

**From: Joseph C. Savia, Sr.  
Business Manager, Financial Secretary Treasurer**

**NOMINATION NOTICE**

Nominations will be accepted at the "Special Called Meeting" to be held before the regular, March 7, 2006, meeting at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School, located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover Maryland. Nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer, Assistant Business Manager, Business Agent, Business Representative /Organizer, Inside Guard, Executive Board (4 members) Examining Board (5 members), Finance Committee (3 members) all for 3 year terms. Nominations will also be accepted for Medical Fund Trustee (1 member), Pension Fund Trustee (1 member) and Retirement Savings Fund Trustee (1 member), all terms will be six years.

**Eligibility for Office in Local Union –**

**Sec 121, page 73 from the Constitution of the United Association**

No member shall be eligible to be nominated for office in any Local Union unless he/she shall be a journeyman member of the United Association and the Local Union in good standing for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the election. Any journeyman member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to be nominated for office in any Local Union.

In addition to the eligibility requirements stated above, a member is eligible to be nominated for any full time paid office of the Local Union if he/she has not reached his/her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date of the nomination.

- All nominations for local office must be in writing, giving the full name of the nominee to the Recording Secretary when the President has recognized the member presenting the nomination.
- Please note a member may be nominated for only one of the offices; as set forth in Section 100 of the UA Constitution.
- A nominating member can nominate one, and only one, candidate for each open office.
- candidates must accept the nomination at the time made, either in person or, if absent, in writing.
- An officer holding an office that is not up for election is not eligible for nomination to some other Local Union Office unless he/she first resigns the Office held. Such resignation must be in writing and filed with the Local Union prior to the mailing of nomination notices.

Nominations for Delegates to the United Association Convention scheduled to convene Monday, August 7, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada will also be taken at the "Special Called Meeting" to be held prior to the regular March 7, 2006 regular meeting, to be held at the U.A. Mechanical Trade School, located at 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland.

The March, 2006 Cash Sheet submitted to the UA will determine the number of delegates eligible to participate in the convention. The duties of weekly salaried officers of Local Union 602 shall also include serving as a delegate to the United Association for his/her Local Union if the number

of delegates to which Local 602 is entitled to as defined in Section 12 of the U.A. Constitution is not exceeded by this number of officers.

**Eligibility Requirements to run as Delegate –**

**Sec 17, page 13 from the Constitution of the United Association**

No member shall be eligible as a delegate or alternate unless he/she shall have been a good standing member of the Local Union which he is to represent for at least the two (2) consecutive years previous to his election and he remains in good standing from the date of his election through the period of the convention.

**ELECTION NOTICE**

A secret ballot election to fill the Offices referenced above as well as Delegates to the convention will be held on Monday, April 3, 2006, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the U.A. Mechanical Trade School, 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover Maryland.

**Eligibility to Vote at Local Union Election**

**Sec 124, page 76 from the Constitution of the United Association**

- (a) No member shall vote at any election of any description unless he has been a member in good standing in the Local Union where the vote is being taken for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election shall not be eligible to vote in any Local Union election.

The candidates receiving the highest votes in the delegates election shall be declared the elected delegates. The candidates receiving the next highest votes shall be the alternates, by descending numerical order and shall act in case of the inability of any regular delegate to attend the convention.

All results will be announced at the regular Tuesday, April 4, 2006, Meeting which will be held at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School, 8509 Ardwick Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland.

**IN EVENT OF A TIE**

In the event of a tie, a run off election will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the U.A. Mechanical Trades School, 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Landover, Maryland; results will be announced at the May, 2006 Meeting.

**THIS ‘N THAT**

**BIG WINNER**

Pete Greenwood is the winner of the 50/50 raffle held at the February Union Meeting.

**SICK BAY**

Kenny Bradford is home recuperating after undergoing surgery for a hernia.

Jerry Stack is home recuperating after undergoing his second hernia operation.

Gary Parsons is recuperating from a recent heart attack.

## **SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy to Mike Dawes and family who lost his brother, Patrick, on January 27, 2006. Patrick was a former member of Local #5.

Our sympathy to Paul Lucas and Everett Lucas, Jr. and their families on the recent loss of their sister on February 6, 2006.

