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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 2022

MEETINGS: February 3, 2022 – Thursday – 12:00 p.m. Informational Zoom Membership Mtg.
February 15, 2022 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting TBD
February 16, 2022 – Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – LRC Committee Meeting TBD
February 17, 2022 – Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting TBD

Informational February Membership Meeting *VIA ZOOM* – Thursday, February 3rd at 12:00 p.m.
Staff will email membership a link prior to Zoom meeting

RE-RUN ELECTION RESULTS: VICE PRESIDENT – Danny Vilicich; DISPATCHER – Ray Box, Max Lopez, Anthony Spanjol, and Mickey Rivers, LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEEMAN – Mike Podue; EXECUTIVE BOARD – Adrian Diaz, Nadine Viramontes-Sestich, John Sestich, Mike Sestich, Julie Brady, Cathy Familathe, Rebecca Schlarb, David Harrison, Steve Linares, Terry Brown, Tom Marsee; CAUCUS/CONVENTION DELEGATE – Ray Box, Mike Carranza, Mike Podue, Adrian Diaz, Patricia Aguirre, Pete Ciaramitaro, Lorraine Alba, Nadine Viramontes-Sestich, Cathy Familathe, John DeLuca; CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION – Passed “Are you in favor of amending Article III, Section 13. C of the Constitution by striking “the Vice President to be eligible to run for Convention/Caucus Delegate?”

LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY– OBSERVED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th – Is NOT a paid holiday and is a normal workday. Only those members who work on this date will be paid at the overtime rate of pay.

WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY – PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21st – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2021. Those members who did not, must work at least two (2) of the four (4) days exclusive of the holiday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, February 22nd, 23rd, 24th, or 25th. Members who are on disability during the holiday week and who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) but less than 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2021 must submit a doctor’s note to the Business Office covering them for the holiday week and request that a claim be submitted on their behalf. **Remember, only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2021 are entitled to receive or file for paid holidays in 2022.**

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING – While COVID numbers on the docks have been declining the last 2 weeks, out of an abundance of caution, we will not have an in-person Membership Meeting on February 3rd and instead we will have a Noon Informational Meeting via Zoom. January was a tough month for the three Locals and we saw 1628 entries in the PMA COVID portal for either exposure or testing positive. To put in perspective how high this number was, we had more cases reported in January 2022 than we did the entire year of 2021.

COVID RELATED PAY AND VOLUNTARY VACCINATION PROGRAM – The Coast Labor Relations Committee has extended the filing for COVID related leave pay and Voluntary Vaccination pay until March 3, 2022. If you have been exposed to someone who tested positive, have symptoms, or test positive and have questions on how to make a claim, refer to the Local 63 website for information or contact an Officer.

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 2021 **must contact the Business Office to request that a claim be submitted on their behalf** and provide a copy of your Vacation Notice. The first claim deadline is Friday, February 18th, for an approved claim payment on Friday, March 11th. The second and final claim deadline is Friday, May 20th, for approved claim payment on Friday, June 10th. Payment of approved vacation claims will be on your regular paycheck. No further claims will be paid in the 2022 calendar year. It is imperative that your doctor's note is submitted to the Business Office in a timely manner with NO lapses in dates. This documentation must be dated, on doctor's letterhead and signed by the doctor. Your doctor's note **must** include the wording that you were **"unable to work" or "TTD"** (temporarily totally disabled) from the first date of the disability to a projected or actual date of return. Disability status includes continuous absence due to Workmen's Compensation, State Disability, or any other illness or injury.

Members who were off work due to Workmen's Compensation must also provide a copy of their LS-208 from the Dept. of Labor. ****Please Note: It is always the member's responsibility to request the Business Office to have a Vacation Claim filed and processed on the member's behalf.***

VACATION/PENSION/WELFARE/HOLIDAY REQUIREMENTS – Each of these benefits has very distinct criteria. Receiving one (1) or more of these benefits by having a claim approved **DOES NOT** necessarily ensure that any of the other benefits will be attained. *It is the member's responsibility to request that the Business Office Staff file any or all claims for any of the benefits that a member may be in jeopardy of losing due to not meeting the individual requirements.* If a member is uncertain of the requirements for any of the above, they should request information in the Business Office or by contacting the appropriate office (i.e., PMA or the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans Office).

OPEN COMMITTEE SPOTS – Now that the election is over, we have vacancies to fill on the following committees: Promotions Committee; Sergeant at Arms (1); Grievance Committee; Work Card Committee. Per the Local 63 Constitution, these vacancies will be announced at the next in person Membership Meeting and nominations will be opened. Members wishing to be nominated must be present at the meeting.

COVID-19 TESTING HOURS - As recently announced by Local 63, drive up and walk-up COVID-19 testing hours are available courtesy of the Port of Long Beach. Free, no appointment required (please bring your TWIC card.). You are reminded and encouraged to take advantage of this convenient, complimentary test while it is available in the Port. The free tests will be available **Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday beginning Tuesday, January 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. at 2100 W. Anaheim St., Long Beach**, a vacant lot located within the Harbor District at the southwest corner of Anaheim and Ninth streets (enter from Ninth Street). Please note that this is temporary and subject to change at any time.

COVID NOTIFICATION NUMBER - If you suspect you have COVID-19 or have a confirmed case or have been exposed, the contact number for reporting to PMA is **(562) 495-7697**. If you reach a recording, leave your name, Registration #, and a call back number. PMA will call you back and start the electronic process to receive your COVID Related Leave Pay.