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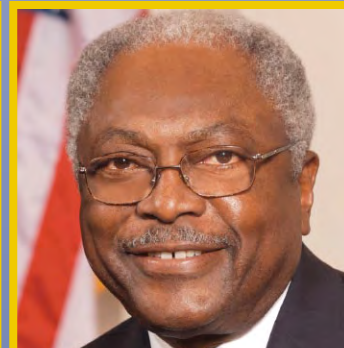
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Speakers: Bennie Thompson, Al Green
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New International Vice President and Atlantic Coast Vice Presidents Announced

The ILA is proud to announce that former Atlantic Coast District Vice President Richard P. Gabel is now an ILA Vice President. Three new Atlantic Coast Vice Presidents have also been named: Samuel Paone, John Healy and John Baker Jr. who is from the Great Lakes District. All positions were announced in early 2007.

"There are a lot of exciting changes happening at the ILA," ILA President John Bowers said. "These gentlemen bring unmatched experience and wisdom to these leadership positions."

Gabel has been an ILA member and union representative for the past 46 years. Starting in the 1970s as a union representative, Gabel worked his way up the union ranks. In 1972 he was a negotiating committee representative, a position he held until 1982. In 1982, Gabel was elected President of Local 1768, Toledo Coal Docks in Toledo, Ohio. In the same year, he was elected President Emeritus of the ILA Lake Erie Coal and Ore Dock Council and Vice President of the ILA Great Lakes District Council.

Paone was born in Jersey City, New Jersey and grew up in Harrison, N.J. In 1962, Paone started working for the pier driving import cars. In 1963, he became a checker working for ITO and Maher Stevedoring, and in 1971 he was elected shop steward at Held Warehouse. From 1974 until 1991, Paone worked with the NYSA as a Wel-

fare Investigator. In March of 1991, he went back to work at the piers and worked his way up to Chief Clerk and in 1994 was elected to Business Agent of Local 1. In 1995, Paone was chosen to represent the International as an ILA Representative. For the past 13 years he has been a Business Agent in Local 1 representing the longshoremen in New York and New Jersey.

Healy has been an ILA Local 333 United Marine Division (UMD) member since 1980. Having the blood of the ILA running through his veins, Healy followed in the foot steps of his great-uncle Bernie Griffin, who was an ILA Vice President. Serving as a deck

hand, tanker man, mate and captain, Healy's experience runs the gamut. In 1994 Healy became a union delegate and in September 2005 he was elected president of Local 333 UMD. Upon taking office in September 2005, Healy negotiated and ratified 17 different contracts for his members.

Baker has been a member of ILA Local 1317 since 1981, where he started his career working for various stevedore companies in the Port of Cleveland. In 1998, he was elected as

Great Lakes District Council Secretary-Treasurer, a position he still holds today. From 2000-2007, Baker served as special representative of the ILA Great Lakes Region. In 2005, he was appointed as Trustee of Local 1317 Pension and Welfare Fund. ■



Richard Gabel



Samuel Paone



John Healy



John Baker Jr.

ILA Presidential Endorsement

Truer words have never been spoken about our political system. Those words are still true today, more than 200 years after they were spoken about our fledgling democracy. As the 2008 presidential elections come upon us, we must look carefully at every candidate, listen closely to what he or she has to say and make our educated determination on

that will be debated in the presidential campaign and provide ample opportunity for you to hear and learn about all the candidates. We also pledge for the candidates to hear directly from you about your concerns and priorities.

The AFL-CIO is taking a series of steps to educate all of their members across the country for the upcoming election. First, the

political staff of those candidates and the political staff of the Federation and union affiliates. Information garnered from those meetings will be communicated directly to the membership from your leadership.

Third, the AFL-CIO will host a series of Discussions with the Candidates across the country, in which each major candidate can discuss with union members the major issues and the concerns of America's workers, giving you a voice to be heard. Based upon these discussions and meetings with the candidates, the AFL-CIO and the ILA will be able to provide the members with a careful, detailed analysis comparing the positions of the candidates on the key issues.