## **THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1219. ANY MEMBER NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO. 1219 IS IN ARREARS.**

### **From Kevin Sullivan, Business Agent**

As a young apprentice I will never forget the mechanics that would sit me down in an attempt to instill in me a proper work ethic and a life lesson of “work hard, do a good job, and enjoy your time here”. Now mind you, not to create any false illusions, I needed to be sat down and talked to. I will never forget the “talking to” from Bob Starkey and the Bonner Brothers in my first year. Year (2) had Charlie Bucklin telling me I needed to learn how to weld. The third year was Art Colea showing me that you can work and have a whole lot of fun while at it. And, I will never forget the grief given to me by “Johnnie Elbows” when I came in late. I am grateful to these mechanics for working with me, and the fond memories I have. It took time to grow, but a seed of responsibility and proper work ethic was planted.

As mechanics today, ask yourself, Am I setting a good example to the apprentices, helpers and other mechanics around me? Am I showing up everyday on time, putting in a good day, staying until quitting time, and sharing my knowledge? Are we leaving a good impression with the customer? They see us coming, going and in our work area. Those moments that seem so minimal, starting late/quitting early, loom so large when a contractor loses a customer because of poor work ethic and bad craftsmanship. That is were we need your help, the factors that we can control; showing up and doing a good job, training our mechanics of tomorrow.

I hear it all the time, “it’s not like it used to be”; no, it is not. Years ago I cannot remember such an influx of non union shops in this town, competing against our contractors. If you look over your shoulder, you have a non union shop wanting your job. It is going to take the united effort of the Hall, Maryland Pipe Trades and the membership to turn the tide.

On a related subject, the Maryland and Virginia Legislature are currently in session. There are bills coming out that we will ask you to take a few minutes of your time to introduce yourself to your Senator via phone call or e-mail; to ask for their support of opposition to a particular bill. Let them know who you are, a voting member of Local #602. That way when we are in Annapolis or Richmond, the politicians will know who we are. There will be bills coming out in both jurisdictions that we will be asking the respective Senators and Delegates to either support or oppose; this is where we will need your help. If we contact you and ask you to call or e-mail

your representative, please take the time to do so. The five (5) minutes that it would take will pay dividends, just as much as the five (5) minutes that we are late or leave early costs in the long run. What we do today will lay the course of our future.

If you see these members, please welcome them as they are the newest members of Local 602: Charles Burns, Michael Chagnon, Timothy Levy, James J. Martin, Donald Minnick and James Sohl.

## **SOLIDARITY**

**President, John P. Sullivan**

### **A Canadian Approach To Mine Safety**

CBS NEWS: Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, January 30, 2006... Rescuers retrieved all 72 Canadian miners who were trapped by a fire nearly a half-mile underground. Because of their training, the miners had retreated to "refuge rooms" deeper into the mine. Situated throughout the mines, the 150 by 50 foot rooms were equipped with a 36 hour supply of air, food, water, chairs, beds and phones. Within two hours of the accident, rescue teams started entering the mines in shifts. Before the day was over they reached 32 miners in a refuge room that had lost communications. The other 40 miners remained in contact by phone with the rescue teams from other refuge rooms. They understood the rescue plan and were "sitting tight" and "catching up on their sleep" until they could be safely removed. There were no fatalities at this UNION mine.

Meanwhile in West Virginia, Don Bragg, age 33 was being laid to rest. He and Ellery Hatfield, age 47, died as a result of a recent fire in the Aracoma Alma No. 1 coal mine. The 14 deaths in one month caused the governor to shut down all mines for a top to bottom audit of safety plans and conditions within the mines. Perhaps more importantly, the fatalities prompted the state legislature to pass new mine safety rules. West Virginia mines will now be required to "provide miners with emergency communicators and tracking devices, extra air supplies underground, and to require mining companies to report accidents within 15 minutes or face heavy fines".

I was perplexed as to why our neighbors to the north could be so far ahead of us in mine safety. The simple answer has two parts. First off, there is greater union consciousness and more union mines in Canada. Second part of the answer, they have been mining longer, buried more miners, and reached their gut wrenching limit of "acceptable number of deaths" a few years earlier than us.

