

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

\* 310-345-1448 DAY BUSINESS AGENT CALL HOURS ~ 5:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\* 310-345-1449 NIGHT BUSINESS AGENT CALL HOURS ~ 5:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.

MICHAEL A. PODUE  
PRESIDENT

### BULLETIN – NOVEMBER 2021

**MEETINGS:** November 4, 2021 - Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting

November 16, 2021 - Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)

November 17, 2021 - Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – Regular Clerks' LRC Meeting (Ste. 204)

November 18, 2021 - Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

November 30, 2021 - Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Mtg. (Ste. 204)



*~ In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday ~*

*The Business Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>*



**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – will be held on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Warner Grand Theater, 478 W 6th Street, San Pedro (a short walk from Local 63) and will be conducted pursuant to LA County and CDC Guidelines in regard to face coverings and social distancing – Everyone MUST wear a mask!!

**NOMINATIONS OPEN – OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> – NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>** – Nominations are open now until Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for the following offices: President/BA; Vice President/BA; Night Business Agent; Dispatcher (4); Sgt-at-Arms; Labor Relations Representative; Grievance Cmte. (20); Executive Board (11); Board of Trustees (3); Promotions Cmte. (6); and Caucus/Convention Delegates (10), Memorial Assoc. (1) – 6 mo. term.

**NOVEMBER ELECTION INFORMATION** – Official ballots shall be mailed out no later than Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. For members requesting a replacement ballot, call the Business Office at: (310) 521-6363, or email to: [staff@ilwu63.net](mailto:staff@ilwu63.net) by Monday, November 22, 2021. Ballots must be received at Local 63's P.O. Box or in the designated ballot box located in the Local 63 Business Office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, in order to be counted. Ballots shall be counted by the Local 63 Balloting Committee in accordance with the Local 63 election policy, rules and procedures with results posted by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ONLINE GST & CA SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING CLASSES** - You will have the option of completing the courses online. If you experience difficulty with logging in to the program, call PMA Training Department (310) 847-1630. For members who do not have a smart phone or computer, you will have the option to schedule in-person training classes. Once both courses are completed, a notification will be sent to PMA and you will be paid for completing these courses. (Note: Do not complete the GST course on a CWOOG day, PMA will not pay for CWOOG and GST on the same day. Also, do not take the course while you are on Disability). If you fail to complete these courses, you will be placed on Non-Dispatch so get it done NOW!!!

**PAID HOLIDAY – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021 – VETERANS' DAY** – It is a normal work day and all work performed on that day shall be paid at the overtime rate. This is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2020. For those members who did not, they must work at least two (2) of the four (4) days exclusive of the holiday date, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note that only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2020 are eligible to receive or file holiday claims. Members who worked at least 800 hours but less than 1300 in 2020 (700 but less than 1200 for age 60 and over) and who are off on disability during the holiday week must request that the Business Office staff file a claim on their behalf with the current medical documentation which excuses them for the holiday week (Monday-Friday). Members who are on vacation during a holiday week must notify the Records Clerk prior to the end of that week.

**PAID HOLIDAY – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 – THANKSGIVING DAY** – Is a no work holiday; members must be available to work two (2) of the four (4) days exclusive of the holiday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. Members who are on disability during that week must submit written medical documentation to the Business Office staff covering them for the holiday week and request that they file a claim on their behalf. Members who are on vacation during the holiday week (Monday-Friday) must notify the Records Clerk prior to the end of that week. Note, only members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 over) in the year prior are eligible to receive or file for holiday claims for the current year.



**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FEED THE COMMUNITY DAY** – As you know, Thanksgiving is a time that we choose to celebrate our blessings with the less fortunate. Each year we feed over 1,500 families for Thanksgiving. This year our event will take place on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Memorial Hall located at: 231 West “C” Street in Wilmington. Questions regarding Volunteering, email Katy Witkowski at: [ilwu13hec@gmail.com](mailto:ilwu13hec@gmail.com)

**ILWU ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE** – Please help by donating a new unwrapped toy for underprivileged children within our community. For your convenience, large holiday toy bins will be located inside the Dispatch Hall and Business Office Lobby beginning Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our toy drive will be ongoing until the day of the Children’s Christmas party which will be held on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall located at: 231 W. “C” St. in Wilmington.



**VOLUNTARY VACCINATION PROGRAM** – ILWU-PMA COVID-19 Compensation for Voluntary Vaccination Program has been **extended** to Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, per CLRC-76-21. This program applies to members who have already been vaccinated or will be vaccinated no later than Nov. 19, 2021. Members who have been fully vaccinated can submit proof of vaccination through the PMA Dockworker Self-Service Portal at: <https://selfservice.pmanet.org/>  
\*Please Note: You will be selecting Pay Reason #9 when you apply for voluntary vaccination compensation.

**PHYSICAL DISPATCH** - At the Executive Board on October 21, 2021, the Board discussed going back to physical dispatch on Nov. 1st. Due to a concern of potential rise in COVID cases through the holiday season, the board passed a motion to temporarily hold off on returning to physical dispatch and review this again at the 1/20/22 E-Board meeting.

**FROM DISPATCHERS** – It is the responsibility for each member to check the recaps online to make sure they are on the proper hours and correct board **PRIOR** to dispatch.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR** – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Tuesday, November 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.***

**MEMBER WORK STATUS** – If your work status i.e. Hall/Steady/Disability or Day/Night shift has changed, please notify Business Office Staff via email at: [staff@ilwu63.net](mailto:staff@ilwu63.net) or phone: (310) 521-6363. Also, please provide Staff with any updates to your phone number or email.

**WELCOME NEW TRANSFERS** – Please welcome our New Transfers who started in October! See the list of names posted in the glass case in the Dispatch Hall. Your patience and kindness to our new Local 63 Brothers and Sisters is sincerely appreciated.

**WORKING TOGETHER** - Sisters and Brothers, I want to first thank everyone for your hard work and dedication through this pandemic and unprecedented influx of container volumes that we have all been dealing with. Please be mindful that we are not in this alone. Our Brothers and Sisters in the trucking industry have also been shouldering the same burdens. Remember to always treat everyone with dignity and respect and we will get through this together.

~ Michael A. Podue

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH** – The labor movement did not diminish the strength of the nation but enlarged it. By raising the living standards of millions, labor miraculously created a market for industry and lifted the whole nation to undreamed of levels of production. Those who attack labor forget these simple truths, but history remembers them.

~MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



***Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving From the Local 63 Officers and Staff***

