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CLERK TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

Clerk transfer applications are now available from Ray Pearson in the Records Room at the Local 13 Dispatch Hall between 6:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All applications must be completely filled out, signed and returned in person to the Pacific Maritime Association's office in Long Beach **no later that noon on Friday, August 11, 2006.**

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2006 FALL ELECTION

Nominations will be open at the next Stop Work Meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2006 for the following offices and committees: Secretary/Treasurer (1); LRC Representative (1); Health Benefits Representative (1); Day Business Agent (1); Night Business Agent (1); Day Dispatcher (5); Night Dispatcher (1); Flex Dispatcher (1); Trustee (1); Sergeant-At-Arms (1); District Council (10); Political Action Committee (6) and Caucus Delegate (10). Nomination papers will be available at the Dues Office on Friday, August 4, 2006.

COMEBACKS

Individuals with comebacks are committed to the employer until such time as they are released to the hall (until the job is completed). Volunteering off the floor applies to specific cases, such as men who miss their gang; you cannot check in because the job in which you called a replacement for is still working.

If you are working, don't ask the foreman to release you. It is your obligation to call a replacement. You are still responsible to the job if the job is still working! The employer doesn't call a reap or extra order for your job. Cover your own hide! Call a reap if you need the day off. Don't gimmick and try to come back to the hall the next day to sharp shoot again!

LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH IMPORTS **INCREASE 11.3 PERCENT**

In the July 24, 2006 issue of *Pacific Shipper*, in an article written by Bill Mongelluzzo, he writes: Containerized imports in June increased 13.7 percent at the Port of Los Angeles and 8.7 percent at the Port of Long Beach, indicating that Asia-U.S. trade should see another year of double-digit growth. The two ports, which form the largest U.S. container gateway, recorded combined import growth of 11.3 percent in June. Total cargo volume including imports, exports and empty containers increased 11 percent. Los Angeles-Long Beach accounts for 70 percent of containerized imports through the West Coast and about 40 percent of all U.S. imports, and serves as a barometer of trans-Pacific trade. In the first half of the year, containerized imports at the Southern California port complex increased 12.2 percent. Industry analysts earlier this year projected that the eastbound Pacific would grow in the high single digits but vessel capacity would increase even faster and supply would exceed demand by at least five percentage points. However, shipping lines report that their vessels on some routes, such as the Hong Kong and South China to Los Angeles-Long Beach lanes, have been operating at more than 90 percent utilization because of the strong growth in U.S. imports. In past years, imports through Southern California would begin to accelerate in June, reaching a new record in September and October. This indicates that the strongest growth of the year in the eastbound Pacific still lies ahead. Carriers have been upgrading the size of their vessels in the eastbound Pacific all year, and that trend is expected to continue into 2007. Vessels in the Pacific Southwest services with capacities of 4,000 to 5,000 TEUs are being replaced with ships carrying 6,000 to more than 8,000 TEUs.

HARRY BRIDGES BIRTHDAY PAID HOLIDAY

Harry Bridges Birthday, Friday, July 28, 2006 is a paid holiday. Only registered persons who have 800 qualifying hours in the prior payroll year (2005) and meet the availability requirements for at least two (2) of the five (5) days exclusive of the holiday Monday through Friday will receive a paid holiday for Harry Bridges birthday. This means you must work or meet the availability requirements for at least two (2) days Monday, July 24; Tuesday, July 25; Wednesday, July 26 and Thursday, July 27, 2006. Under the current contract one does not have to meet the availability requirement if you worked 1300 hours in the prior payroll year (2005) to receive the Harry Bridges holiday pay. Persons taking a vacation during the holiday week must report the vacation to the Records Clerk in the dispatch hall on or before July 28, 2006 or you will not receive the holiday pay. Persons not receiving holiday pay because of illness, injury, jury duty, etc., must file a claim with the Records Clerk on or before September 15, 2006. The Harry Bridges holiday pay will be paid on August 11, 2006.

Fraternally,
Mark A. Mendoza
President

Kevin Schroeder
Vice-President

Frank Ponce De Leon
Secretary/Treasurer