



FOREMEN'S UNION

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Bulletin

January 2012

THE FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be a **STOP WORK** meeting held at the cruise terminal on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012 at 7 PM**

Tragic Loss: On the night of January 19, 2012 we lost our Brother Steve Saggiani. This tragic accident occurred while discharging a 20 foot container that was located abreast of a six high stack of 40s. What has been known to occur is when a 20 foot container does not line up flush with the ends of the adjacent 40 foot containers the hoisting wires sometimes will loop around the corner casting of the 40 foot container. The Officers would ask that all foremen inform all individuals working on this type of operation of the possibilities that this may occur. We extend a special thanks to Brothers Robert Luera, Mark Jeffrey, Robert Hartwig, and Tommy Camello for their assistance in bringing our Brother Steve Saggiani to the dock. Lashers Michael Baker, Michael Cahue, Kevin Sonico, Robert O'Connell, Joe Andrade, Ignazia Dilorenzo, John Bijelic, and Freddie Zavala also deserve special thanks for offering their assistance until the very end. Our deepest sadness and condolences go out to all of Steve's many friends and family members and Steve's coworkers that were with him that night. Our hearts go out to you.

Memorial Service: On Friday February 3, 2012 at 12 noon there will be a memorial service honoring Brother Steve Saggiani. This service will take place at the Harry Bridges Memorial Bust on Harbor Blvd. in San Pedro.

Safety: It is everybody's responsibility to be safe and to be mindful of the situations that's around you. Please be careful.

Vacation Checks: If you have a claim or shortage, please notify the office. The distribution of the Adjusted Vacation claims checks will be **March 9, 2012** if filed by **February 17, 2012** or **June 8, 2012** if filed by **May 18, 2012**.

Dues for 2011: The amount paid for Union Dues and Assessments in 2011 was **\$3275.00**

Paid Holidays: **Lincolns Birthday** on **February 12** will be observed on **Monday, February 13** at the overtime rate of pay. **Washington's Birthday** on **February 20** will be paid at the overtime rate of pay and is also a Paid Holiday.

Meeting Night: If you are a steady Foremen on the night side and are working the night of a Union meeting or a hall foremen on a comeback working the night of a Union meeting please notify the office so that you may be given credit for an excused absence. This information will help avoid any unnecessary fine cards being sent out. Working the third shift also counts as an excused absence.

Nominations for office: Nomination Forms are available in the business office immediately following the January meeting and shall remain available until thirty-six (36) hours following the March membership meeting. Elections shall be held for all officers and committees on **March 16th**. To apply for an elective position, you must have been a member of Local 94 and in good standing in the previous year and any fines and/or assessments owed must be paid prior to close of nominations or you shall be removed from the ballot.

Voting: Our General Election will take place **Friday March 16, 2012** at Local 63 between the hours of 6 AM and 7 PM. Members that meet the criteria of Article VI of the Foremen's Union Local 94 Constitution and By-Laws Section 1. **Absentee Ballot** "Sick and injured members, and those members away who wish to vote in an election, can do so by applying to the Secretary-Treasurer for an absentee ballot" This must be done by **12 noon on March 9, 2012** and received as per the instructions that will be included by **March 16, 2012** no later than **3 PM**. If a Run – Off Election is needed your Absentee request must be made by **12 noon on March 16, 2012** and received by **March 23, 2012** no later than 3 PM. The Run – Off Election if needed will take place on **March 23** between the hours of 6 AM and 7 PM at Local 63. As per our General Rule #1 "All active members are required to vote at all elections, regular or special, or be fined **\$50** for failure to do so, except sick or injured members, or members on vacation and vacation is on file with the Secretary-Treasurer".

A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands were put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best!

“And Injury to one is an Injury to All!”

In Solidarity:

Daniel G. Miranda
President

Edward Alexander
Vice President

Mike Trudeau
Secretary – Treasurer