

INTERNATIONAL
LONGSHORE &
WAREHOUSE UNION



MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

350 WEST 5TH STREET, SUITE 200

SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90731



BULLETIN – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2013

MICHAEL A. PODUE
PRESIDENT

MEETINGS: **November 7, 2013 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – 2nd Shift Stop Work Meeting (Hall)**
November 13, 2013 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council (Ste. 204)
November 19, 2013 – Tuesday – **1:00 p.m.** – Grievance Committee Mtg. (Ste. 204)
November 21, 2013 – Thursday – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)
November 26, 2013 – Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee (Ste. 204)

The Business Office will be closed Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 28th & 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

NOMINATIONS OPEN – OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 15 – for the following offices: President/BA; Vice President/BA; Night Business Agent; Dispatcher (4); Sergeant-at-Arms (1); Board of Trustees (3); Executive Board (11); Labor Relations Committeeman (1); Grievance Committee (20); Promotions Committee (3); Caucus/Convention Delegate (11); Memorial Association (1) six-month term.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES – a member filing for office must have dues paid up to the current month and must show 18 months of 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 shall be properly filled out designating the office to which he/she aspires and containing the signatures of 10 members in good standing. To be eligible to run for any office or committee, the candidate must have attended six (6) Membership Meetings within the year preceding the regular election period for the December ballot. The Business Office will fill out the top portion of the form to designate the office the member seeks to run for 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 for after the signatures have been obtained will be disqualified from running. The Business Office will issue each potential candidate a separate nomination form for each office the member is considering running for. A member who is unsure of which office he/she plans to run for should complete a separate form for each potential office. **However, under Article IV, Section (F) of the Local 63 Constitution, members may only file for and run for one (1) office excluding the office of Caucus/Convention Delegate. Further, a member filing for the office of President or Vice President may also file for Executive Board.**

2014 CONTRACT CAUCUS/NEGOTIATIONS – As a reminder, per Article X, Section 3(A) of the Marine Clerks Constitution, there will be an assessment of \$58.73 for four (4) consecutive months beginning with Friday, November 1st to cover expenses which will be incurred due to preparations necessary for the upcoming contract negotiations. Therefore the dues amount on paycheck stubs will appear as \$381.53 for these four (4) months only.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013 – VETERANS' DAY - normal work day and an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2012. For those who did not, you must be available to work at least two (2) of the four (4) days exclusive of the holiday date, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, November 12th, 13th, 14th or 15th. Please note that **only** those members who **worked** at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2012 are eligible to receive or file for holiday claims.

PAID HOLIDAY – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2013 – THANKSGIVING DAY – is a no work holiday. Members must be available for work at least two (2) of the four (4) days, exclusive of the holiday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday, November 25th, 26th, 27th or 29th. Members who are off on disability must submit written medical documentation covering them for the holiday week in order to have the Business Office file a claim on their behalf. For those members who will be on vacation during that week (Monday – Friday), please notify the Records Clerk prior to the end of the holiday week. Note, **only** members who **worked** at least 800 hours (700 hours if age 60 or over) in 2012 are eligible to receive or file for holiday claims.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will continue to be present on the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for any Local 63 members who are in need of his services. He will set up office in the small conference room located in the Local 63 Business Office. Members may call ahead to make an appointment or just stop by on these same days monthly. These are dedicated days for Local 63 members only. Members who are unable to meet with him on those days may still call and/or make appointments for his office on Western Avenue in San Pedro at (310) 833-5144. **Special Local 63 scheduled dates for October are the 10th and 31st; and in the month of November his only scheduled date will be the 14th.**

ONGOING PROBLEMATIC WELFARE CLAIMS – Due to the overwhelming issues with unpaid welfare claims and other coverage problems, Zenith/Coastwise Claims representatives will continue to be present until further notice: **Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** As of **September 19th**, they have moved their temporary location to the **ILWU Memorial Association Hall located at 231 West “C” Street in Wilmington.** Members who have unresolved issues with the welfare plan may bring copies of their EOB’s, claims, and/or medical bills for review. Any inappropriate behavior such as discriminatory remarks, harassing conduct, cursing, shouting or threats will not be tolerated.

HARRY BRIDGES INSTITUTE 12TH ANNUAL WORKING CLASS WOMEN’S LUNCHEON – this year’s event will be held on Sunday, November ~~24~~ from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel in San Pedro. The Local 63 honoree for this year is Irene Rodriguez; for tickets and more information, please call Stacey Fortunato at the HBI @ (310) 831-2397.

VESSEL MANDATORY COMEBACK – All vessel clerks, Steady or Hall, are reminded that they are tied to the ship and must take a comeback if offered or call their own replacement through the Dispatch Hall and take the following day off; chief supervisor exempted.

COMEBACK SENIORITY – When cutting back gangs on a vessel, marine clerk attrition occurs from the bottom of the most recent list submitted and if need be, the same on the initial list.

COMEBACK STANDS AS STATED – Comebacks for Hall clerks must be specified before leaving the dock and no change shall be made by any company by telephone or otherwise.

TWIC RENEWAL UPDATE – Members should check their TWIC cards to confirm when they will expire. Do not get caught unable to work because your card has expired! The current locations for replacement or renewal of TWIC cards are as follows:

- 1) TWIC Enrollment Center – Avalon Plaza, 460 Carson Plaza Drive, Suite 114, Carson, CA. 90746: Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2) TWIC Enrollment Center – 2501 E. 28th Street, Suite 105, Signal Hill, CA. 90755
Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Transportation Worker Identifications Credentials (TWIC) help desk phone no. - 1-866-347-8942

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: “Labor is not fighting for a larger slice of the national pie, labor is fighting for a larger pie” – *Walter Reuther*