



FOREMEN'S UNION

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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2013 7 PM @ the Cruise Terminal

Nominations for office: Nomination Forms are available in the business office and shall remain available until thirty-six (36) hours following the March Membership Meeting (Noon Friday March 8). Elections shall be held for all officers and Committees on **March 15th**. 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. Per Constitution Article IV section 1.

"As the bylaws prohibit a Trustee from holding another elective office, a nominee may only run for the office of Trustee or for another elective office, but may not run for both. If a member is nominated for both the office of Trustee and for another elective office, the nominee will be required to decline one of the nominations."

Voting: Our General Election will take place **Friday March 15, 2013** 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 8, 2013** and received as per the instructions that will be included by **March 15, 2013** no later than **3 PM**. If a Run – Off Election is needed your Absentee request must be made by **12 noon** on **March 15, 2012** and received by **March 22, 2012** no later than **3 PM**. The Run – Off Election if needed will take place on **March 22** 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".

Golf Tournament: The 2nd annual Steve Saggiani **"That's Right Safety First"** Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Friday April 26th 2013 at Mile Square Golf Course. All proceeds to the That's Right Safety First Foundation are used to benefit various children's charities, such as Miller Children's Hospital, Alex's Lemonade Stand, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor, and ILWU families who have lost a loved one due to a fatal accident on the job. All donations are tax deductible and applications are available in the office.

TWIC Cards: Most of our cards will expire before the end of the year. The TWIC enrollment center phone number is **1-866-347-8942** and they recommend that you allow four months to process your information. There are two locations one in Carson and one in Signal Hill.

Assessment: At the January 10, 2013 Membership Meeting a motion was passed for a **\$25 assessment** to be added to your dues which will bring the total to **\$285** for a three-month period beginning in March. This motion was made to help out the family of our deceased Brother Steve Patterson.

Meeting Fines: As per our Constitution Article III Section 10 (B). The Political Action Committee shall establish and maintain a fund that is segregated from all other funds of the local. The Committee's funds shall be collected as follows. All fines collected from members shall be promptly transferred to the committee. All fines owed to the Local for missed meetings must be paid by a **check only**, *no cash can be accepted Under the State regulations for Political Action Committees (PAC) reporting guidelines.*

Blue Shield of California (PPO) Website:

The following is the step-by-step process to use when seeking information to confirm the in-network status of providers and facilities under Blue Shield of California network (PPO Enrolled Members Only).

Step #1 – go to www.blueshieldca.com

Step #2 – click on the “**find a provider**” tab located at the top of the page.

Step #3 – Under this tab, click on “**select**” under the “**or select a plan**” tab located on the upper right-hand side.

Step #4 – Under the “**Medical Plan**” tab, click on “**Blue Shield of California PPO Network**” in the drop-down menu to select a plan. Then click on the “**set plan**” tab.

Step #5 – On the Provider Types page, members can click on the advanced searches for **Doctors, Facilities, and/or Equipment & Supplies** (the other links on this page do not apply to us!).

Step #6 – If you select **Providers**, you can enter the name of the doctor type or specialty. If you select **Facilities**, simply click on the facility type in the drop – down menu.

Step #7 – go to “**Located Near**” and enter the appropriate city and state.

Step #8 – Click on the “**find now**” button.

The next page should display a listing of names of providers or facilities that are enrolled in the Blue Shield of California PPO network. You can narrow or expand the search by decreasing or increasing the number of miles in the “**distance**” button under the “**edit location**” entry.

Please note that if you hit the back arrow button on this page, or start over, you must re-start your search beginning as outlined in **step #2** and follow through to **#8**. If you do not locate a provider or facility, then they may not be enrolled in the network. You can double check this information by calling the CCO at **800-955-7376**, or go to www.benefitsplans.org and search under the link titled “**view a list of providers no longer covered by the plan**” to confirm.

In Solidarity:

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