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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Numerous questions have been asked about double-back. As the Chief Officer, I will try to answer them to the best of my ability.

On August 3, 2006, the Pacific Maritime Association took the Union to arbitration on double-back. The PMA stated that the Union did not have the right to stop and start double-back at their leisure. The Union stated these were our internal rules (No quorum; No double-back). The employer stated that they had joint authority over the Dispatch Hall and our Dispatch Rules. The PMA asked for resolve. They wanted the Union to let them know a month in advance if double-back would be enforced. PMA brought three (3) Arbitrations regarding double-back from San Francisco, Local 10, as their evidence. Those three (3) arbitrations were irrelevant to our Local. After the Arbitrator heard both sides, both parties, along with the Arbitrator found out that an agreement was never in place. Absent an agreement, there shall be **NO DOUBLE-BACK** until such agreement is reached.

In closing, if the Employer would have not taken Local 13 to arbitration on double-back on August 3, 2006 at 3:00 p.m., there would have been double-back the next day; after our Stop Work Meeting, in which **WE HAD A QUORUM**. The Officers have always looked out for the Union.

Fraternally,  
Mark A. Mendoza  
*President*