

From Joseph Savia, Sr.
Business Manager

ELECTION NOTICE

A secret ballot election to fill the Offices referenced above will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 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 79 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.

All results will be announced at the regular Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 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, June 6, 2009 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 July, 2009 Meeting.

Benefit News

Due to the economic conditions many of our members have recently faced with either getting laid off or hours being cut, the Medical Fund has changed the eligibility requirements for continued eligibility. Effective with eligibility for May 1, 2009, all participants who are NOT owners of the employer or salaried employees, will have the hours requirement reduced to 300 hours in a Work Quarter to be eligible in the corresponding Eligibility Quarter.

Work Quarter

If you worked at least a total of 300 hours during the months of:

December, January, February
March, April, May
June, July, August
September, October, November

Eligibility Quarter

You are eligible for benefits during the months of:

May, June, July
August, September, October
November, December, January
February, March, April

The maximum Reserve Account hours will be set at 300 hours for eligibility effective May 1, 2009.

Unemployment Set Aside Account "Penny Fund"

If you lose your coverage because you were laid off due to a lack of work and were unable to work the required 400 hours, and you have already used all of the hours in your Reserve Account, you may

continue your coverage until the end of the next Eligibility Quarter by taking hours from the Unemployment Set Aside Account.

The account may not be used if you are not available for work in Covered Employment, on a daily basis, if you refuse any jobs in Covered Employment, if you are not in the geographic area covered by the Union, or if you leave the unionized pipefitting industry.

In order to receive the coverage, you must file an application with the Fund Office. You can only use the account for the first two Work Quarters following your loss of work, in which you have insufficient hours in your Reserve Account to maintain coverage. A separate application must be submitted for each quarter for which assistance is sought. Once you have received a benefit from the Account, you may not use it again until after you have reestablished your eligibility by working 300 hours in Covered Employment in a Work Quarter.

M.EDDIE MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the year 2008 will be accepted through June 30, 2009. In order to be considered the dependent must be eligible for medical coverage, in our Fund, to apply. For applications please call (301) 333-2356, ext 0.

Dues Check Off Update

Please remember **if you change employers, YOU need to notify the Hall**. Without our members having 100% participation we still must notify the employers of those members who have elected check off.

I also urge you to pay attention to and keep your paystubs. If a dispute arises the paystubs are the only piece of information showing that the dues were deducted. Please also remember that dues' deductions do not cover your Death Assessments.

Shirts, Jackets, Etc...

We now have some new stock of shirts and jackets, all are available for purchase. Come in before the sizes run out.

Maryland License Plates

The new License Plates are out and traveling around town. If you are interested please contact the Hall for the application, checks or money orders for \$25.00 payable to the MVA must be returned to the Hall with the application. The hall will forward the application for you.

Motorcycle plates have been delayed, we currently need 23 more applications to be eligible for the motorcycle plates. If you are interested please file an application with the hall. We will notify you when we have 23 and are submitted the request.

Substance Abuse Issues

We are still holding our Substance Abuse sessions on Thursday's in the hall at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Please note the opinions in these newsletters are those of that individual officer and not necessarily that of all of the officers

From Kevin Sullivan, Business Agent

As the House works towards a deal setting new limits on carbon emissions, nuclear power is getting a boost from a core group of Democrats. House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman, Henry Waxman (D-Calif) and Rep Ed Markey (D-Mass) are working overtime to pass their Climate Change Bill by Memorial Day. Bolstering up support for the bill are Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md) and Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC). Both are pushing to add more benefits for the nuclear industry to the Climate Change Bill. As you see the Democratic leaders seeking more concessions in the climate bill one simple truth becomes evident: the very concept of regulating carbon emissions gives nuclear power a competitive advantage. Advocates of nuclear power are applauding carbon pricing. The Climate bill will add costs to nuclear competitors; basically functioning as a subsidy for nukes. Steny Hoyer is working to ensure that the programs that are currently in place for nuclear development, such as tax credits and loan guarantees, coincide with the agenda being pushed to lower the carbon output of current fossil fuel plants.

On a related note: A Department of Energy official confirmed that the agency has cut to four the number of new nuclear projects being considered for the first round of federal loan guarantees. The Energy Department has selected projects for "final due diligence and negotiations that may lead to a commitment for a conditional loan guarantee". The Energy Department has not identified any company seeking federal support but officials from projects in Maryland (Calvert Cliffs) and South Carolina (Summer Station) confirmed earlier this year that they were among the five finalists for DOE loan backing; and now we are down to four.

Now follow along this twisted trail. Majority Leader Steny Hoyer from Maryland and Majority Whip James Clyburn from South Carolina are pushing to add language in the Climate Bill to aid the nuclear industry. The Department of Energy said that plants in South Carolina are front runners in the selection of the first nuclear plants in the US in over 30 years; imagine that! Steny is keeping us in the fore front of the nuclear renaissance.

We are still a little ways off from this happening. For all of you that were in line for the tool room job, you must now submit your application to Brother Dan Loveless, our next Assistant Business Manager. Congratulations! To him and also to Brother Updike on his retirement.

THIS 'N THAT

BIG WINNER

Fred Willison was the winner of the 50/50 raffle at the May, 2009 Union Meeting.

SICK BAY

Tim Cole is in Johns Hopkins .

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Kenny Howard whose father recently passed away.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the following members:

Retiree, Louis L Wilson died on April 22, 2009. Brother Wilson was 88 years old and had been a member since March 2, 1948. Death # 1323.

Retiree, Thomas White died on April 23, 2009. Brother White was 60 years old and had been a member since April 10, 1974. Death #1324.

