THE VOICE

May 2018

MEETINGS

Executive Board 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Membership 7:00 p.m. Wednesday May 9, 2018

Local 1351 expects all <u>Union Members</u> to attend this and every Meeting of Our Union.

SOUTH ATLANTIC & GULF COAST DISTRICT CONVENTION CALL!!!

Brother/Sisters:

You are hereby notified in pursuance of the Constitution of the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District of the International Longshoremen's Association, Affiliated with the AFL-CIO that the NINETY-FIRST CONVENTION (Second Quadrennial Convention) of the South Atlantic Gulf Coast District will be held at Fontainebleau Miami Beach beginning at 10am, Monday July 16, 2018 (Official Opening of Convention) and to continue in session from day to day until the business of the Convention has been completed.

Registration will be Sunday July 15, 2018 beginning at 4pm.

I.L.A. 1351 will hold **Nominations** for Delegates at the **May monthly membership meeting.** (May 9th @ 7:00pm)

I.L.A. 1351 will hold its **Elections** for Delegates at the **June monthly membership meeting.** (June 13^{th} @ 7:00pm)

ARTICLE XII

Delegates

Section 1. DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTIONS

A. The President of Local 1351 shall attend all conventions that the membership decides representation is necessary and his expense to conventions will be as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Local

B. Any other delegate or delegates to the convention must be nominated at a regular meeting at the time the convention call is read and written notice of the intention to elect such delegate or delegates at such regular meeting must be given at least fifteen (15) days prior to such regular meeting by mailing notice to members-in-good-standing at their last known home address as shown in the records of the Local. Delegates nominated must be voted on by secret ballot.

UNION DUES 2018

The union dues for 2018 are now due and are in arrears if unpaid as of January 31, 2018. If you have not paid union dues for 2018, you will not be able to attend a union meeting until it's paid. You will be dropped as a member on May 1, 2018 if membership is unpaid.

If you do not pay by April 30th you will not be allowed to attend any further meetings unless you pay a registration fee of \$60 and yearly membership of \$20.

See the Business Agent with your payment of \$20 or mail your dues to the Local at; Business Agent 7524 Avenue N Houston Texas 77012

HAZMAT TRAINING & ONLINE CLASS

HAZMAT is now online:

https://form.jotform.com/westgulfmaritimeassociation/online-hazmat-training-exam

INFORMATION UPDATE:

Please make sure that you have updated all phone numbers and addresses with the Union Hall. If you may have recently changed addresses or phone numbers, please call B.A. to give updated information. Failure to do so will result in charges being filed from the Union Hall as this is a direct violation of Hiring Hall Rule #14.

NOTICE PLEASE DO NOT CALL B.A. WHEN THEY ARE GIVING OUT WORK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11AM- NOON, 4:30PM- 5:45PM, OR ANYTIME AFTER 7PM.

New Members:

I.L.A 1351 would like to welcome new members of our local!

David Johnson Jr, Julia Messex, Jessilyn Olufuwa, Eltroy Potts Jr, Vincent Rogers, Johnathan Salazar, Micah Mize & Sylvestre Muniz.

CONDOLENCES

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of I.L.A Local 24 brother Francisco Montoya, who passed away in March.

Message from the Vice-President:

Sisters & Brothers of I.L.A. 1351,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Easter weekend! First, a quick update that contracts talks are still ongoing but looking very promising for I.L.A. International & Local issues. The Local and District Officials have been working hard with contract committees to put forth a strong I.L.A. Contract.

Next, Parking has become a major issue at BCT PHA. Clerks are parking in the parking lot that surrounds the 1550 "brown" brick building. Even though the parking spaces say visitors, it is not parking for our ILA members. Port police are starting to write tickets for parking in these spots. I.L.A. has a designated parking area not far from the building. Please remember to park in the designated "I.L.A Parking Areas". Failure to do so will result in Police tickets and discipline to the Manager's and CIC Discretion.

Hard Hats and Safety Vests must be worn always while working at all work sites. Failure to wear proper PPE will most likely result in you being fired and possibly a non-referral for employment. Always wear seat belts while driving in and around our Container Yards and Terminals. Cell phones and electronic entertainment devices <u>are not</u> to be used while driving some of our employers' vehicles or in the workplace. Notice will go into effect immediately, and anyone seen using a cell phone while driving will be given a warning. After that warning, they may terminate the employment of the individual if they are seen using a cell phone again while driving. Also, you must have a valid driver's license to drive any one of the companies' vehicles.

Please everyone be safe "to and from" & "on and off" the job sites.

Dedication, hard work and integrity are what we stand for!!

Bill A. Williams Jr.

Vice President I.L.A. 1351