As a voter, you will be prepared to make a decision on who you feel best represents your interests. That is our goal in this coming election cycle. And not only will we help to educate you, but your union leadership will also be educated and will be in a good position to make an endorsement that makes the most to sense to our membership. ■

“Those who stand for nothing fall for anything.”
- Alexander Hamilton

who would be the best champion for working Americans across the country. Your union and its parent, the AFL-CIO, have devised a plan that will help you make a decision in this very important democratic process.

The AFL-CIO, in conjunction with the ILA, has come up with a series of guidelines that will help members in determining who will be the best candidate to represent working people's interests in the coming election cycle. As your union, we promise to educate you, without bias, on the critical issues

Federation will organize a series of grassroots Working Family Issue Forums during the early summer of 2007. These gatherings will be designed to allow members to discuss among themselves the issues that are important in this election, learn more about these issues and the views of the labor movement and provide feedback and input into the labor movement's decision process.

Second, the AFL-CIO will host a series of meetings with union presidents and all major candidates of both parties, as well as the po-



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HOMER WRIGHT — A FINE EXAMPLE OF ILA SPIRIT

Homer Wright is an International Longshoreman right down to his core, and he exemplifies the true spirit of the ILA. A second generation ILA member, Wright is a crane operator with Local 1408 in Jacksonville, Florida. In May 2007, Wright set a record when he averaged moving more than 47 containers an hour during a six-hour stretch. (The nation's busiest port in Long Beach, California, only averages 30 moves an hour.)

Day in and day out, Wright sits 150 feet above ground in the cab of his crane grabbing containers and moving them to the shore. His hands are in constant motion. The day Wright set the record, he was averaging 47 containers and hour, which is one 20-ton box every 76 seconds. "There is a rhythm you get into," Wright said. "It is a team effort given from myself to the people who are helping unload the ship, especially the truck drivers who must be in position to receive the containers."

"We are putting the Port of Jacksonville on the map," ILA Local 1408 President Vincent Cameron said. "It is a source of bragging rights and in some ways it is a shot that is heard around the world. More business will come into our port, compared to ports on the west coast, because of our work ethic and our quick turn around time."

"It is dedicated workers like Homer Wright that show what it means to be a union member," Cameron continued. "Not everyone gets the opportunity to be a crane operator. We screen for candidates through a process that involves the local junior college resource center who put together the testing component that includes hand to eye coordination, manual dexterity, peripheral vision and Myers Briggs attitude/ap-titude testing. Our last screening in 2005 was composed of 147 participants and we have trained four so far."

In the coming months, the need for workers who can be crane operators will become more visible. "As Local 1408 celebrates 71 years in existence we can be proud to say that we are part of the growth of Jacksonville," Cameron says. "We need people like Wright to be working on the docks." Additionally Wright happens to be the current instructor for the joint ILA/JMA (Jacksonville Maritime Association) crane training program.

The Port of Jacksonville is not known for handling containers, with other types of cargo – particularly cars – being a mainstay of the operation. "Changes to the docks are happening each day," Cameron concludes. "We are a growing port and we are showing the world we are on the map." ■



Support The ILA Children's Fund



The ILA Children's Fund

Making Life a Little Better for Those in Need

The International Longshoremen's Association founded the Children's Fund to donate to charities that help children in need, to give back to the community and support worthy causes. Fourteen years ago, the Children's Fund found just such a worthy charity: the Hole in the Wall Gang camp in Ashford, Connecticut.

The Hole in the Wall Gang camp provides children with cancer and other serious illnesses and conditions a camping experience of the highest quality, while extending year-round support to their families and health care providers. "When I first heard about the Hole in the Wall Gang camp, I knew we had found an organization that truly helped children and their families through some very tough, emotional times," said ILA President John Bowers. "The camp has an innovative approach to helping children and families who experience devastating illnesses. It lets kids be kids and gives them and their families much joy in being able to enjoy the outdoors. It's why we have whole-heartedly given them our support for the past 14 years, and donated more than \$2 million over the years."

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the camp. More than 1,000 children come to the Hole in the Wall Gang camp each summer free of charge, and more than 16,000 children have been to the camp since its inception.