Retiree, William Hartmeyer died on May 2, 2009. Brother Hartmeyer was 75 years old and had been a member since November 3, 1953. Death #1325.

**THE CURRENT DEATH IS NO. 1325. ANY MEMBER
NOT PAID THROUGH DEATH NO 1325 IS IN ARREARS.**

ATTENTION RETIREES:

The Local #602 Retirees Club will meet on June 3, 2009 at Kings Landing Park in Huntingtown, Maryland (where previous Christmas parties have been held).

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. in one of the pavilions in the park. Hot Dogs, BBQ and Hamburgers will be provided by the Club. You are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert; also bring your lawn chairs. A special thank you goes to Tom Williams for arranging this.

All Retirees are welcome. For further information, contact Phil at (410) 867-0784.

SOLIDARITY

President, John P. Sullivan

The Northern Virginia Central Labor Council (NoVaCLC) held its annual dinner on May 8th and all of competing Democratic candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor were in attendance. Where were the Republicans? Well, once again, when asked to sit at a table with working men and women, they refused the invite. Perhaps they were embarrassed about the Republican controlled legislature's refusal to accept \$125 million dollars from the Federal Government to help shore up the failing Virginia Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund.

Like all other trust funds, including our medical and pension funds, trustees must ensure that reserves and money coming into the fund must be able to cover all present and future spending. The Va. Unemployment Commission reported that the UI Trust Fund had dropped to a 64.4% funding level in 2008. It projected that the fund would drop further, to 38.5% in 2009. And this is for a fund that is so miserly that it only supports 26% of unemployed workers. Only four states in the nation have a more miserable record.

Of course the Democratic candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor spoke on this issue. They also addressed a number of other labor issues that are near and dear to our hearts. All pledged their support to help create new jobs, increase unemployment benefits, and support the rights of workers to join unions.

The Republicans will settle their differences at a "convention" in June. No, you are not invited to come and vote. The Democrats will settle their differences at an election. Yes, you are invited to come and vote. It is an open primary. All registered voters in Virginia may vote in the Democratic primary. Wear your union colors. Make an informed choice but be sure that you vote at your normal polling place on June 9, 2009, the second Tuesday in June. Anyone interested in helping out in the primary or general election please call the hall and leave your contact information with my brother, Business Agent Kevin Sullivan.

Here is some information to help you with your vote on June 9th. The NoVa CLC will not make an endorsement prior to the primary. The same can be said for Local 602 and our international, the United Association. My opinion is simply my opinion.

Democratic Candidates for Governor:

Terry McAuliffe: Never held political office. Former chair of the Democratic National Committee. Website: <http://terrymcauliffe.com>

Creigh Deeds: Va. House of Delegates 1991-2001, Va. State Senate 2001-2009, unsuccessfully ran for Va. Attorney General in 2005. Website: <http://www.deedsforvirginia.com>

Brian Moran: I like this candidate. Va. House of Delegates 1995-2009. He has been labor's side for a long while. Website: <http://www.brianmoran.com>

Democratic Candidates for Lieutenant Governor:

Jon Bowerbank: I like this candidate. Current Russell Co. Board of Supervisor. Third generation union member. He runs an energy services company in SW Virginia. He pushes a full range of alternative energy sources and "green technologies". He believes that our union training and skills will help lead the ways in these sectors. Website: <http://www.jb2009.com>

Mark Signer: A lawyer with no former elected experience. Appointed Deputy Council for Mark Warner. Website: <http://www.marksigner.com>

Jody Wagner: Appointed Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Va. by Mark Warner in 2002. Appointed Sect. of Finance by Tim Kane in 2006. She currently runs a gourmet popcorn company.

Website: <http://www.jodyforva.com>

WAYNE'S WORLD

IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR CAREER

If you are like me, you did not get where you are in life without someone showing you the way. I am thankful to the people in my career that took the time to teach me the trade. I am also thankful that they took a personal interest in me. I realize now that the connection or bond we had was built on trust and mutual respect. These two qualities are very powerful and instrumental in our professional success and growth in work, as well as in life. I have had the privilege of working with some excellent members of 602; some were foremen, some were journeymen, some were apprentices, some were helpers and some were contractors. Ask yourself "Who have I mentored, who have I made a connection with, who have I helped to grow and to learn the trade, and who have I taken time to encourage to be the best they can be?" People are very busy in today's world and sometimes they seem to forget what is really important. I see too often where our members do not seem to take the time today like the "old timers" did when I was young and wanting to learn to be as good as I could be. Are you an individual who is taking the time to help someone else in the trade to be more successful, or are you too busy? Think of those who have helped you and remember we grow as a local when you "pay it forward" and help your brothers and sisters like others helped you. The baby boomers are retiring and this industry cannot survive if we do not take an interest in each other! This is the time in our industry that we must be able to assure that the members that follow us are better than those that preceded us. A good union leadership is very important to keep the stability of our benefits strong and to keep our competition on their toes. Every contractor and every 602 member should be actively working together to make this happen. What this will do is make the long term benefits good for both of us. The apprentice school teaches the apprentices the importance of helping one another and encourages them to do so. It should be no different with contractors and our members. The pay off for both the member and the contractor is they did the right thing at the right time for the right reason. As you go on with your day to day business ask yourself "what valuable life lessons do I have that others need"? We CAN NOT let this great trade die.

I hope you recognize the value of your taking the time to vote. Our local depends on your action. If you are not involved, get involved. If you are involved, stay involved. **Without you there is not 602!**