On March 31, 2004 the Canadian Parliament passed the "Westray Bill" which levies stiff penalties and fines to mine owners who fail to provide for substantial levels of safety within the mines. The bill was so named because of the 1992 tragedy at the Westerly Mine where 26 coal miners were killed in a methane explosion. The mine had been opened for about 8 months prior to the explosion. Fifteen bodies were recovered. Eleven bodies were not. The eleven were entombed in the sealed off shafts of the mine.

The company operating the mine was charged with 52 non-criminal counts of operating an unsafe mine. The company went bankrupt the following year. None of the 52 charges made it to the court. The two managers were charged with criminal neglect of existing safety rules. However, the charges were later dropped for lack of evidence. Everyone walked away except for the 26 dead coal miners. Twelve years later, stronger legislation finally made its way through Parliament.

As in our country, the Canadian owners are very adept in circumventing the law. Each year, there are fewer union mines, more "contract (non-union) work", and more jobs shipped abroad. Canadian owners have shifted their focus to Bulgaria, Columbia, Congo, New Guinea, Philippines, and the Sudan. In July 2005, the Canadian government rejected a proposal to hold mine owners responsible for human rights and environmental abuses abroad. They chose instead to adopt a voluntary compliance standard similar to ours.

As in this country, the "conservative" Tories have returned to power. It is a mixed blessing for miners. On the one hand, it does not bode well for Canadian miners that the conservatives will oversee future mining legislation. On the other, it is a promising omen for American miners. The U. S. and Canada rarely remain in sync or even on the same page. Looking forward towards November 2006, perhaps a change in the majority party in our Congress will result in passage of meaningful U. S. mine safety legislation.

## **What's new in Training**

**By: Sean Straser, Assistant Training Director**

### **Orbital Welding & High Purity Piping**

The Joint Journeyman and Apprentice Training committee is dedicated to providing the most updated classes available. The call for manpower recently has been for Orbital Welding and High Purity Piping.

The orbital welding and high purity piping class covers a wide range of topics. Clean room protocol is explained and the fundamentals of working within this environment are taught. The differences between these industries are explained as they relate to high purity piping. The variety of materials used within the semi-conductor and pharmaceutical industries are examined. This includes, but is not limited to, stainless steels and plastics. The proper use of purge gases and purge procedures are taught. The proper use and care of cutting, severing, and facing tools is demonstrated. In addition, proper tube alignment and manual tacking is demonstrated. Properly programming the AMI Arc 207A to perform continuous rotation weld and step weld programs is a major portion of the class. Plastic fusion is taught with Asahi and George Fisher equipment. At the conclusion of the class certifications through the United Association and Steamfitters Local 602 are available.

Please contact the school at (301) 341-1555, if you are interested in taking the class. Remember all members are eligible to take classes.

## **From: Wayne's World Union Pride and Self Pride**

If you spend anytime on the Highway in this town, you see a lot of 602 Bumper Stickers. What should this mean to a 602 member? Let's start with having Self-Pride, for being a member of 602. Standing up for 602 through your performance and commitment to your job. Showing the contractor that as a member of 602 we make no excuses for why a job can't be down! 602 Pride is not one of your guaranteed benefits, 602 Pride is earned! It's earned every time you go the extra mile, to get the job done right and on time. It's earned by encouraging others to do the same. It's earned by keeping up with your certifications and getting new ones. It's earned by

getting out of the mindset, what am I getting in return for doing this. It's earned by supporting a positive image every single day on the job. It's not what you put on your bumper, it's what you do on and off the job every day. On March 15, 1913 our charter was issued which means we celebrate our 93<sup>rd</sup> year as Local Union 602. Just look back from where we have come to where we are today. With our long and very distinguished history, 602 has faced many challenges, overcoming them all. There is not a place in the Metropolitan or surrounding area that you can go and not see a building that a 602 member has not worked on. Being proud of being a Union Member and a 602 Member is a badge of honor we all should wear proudly. We need to keep up the good work in 602 so when we celebrate 100 years our proud Union Heritage will be stronger than ever.

We are continuously updating our records. We now have over 3300 Members and close to 200 Contractors. Addresses, phone numbers and many other changes that we, at the Hall need to keep current. We have found that with upcoming events, and the speed that the world expects, we have found that we need to include email addresses in our database. If you have changed ANY of your vital information please let the union office know. You can email us at [ua602@aol.com](mailto:ua602@aol.com) or mail in the changed information.

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