understand that your jurisdiction and future are affected by these new systems. Those which work well will lead to a decrease in Marine Clerk work, however; it is critical that Marine Clerks understand the limitations of poorly designed systems and perform the scope of work that falls under our Section 1.