On Monday, May 21, 2007 the ILA Children's Fund held its annual golf outing and dinner fundraiser for the camp. Nearly 220 golfers came out in support

of the charity and raised \$125,000 for the camp. The honorary speaker at the dinner was Stefanie Vuotto, who came to the camp in 1998 to recover from a bone marrow transplant. Now, thanks to the support she received from the camp, she is entering graduate studies in psychology where she

thousands of children's lives. We especially thank John [Bowers] for his vision for the ILA Children's Fund and for being emotionally touched by the work we do at the camp," Canton said.

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is expressing its gratitude by naming a dock on the camp-



ILA President and Children's Fund Chairman John Bowers (left) presents check to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp totaling \$125,000.00 from proceeds from 2007 golf outing. Helping to hold up and receive check are: (from left, James Capo, USMX Chairman and Golf Tournament Co-Chair; Stefanie Vuotto, a former Hole in the Wall Gang Camper and golf tournament keynote speaker; James Canton, Executive Director, Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Fund; Danielle Vuotto, sister of Stefanie and Grace Vuotto, mother of Stefanie.

will focus on the long-term impact of cancer survival. "She's the reason we give," said Bowers. "It is stories like hers that give hope to everyone."

"We are deeply grateful to the ILA and its leadership for the sustained generosity they have shown us over these many years," said Jim Canton, Executive Director of the Hole in the Wall Gang. "The ILA has made a profound difference in

grounds after President Bowers. "The dock is a very special place at the camp," Canton said. "It's the place where many campers catch their first fish, where we have our cabin candlelight ceremonies, and where the campers can sit and reflect. It seemed only fitting to honor John Bowers by naming the dock after him." ■

The Maher Family Announces \$1 Million Pledge to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp



Brian and Basil Maher made a surprise announcement at the 2007 Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Fund that Maher Terminals would donate \$1 million to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, pending the completion of the sale of their company to RREEF, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank. Brian Maher, (pictured at right) told the gathering that the donation was being made in recognition of the ILA's contribution to the success of his company, and in honor of John Bowers' commitment and dedication to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. John Bowers (at left) spoke of his long and memorable association with Brian and Basil's father, Michael Maher and called Maher Terminals one of the finest employers for ILA members. Tournament Co-Chairman Jim Capo (second, from left) and Basil Maher joined in the presentation.

On May 21 at its 14th Annual ILA Children's Fund Charity Golf Outing Dinner, M. Brian Maher, Chairman and CEO and Basil Maher, President and Chief Operating Officer, of Maher Terminals announced a \$1 million pledge to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

"The \$1 million donation by the Maher Family capped an extraordinary day of fellowship, fund raising and fun," ILA President John Bowers said. "It is the generosity of members that allows the ILA to be as successful as we are in our charity drive."

Maher Terminals is a family-owned company that announced two months ago its sale to RREEF, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank Americas Holding Corp. Brian Maher told the 300 plus guests that, in view of the sale, he and his brother Basil wanted to demonstrate their appreciation to those members of the ILA, employed by Maher Terminals, who helped make it one of the world's largest independent multi-user container terminals.

In addition, the Maher family wanted to pay tribute to John Bowers in recognition for his 20-year leadership as ILA President and applaud him for his exemplary role in leading the fundraising efforts for

the past 14 years on behalf of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. They also wanted to recognize the heroic commitment and dedication of the staff of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp to the core mission of the program. To achieve those ends, the brothers announced that they would make a \$1,000,000 donation to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp following the conclusion of the sale.

In expressing thanks on behalf of the ILA, a visibly moved John Bowers recalled the long relationship between the ILA and Maher Terminals saying to both Brian and Basil Maher: "I worked with your father, Michael, many years ago. I know he would be very proud of you two today for what you've accomplished with your family's company. Thank you very much for your incredible generosity to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp." ■

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No fund raising effort can be successful without a strong, hard working committee. The 2007 Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Fund golf outing was no exception. Taking a time out during the 16 hour day for a group photo are (seated, front row) Fred Bingler, Knettie Archard, Marie Piro, James A. McNamara, Mary Gima, Janet Roberts and Carol Mullally. (Standing, back row) Linda Rapp, Susan Snider, Mary Ann Gillespie, Beth Monica, Timothy Barnett, Anne Keller, Kim Perez, Elaine Lew, Maria Fong and Gloria Barnett.



Atlantic Coast District & ILA Conventions to be Held in July



The Westin Diplomat in Hollywood, Florida.

