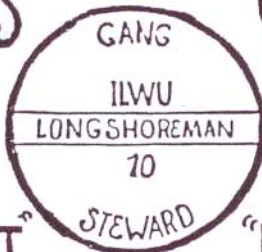


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"KNOW YOUR CONTRACT"

"KNOW YOUR RIGHTS"

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

February 20, 2009

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

The Stewards Council is alive and well.

We held elections in January.... First Tuesday as usual.

The results are:

Chair:	Ed Henderson	9855
Co-Chair:	Theron Dyble	9074
Secretary:	Stacy Rodgers	101236
First Alternate:	Andre' Dawkins	9924

These members form the J.A.P.C. If you don't know what that stands for I will spell it out..... Joint Accident Prevention Committee. This group takes safety concerns from the floor and brings them directly to the Employers. Please see the potential in this, with a united effort.

For example, if you are injured while driving equipment with no working seat belts, guess whose fault it is. **RIGHT**. If you failed to do an adequate pre-op inspection then the fault lies with you the individual Longshore. Don't forget the P in J.A.P.C. When you drive equipment, carry a red tag just in case. If you don't know how to use the red tag then please ask. This is part of accident prevention ---- especially in the rainy season.

Q: Who is a steward?

A: A steward is a Longshore that takes care of the job. Studies our contract and the safety book (PCMSC). Knows the rules and please don't bend them as often as we break them. If (when) you have any concerns on the job either bring them directly to the walking boss or to the Gang Steward who then takes the beef to the walking boss to be heard. Remember, the tradition of agang Steward comes for the standard break-bulk cargo gang.

At the February meeting our guest speaker (Katrina Booker) spoke on the dangers of carbon monoxide. This is an odorless colorless gas that can be deadly when inhaled. Ro/Ro, Automobile ships are of particular concern here.

We also reviewed Rules 501-506 of the PCMSC. This covers everything from Duties of the Hatch Boss to the all - inclusive "good housekeeping" rule. Study up! In the contract we read

Section 8.41 re: Availability and Section 8.42 re: Dispatch. You had to be there. We also read The Infamous Section 11.42, which describes the onerous work load. Don't let anyone tell you there is no such thing as onerous. It's right there in Section 11.42.

NOTE: Due to Safety Awards Banquet in March there will not be a monthly JAPC Meeting. However, we are still free to coordinate efforts with the compliance team and the General Membership.

Listen.... Observe... Verify.... and if you still cannot figure it out ----- ask an Old-Timer

Respectfully Submitted,
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