

PLEASE ATTEND: REGULAR MEETINGS: 1ST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH 1:00 PM
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS: 3RD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH 1:00 PM



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We will meet in April-

The Executive Board met on February 16th via Zoom and voted to hold the April membership meeting at the Memorial Hall. We will have a limited lunch served by the ILWU Ladies Auxiliary consisting of sandwich, chips, and a drink. We will not have a served lunch as we usually do just to be careful. Please plan on joining us on April 6th at noon at the Memorial Hall for our first meeting back in 2022. We will also resume holding our Executive Board meetings in person. We have been conducting our meetings via Zoom on the computer and we really miss getting together and seeing all our old friends.

ILWU Longshore Contract Caucus-

The contract caucus was held January 31st through February 11th in Long Beach at the Westin Hotel. This caucus was operated under strict Covid protocols to ensure the safety of the ILWU officers, staff, and all attendees. We were tested every morning for all 10 days and received our results before being allowed entry into the ballroom. There were 91 delegates present representing 30 ILWU Locals. The ILWU Pensioners were allowed 2 representatives as well as ILWU Alaska, Canada, and Hawaii were also only allowed 2. This caucus addresses the resolutions submitted by the rank & file and passed by the membership of the various locals up and down the coast. The caucus meets and reads EVERY resolution and then decides whether to forward them to the negotiating committee. There were 217 resolutions introduced, some were duplicate in nature and were filed in favor of others. While there were a wide range of topics regarding our contract addressed, many related to automation, pensions, wages, 401K, skill rates, as well as health care, long term care, and many related to our health benefits. As many of you know the Safety Code is also a key component to our negotiations. We have a very comprehensive safety code that we take very seriously on the waterfront. There is a separate Safety Committee that will negotiate changes to the Safety Code simultaneously while the master contract is being negotiated. There were a great deal of resolutions related to safety introduced at this caucus. The ILWU Coast Committee writes a detailed report covering the state of the union and gives recommendations to the contract caucus in the report. I was very pleased to read the Pension section where the Coast Committee recommends bargaining increases for older pensioners and collapsing the tiers of some of the older retirees. The Coast Committee is made up of the President Willie Adams, the Mainland V.P. Bobby Olvera, and the two Coast Committeemen, Frank Ponce De Leon from California, and Cameron Williams from the Northwest. They will head up the negotiating committee which is comprised of Longshore and Clerks from all the regions in Washington, Oregon, and California in addition to myself as the Pensioners Representative.

Labor Museum-

All of us here at the ILWU Southern California Pensioners are very excited at the progress we have made in bringing a Labor Museum to the harbor area. As I have reported here before we are in the early stages and have had a fantastic response from LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn. I had a meeting with the supervisor and she is excited about the project and has included it in her news conference and briefings she distributes to her constituents. City Councilmen Joe Buscaino has indicated he supports this and has also mentioned it in the press. We are now moving forward with an architectural design team who will draw up a conceptual design as well as square footage needs where we will then approach the developer with our plan.

How's work in the Ports?-

As I write this article today it has just been reported that both the ports of LA & LB broke their own single month records for amounts of containers handled in January. LA handled 865,595 TEU's or twenty foot equivalent units, while LB moved 800,943. This is a staggering amount of cargo to move in a month and if it continues we will break the record set last year for total containers handled. While Chinese New Year has slowed the manufacturing in China, we will still have 70 ships slow steaming on their way to LA/LB to be unloaded. While work is plentiful for us, there have been some tragedies on the docks, an ILWU member while working as a clerk was struck and killed on the job at TTI Terminal in Long Beach and an outside trucker was run over while out of his truck at APM Terminals. An iron worker was also killed while working on a crane at APM Terminals. All of these deaths underscore the dangerous environment we work in everyday, noting the employers are making record profits while the rank & file of the ILWU continues to move record amounts of cargo.

In Solidarity, Greg Mitre – President, Southern California Pensioners Group

NEW MEMBERS: Zivko Gojanovic, Pete Monti, Craig Ulrich.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Anita Uranga in memory of: Joe L. Uranga.

Dave Beeman in memory of: Joe Keawe, Vivas Nuhi, & Buddy Arkangel.

Tommy Hebert in memory of: Pat Vukich, Timmy Chavez, Jim Wall, Sonny DiLeva & Boats & Buzz Hay.

Theresa Ramirez in memory of: John "Sharpo" Ramirez, Ernie Rivera, Sammy Andrade, Roger Gonzales & Richard & Rudy Negrete.

Eddie Gomez in memory of: John "Sharpo" Ramirez, Ernesto Rivera, Roger Gonzales, Sammy Andrade, Marcos Gutierrez, Steve Bush, Tony Salcido and Frank, Ned, & Vic Salcido.

John Trani in memory of: Joe Uranga, Pat Scognamillo, Reno Marconi, Louis Madrid and Billy Reichelli.

Luis and Vicky Carreon in memory of: Esaul "Pino" Carreon.

Mary Lanier in memory of: Don Lanier.

Ricky Ponce in memory of: Felo, Freddie, Danny Jr., Muggs, Jerry, John, Tudy, & Carlos Ponce.

Linda Lauro in memory of: My husband Frank Lauro.

Joan Bjazevich in memory of: My husband Paul Bjazevich.

Loraine Michael in memory of: Roy H. Michael.

Gerry Ruiz in memory of: My husband Eddie "Chiquita" Ruiz.

Stephen Wright in memory of: Clarence Bland, Edward Topps Sr., Thomas Dancy, Jewell Wade Sr., John Grigsby and Floyd Wright.

Paul Mchaelis in memory of: Neil Randolph Local #63.

George Ruano in memory of: Harry Bridges, David Arian, Tony Salcido and Mike Mitre.

Conrad Guzman in memory of: Thomas & David Guzman, Ray, Leonard & Carlos Hernandez, Nick Garcia, Nick & Jack Bjazevich, Bobby Dykes, & Boats & Buzz Hay.

Marion Pesusich in memory of: Mark Pesusich.

Thank you, Lynn Hay – Financial Secretary, Southern California Pensioners Group