For two weeks in July, the Westin Diplomat in Hollywood, Florida will be the nexus of business for the International Longshoremen's Association. The Atlantic Coast District will have their meetings from July 16- July 19, 2007 and the International will be meeting July 23-July 26, 2007.

Conventions serve many purposes to our union – the most important being that we are able to educate our members on the state of our union. The need for a strong and unified union is greater than at any time in our history, as there is a great deal at stake for our members and working families across the United States and Canada – our rights



as working people. At both the ACD and the International Conventions, we will examine how we can continue to be successful in organizing and winning fair labor practices for our members across the United States and Canada. We will cover such topics as universal health care, port security, and various harbor projects while holding general elections for district and international leadership. Proposed resolutions to our constitution will be considered and voted upon.

Scheduled to speak at the Atlantic Coast District convention is: Michael Ingrao, Secretary-Treasurer, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO; Karen Oldfield, President & CEO, Halifax Port Authority; Honorable Joseph Crowley, (D-NY); Honorable Dennis Kucinich, (D-OH); Roger Giesinger, Executive Vice President Hampton Roads Shipping Association; Richard Meyer, Executive Director, Boston Shipping Association; Robert Palaima, President, Delaware River Stevedoring; and George Lynch, Funds Director, New York Shipping Association (NYSA).

At the International Convention, delegates will hear from: George Kourpias, President, Alliance of Retired Americans; Edward Wytkind, President, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO; Honorable James Clyburn, (D-SC); Honorable Bennie G. Thompson, (D-MS); Honorable Al Green, (D-TX); Paul F. Richardson, President, P.F. Richardson Associates; and David Cockroft, General Secretary, International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF).

The speakers invited to these two great meetings have significant impact on our union, be it as legislators in states where we have strong, working ports and need legislative assistance or as fellow union brothers and sisters and employers. All have taken time out of their busy schedules to come see us. Let's be sure to give them a warm welcome. See you all in Florida! ■

ACD Vice President Michael Vigneron Receives the A. Philip Randolph Institute President's Award

On April 20, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, ACD Vice President Michael Vigneron received the A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) President's Award from the New Jersey Essex and Union County Chapters. Vigneron also serves as the President of the New York/New Jersey District Council and is the Secretary-Treasurer of ILA Local 1801-4.

"I am extremely honored to be the recipient of this year's award," Vigneron said. "The APRI is a wonderful organization that shares a goal with the ILA – encourage voter registration and participation in Union and Essex counties."

"Mike is well deserving of the President's Award, the highest award the APRI gives," Gerald Owens, President of the Essex County Chapter of APRI and a General Organizer of ILA said. "Besides his great

attitude, Mike sets great examples to young officials of the ILA. I am proud to call him my brother."

The A. Philip Randolph Institute was founded in 1965 by A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin as an organization of black trade unionists to fight for racial equality and economic justice. Randolph and Rustin forged an alliance between the civil rights movement and the labor movement. They recognized that blacks and working people of all colors share the same goals – political and social freedom and economic justice.

The APRI and the ILA have many of the same goals they would like to help achieve – policies to promote a decent wage; a high growth and full employment economy; universal, affordable health care; work health and safety protections; and education and training programs.

"APRI honors people that exemplify what we believe in and we found those traits in Mike," said Herbert Hall, APRI President of the Union County Chapter and Business Agent/Business Representative of ILA Local 1233. "He has supported the APRI both vocally and financially as well as helping get out the vote and heading up community service efforts. He is a distinguished individual and we would like to congratulate him once again for receiving the award." ■



Pictured left to right are Mary Ann Gillespie, A.P.R.I. member, ILA Local 1809 President; Gerald Owens, A.P.R.I. Essex County President/ILA General Organizer; Honoree Mike Vigneron; Herbert Hall Sr., A.P.R.I. Union County President/ILA Local 1233 Business Agent; William B. Dudley, A.P.R.I. member/ILA Local 1233 President.

ILA Legislative and Regulatory Agenda

110th Congress

The International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO (ILA) Legislative and Government Affairs office monitors and lobbies the U.S. Congress, Federal Agencies and State Assemblies for issues that impact ILA members and their families. As the voice of America's largest dockworker union, our mission is to promote the union's legislative and regulatory positions and to

provide our nation's law and policy makers with information that assists them in developing sound public policy.

