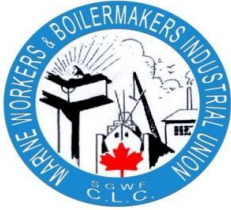


MARINE WORKERS & BOILERMAKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION LOCAL 1

FEBRUARY 2018



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FRED SIMMONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We hope to continue to see the ship repair industry remain busy. At Vancouver Dry Dock the schedule for the first few months of 2018 looks very busy.

As many of you are aware, Brother Lyall Freeman has taken over as dispatcher in December 2016. Finding available people in certain trades is an ongoing challenge.

Allied Shipbuilders have been busy with repair work that has kept the painters, steelworkers, and joiners extremely busy.

Meridian Marine completed a self-floating power plant in 2016 and hope to take orders to build more with the success of that prototype. Meridian has also continued to do repair work at Deas Dock for BC Ferries and at their own facility.

We welcome Dynamic Steel Repairs & Fabrication as our newest certification. The Marine Workers and Dynamic negotiated a first Collective Agreement in June 2016. Dynamic has been doing barge repairs and some work for BC Ferries at Deas Dock.

E-Z-Rect had maintained a steady workforce until a work shortage hit towards the end of 2016. The company is facing challenges competing with overseas suppliers and changes in environmental standards locally for some of their products. We hope to see everyone back to work soon.

Canadian Alberni Engineering work has been steady; they do have a shortage of experienced workers at the plant and are looking to expand.

Contract negotiations have been completed with some of the shops: Osborne Propeller, DBC, Lockheed Haggerty, Davis Trading, and Pacific Metals.

The smaller shops have seen ebbs and flows in contracts as well as the scrap yards.

IMPORTANT

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

MARITIME LABOUR CENTRE

5:00 p.m.

March 1

April 5

May 3

June 7

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6

**Scholarship Applications
Deadline - July 31, 2018
(more info on page 4)**

UNION OFFICE

**136-4299 Canada Way
Burnaby
604-254-8204**

HOURS

**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed noon to 1:00 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

The Maritime Labour Centre has leased out office space to the Postal Workers and the kitchen will be leased by Len's Catering as soon as the business licenses are in place.

The Trustees of the Health and Welfare Plan continue to constantly monitor the needs of the plan and will advise if any changes in contributions are needed to maintain the current benefits.

Brother George MacPherson, our President of the Marine Workers of 27 years retired on January 1, 2017. He has been extremely supportive since his retirement and has assisted me with his experience and expertise. Brother George and Sister Joey Hartman, the President of the Vancouver District Labour Council worked together to organize and facilitate a training seminar for the stewards at VDD.

We have all seen George's ability to see through very complicated issues and find resolutions that have been to the benefit of the membership. We owe a tremendous amount of appreciation to President George MacPherson for all he has done for us and continues to do through his involvement with the Shipyard General Workers Federation.

Brother Brian Lee retired in May 2017 and sat on the Executive Board of the Marine Workers for many years. Brother Brian was a champion for the fair treatment of the members and his presence has been and will continue to be missed.

Congratulations George and Brian on your retirement and we thank you for the incredible contribution you have made to the membership of the Marine Workers and wish you both a long and healthy retirement.

In Solidarity,

Fred Simmons



VDD SHOP STEWARDS' SEMINAR OCTOBER 2017 FACILITATED BY JOEY HARTMAN FROM VDLC AND GEORGE MACPHERSON
(FRED SVENNSON PHOTOGRAPHER)

Those on wage indemnity and WCB should contact our administrator D.A. Townley to have them apply credits to your pension.

BROTHER GEORGE MACPHERSON RETIRES

BY BRIAN LEE

On January 1, 2017, after many years serving our membership, our long-time brother, George

MacPherson retired as president of the Marine Workers & Boilermakers Industrial Union Local No. 1. Brother MacPherson joined our union in 1975 and served on the executive board before becoming president in 1990. As a new president, he was immediately faced with big challenges, most remarkably, the Federal Government's cancellation of the Polar 8 Icebreaker Program the same week he assumed his position as president and dealing with our two largest certifications now facing a downturn and eventual dissolve. George worked tenaciously to preserve the jobs he could, negotiated federal funding for re-training and severance packages for those impacted. He then streamlined our union office and dispatching, and although our membership was reduced, the union not only survived but remained strong and stable.

George wore many hats during his time in office; he not only performed his duties as president but also managed the daily business at our office. While also serving as president of the Shipyard General Workers' Federation and executive member of the BC Federation of Labour he soon became labour's voice for shipbuilding on the West Coast and raised our union's profile much beyond our membership's size. Brother George also performed the duties of business agent and relished facing the employers whether negotiating or defending our members and their working conditions. Brother George managed this juggling act always maintaining a keen sense of humour and a sympathetic ear.

On behalf of the membership, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for all he has done and wish him good luck and best wishes for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

WELFARE AND PENSION T4A's

DA Townley, the union's welfare and pension plan administrator are sending out the T4As. They will **also send your pension statements later in the year**. We remind you to ensure your beneficiaries are correct for both your pension and life insurance. Please note that your union death benefit beneficiary is separate from pension and life insurance beneficiaries. Any changes to your death benefit beneficiary must be provided directly to the union. Remember to keep your addresses and phone numbers updated with both the union and the Administrator.

DA Townley Toll Free: 800-663-1356 Phone: 604-299-7482



DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION! ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL...

PLEASE NOTE, WE ARE A SMALL OFFICE AND SOMETIMES MUST CLOSE DURING OFFICE HOURS. IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO CALL BEFORE YOU COME BY.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marine Workers & Boilermakers Industrial Union Local No. 1 will be awarding scholarships to a maximum \$1,000.00 for FIRST YEAR applicants for University, College or Trade School to children or grand-children of the Marine Workers Local 1 members in good standing.

Both the criteria and applications are available on our website at www.marineworkers.ca Applications are to be submitted to the attention of the Marine Workers Union's Secretary-Treasurer and will be referred to the Scholarship Committee, which will determine the successful applicants and amounts to be awarded. The application must be received at the union office by July 31 of the current year.

**IMPORTANT**

IF THE DISPATCHER IS CALLING YOU FOR WORK, HE RELIES ON HEARING BACK FROM YOU IN A TIMELY MANNER, OTHERWISE, HE MUST MOVE DOWN THE LIST. BE HELPFUL & ALWAYS REPLY PROMPTLY, LET HIM KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

604-254-8204 EXT 300 or

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF MWBIU MEMBERS ANNOUNCED IN 2017

<i>Pelopidas Triantaris</i>	<i>Verstile</i>
<i>Martin Fedorwick</i>	<i>VDD</i>
<i>Yunwa Tam</i>	<i>Pacific Rim</i>
<i>John Bianchi</i>	<i>Pacific Rim</i>
<i>Guenter Christopherson</i>	<i>Allied</i>
<i>Eric Chen</i>	<i>Allied</i>
<i>Walter Krakalowich</i>	<i>Burrard Drydock</i>
<i>Giuseppe Discusso</i>	<i>Pacific Rim</i>
<i>Robert Edwards Jr</i>	<i>VDD</i>
<i>Michele Moscato</i>	<i>Versatile</i>
<i>Errki Salminen</i>	<i>Burrard Drydock</i>
<i>Valentino Gutierrez</i>	<i>Allied</i>