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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS



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SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90731

MICHAEL A. PODUE
PRESIDENT

BULLETIN – MAY 2020

MEETINGS: May 7, 2020 – CANCELLED – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (Hall)
May 12, 2020 – CANCELLED – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council Meeting (Ste. 204)
May 20, 2020 – TBD – 9:30 a.m. – Regular Clerks LRC Meeting (Ste. 204)
May 20, 2020 – TBD – 12:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees (Ste. 200)
May 21, 2020 – TBD – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)
May 19, 2020 – TBD – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)
May 26, 2020 – TBD – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)

**THE BUSINESS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25th
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

NOMINATIONS OPEN APRIL 1st - MAY 1st – Nominations shall open at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1st and close today, Friday, May 1st at 5:00 P.M. for the following offices: Secretary/Business Agent; Day Business Agent/Patrolman; Dispatcher (4) one-year term; Board of Trustees (2) six-month term; Grievance Committee (16) six-month term; Promotions Committee (6) six-month term; Memorial Association (7) one-year term.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020 – MEMORIAL DAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 hours if age 60 or over) in 2019. 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 26th, May 27th, May 28th, or May 29th, 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) in the previous year, are entitled to file a holiday claim or receive holiday pay.*

ANNUAL HEALTH PLAN CHOICE PERIOD – for eligible active and retired longshoremen is taking place during the month of May for Plan changes effective July 1, 2020. In addition to the May health plan choice period, eligible members may change their medical and/or dental plans once at any time during the Plan Year. Choice Forms, enrollment applications and summary plan descriptions for medical and/or dental plans are available through the Business Office. Please request via email at staff@ilwu63.net. Forms must be completed by the Member and received by the Business Office via email staff@ilwu63.net, fax (310)521-6343 or US Mail to 350 W. 5th St. Suite 200, San Pedro, CA 90731 no later than May 29th to ensure timely notification to the medical plans before the July 1st effective date.

WELFARE CLAIMS – Members who did not work the required number of hours to qualify for Welfare Plan benefits to continue beyond June 30, 2020, 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, 2020, the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans office must receive your completed claim no later than May 29, 2020. Please call the Local 63 Business Office if you have any questions: (310) 521-6363.

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 2019 must call the Business office to request a claim be submitted on their behalf. May 15, 2020 is the final deadline for an approved claim payment on June 12, 2020. Any questions regarding a denial of this claim must be directed to Betty Pleas at PMA's Long Beach office.

LOCAL 63 WEBSITE AND PORTALS – We have recently launched some enhancements to our membership services as well as created an online option for the work card. With the new changes there has been some confusion and we wanted to try and clear it up and provide some clarification. Currently, Local 63 has our own website, www.ilwu63.net that has been around for many years. Here you will find links to dispatch information, bulletins, various forms you may need, etc. We also have our own ILWU Local 63 app which provides all the same information found on our website but is easier to navigate when using a smart phone. The app also has a feature that allows you to file a Union complaint on the job and submit it electronically as well as electronic versions of our contract and safety book. Here is what is new:

1. Dues Portal – Members wishing to view their account and/or make a payment for dues or fines can do so here. This is connected directly to our membership database and payments to your account are reflected immediately. To use this service, you must first create an account (instructions are posted under “Resources” on our website). In the near future, we will be using this portal to post your monthly statement that is currently going out via USPS. Please note, the Dues Portal has nothing to do with the new Work Card app or Work Card Portal. These are independent and standalone systems and you must set these up separately.
2. Work Card App – As previously announced, Local 63 partnered with the Local 13 member that created the TimeBook app and we have had it modified specifically for Local 63 members to record their daily work activities and then submit the work card electronically. If you do not already use the “My TimeBook” app, you will need to download it on your smart phone (search for “My TimeBook” in the App Store for iPhones and “Play Store” for Android phone). Whether you currently use it or not, you will need to update your profile to allow you to electronically submit it to the local. There is an instructional video posted on our website www.ilwu63.net that walks you through the process. There is also an iPad in the Records Clerk office with the app installed and you can fill out and submit your card electronically from there.
3. Work Card Portal – If you decide to use the “My TimeBook” app to submit your work card rather than using the paper card, this website is where you can view all of the work cards that you submitted as well as the date and time that they were submitted. Every member already has an account, username is your work number and your last name, (all lower case) is the default password. We recommend that if you are going to be submitting your work cards electronically, that you go to the Work Card Portal (link can be found on our website) and change your password. Please note, that once you change your password on the Work Card Portal you must also update it in the “My TimeBook” app, these must match in order to be able to submit your work card electronically. Again, this is totally separate and independent from the Dues Portal.

MESSAGE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – The Benefit Plans Office and the Coastwise Claims Office in San Francisco have closed on a temporary basis due to COVID-19 requirements. However, they have set up their staff to work remotely from home. Most, if not all, normal activities will continue through this period. Pension Checks will go out as normal, CSDI supplement checks will go out, and Claims will be processed. Those of you receiving Paid Family Leave or unemployment are not eligible for this supplement. If anything changes with this contractual protocol, I will be sure to let you all know via your Local’s websites and staff members. Effective immediately, our building on Western Ave. will not allow any outside traffic. All members needing service must use the following methods: Scan and email, fax, mail or call. When you call our office, you MUST leave a message. We will get back to everyone who leaves a message. Email: salvarado@benefitplans.org and lholtton@benefitplans.org. Fax: 310-833-0735 Phone: 310-833-5144 Mailing address: 28924 S. Western Ave., Suite 202 Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. In Solidarity, Sam Alvarado, M.S.W.

FACE COVERINGS – The Local has just received 1154 masks for our members from the Coast Longshore Division. Once we establish a method for distributing, we will notify the membership. Thank you to the Coast for providing a mask for each of our members.

THANK YOU TO LOCAL 63 MEMBERS – The Local 63 Officers and Dispatchers thank the membership for their cooperation through the temporary change in dispatch procedures. Your patience and teamwork is very much appreciated during this difficult time and we are looking forward to returning to normal dispatch as soon as we can safely reconvene. Keep up the good work and we will get through this together!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH ~ MEMORIAL DAY

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty. ~ John F. Kennedy, 1961