

LOCAL LODGE S6 LEADERSHIP CONNECTION: 2/24/23



MESSAGE FROM THE LS6 PRESIDENT: CHRIS WILLIAMS

If there is no struggle, there is no progress. – Frederick Douglass

We have our work cut out for us here in the hall. We are busy preparing for negotiations and working hard to transition away from the old way of doing business. It's difficult to leave the realm of the last leadership. It's tough to make our way moving forward. We are blazing a trail for a new way of working with the membership by prioritizing the concerns of our members and seeking feedback. We are getting new members involved in the lodge to bring in new ideas and get out on the deck plates so you can meet us. If you have a problem, we want to know.

I am confident in the skills and knowledge of the current leadership. We have a comradery that keeps us working together effectively. This unity is key to our success in negotiations. Though many of our positions are filled, I invite you to join us. We have committee positions open. If you are willing, there are opportunities to volunteer your time. The more involvement, the better.

Solidarity is grown through our actions more than our words. If the 2020 strike taught us anything, it is that we thrive off unity. We will do our best to keep you informed about opportunities to be of service. I look forward to working with you all.

OFFICER ELECTION INVESTIGATION

Several complaints were brought to IAM about our most recent officer election. All 25 complaints have been deemed to be without merit and the IAM has certified the election.

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NEGOTIATION PREPARATIONS

We are sending the Negotiating Committee to the Winpisinger Education and Technology Center to receive training for the upcoming negotiations. The Committee is meeting regularly as well.

STRIKE SANCTION VOTE

This vote is one of the most critical votes that take place for Local Lodge S6. The IAM Constitution requires that a minimum of 30% of the membership participate in this vote. **Without the required participation in this vote, should the Company's offer be unacceptable, your Negotiating Committee will not be able to recommend a strike to the membership at the ratification vote. Additionally, in the event the membership votes to strike the IAM will not sanction the strike nor will weekly strike benefits be released by the IAM.** Please look for updates on this matter and the vote so we can ensure we have this option.

ANGUS KING VISIT

Senator King recently visited the Union Hall to discuss various matters. We touched upon the state of the shipyard, upcoming negotiations, and how LS6 wages compared to the rest of the state. He offered his support.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Local Lodge S6 is holding a design contest for a new logo representing our Union. Please submit all designs to the Recording Secretary; Ryan Ryder, before April 13, 2023. The logo will be voted on and approved by the membership at the April General Membership meeting on 4/15/23. A \$500 prize will go to the winning design.

OFFSITE HOURS OF WORK CHANGED

The vote to change the work hours resulted in 300 Yes votes to 6 No votes. The related MOA was signed and will take effect on February 27th. The MOA is on our Facebook Page and Website for review.

CONTRACT SURVEYS

Thank you for your overwhelming support in returning the bargaining surveys.

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