Listed below are legislative and regulatory issues that the ILA Legislative and Government Affairs office has identified as priority concerns for ILA members and their families.

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS:

The Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 mandates implementation of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program, which requires port workers to undergo a criminal history and immigration status check. Background checks and threat assessments however, must be based on reasonable and fair standards that focus on terrorist security threats. Regulatory standards must not unfairly jeopardize an individual's ability to work at our nation's seaports. They must also include waiver, appeal and review rights to ensure that individuals are not unfairly denied a TWIC.

FEDERAL TWIC PREEMPTION:

Some states have and others are considering implementing additional port worker access restrictions above and beyond Federal standards. Allowing states to impose different security requirements and standards unnecessarily imposes additional burdens and costs on workers. The ILA supports a single universal credentialing standard for all port workers.

PORT WORKER SECURITY TRAINING:

Little or no information has been given to America's dock workers explaining what to do or how to protect themselves in the event of a terrorist threat or attack. The ILA calls upon the Department of Homeland Security to implement standards for a meaningful worker security training program that includes evacuation procedures, live drills and exercises.

PORT SECURITY FUNDING:

The Safe Port Act of 2006 includes an authorization of \$400 million for port security grants. Port security grants are awarded on a risk based analysis and are utilized by ports to upgrade and enhance their security systems. The \$400 million authorization for President Bush's FY 2008 budget proposal doubles the amount awarded by the Department of Homeland Security last year and is vital to achieve greater protection for our ports and members, the frontline workers at America's ports. The ILA urges Congress to seek full funding of this authorization.

CODIFICATION OF DISQUALIFYING OFFENSES:

The ILA opposes codification of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) list of offenses that would bar workers from obtaining a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Absent compelling evidence that an individual is engaged in unlawful activity, past offenses alone must not presume or label an individual a terrorist threat.

EMPTY CONTAINERS:

Tens of thousands of unsealed empty containers move through our ports and marine terminals each year. However, there currently are no mandated security requirements in place to verify that these containers are actually empty and do not contain dangerous or illegal substances. The ILA calls on Congress to adopt legislation mandating visual inspection of unsealed empty containers as they enter and leave U.S. port facilities.

FEDERAL TWIC PREEMPTION:

WRDA, typically adopted biannually, authorizes federal spending for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' federal navigation projects, including maintenance and construction. U.S. ports face capacity and other navigational challenges brought on by the demands of larger new generation vessels that require deeper drafts. Congress last passed a WRDA bill in 2000. Unless Congress enacts a WRDA bill, the cost of new projects designed to meet existing and future challenges will continue to escalate. The ILA calls on Congress to adopt a new WRDA bill in the 110th Congress.

PORT DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE:

Our nation's seaports are a vital cog in America's economic engine. They serve as local, regional, national and international cargo destination hubs for our domestic and international trade and generate billions of federal, state and local tax dollars. They are also directly and indirectly responsible for creating hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs. The ILA calls on the administration and Congress to fully fund and equitably allocate Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) funds for the maintenance and development of these critical maritime structures.

SHORT SEA SHIPPING:

The ILA supports Short Sea Shipping, a Department of Transportation initiative designed to develop a coast wise shipping system that will aid in the reduction of freight congestion on America's over burdened landside transportation infrastructure system. U.S. waterborne trade is project to exceed 2 billion tons over the next 20 years. Existing land based transportation systems, rail and highway, are operating at full capacity. Expanding land based systems is enormously expensive and difficult to fund. Short Sea Shipping provides a cost effective alternative that is capable of complementing existing transportation modes while offering new work opportunities in the maritime industry.

HARBOR MAINTENANCE TAX (HMT):

HMT is a tax paid by shippers based on the value of the non-export cargo they ship through US ports and identified as an obstacle to the development of Short Sea Shipping. The ILA supports exempting coastwise water transportation from the HMT to make Short Sea Shipping more competitive and economically feasible.

BALLAST WATER DISCHARGE:

Ballast water discharge from ocean going vessels is a major pathway for the introduction of nonindigenous and invasive marine specie. Great Lakes states are developing and implementing overlapping or conflicting federal and state programs for ballast water discharge in their state waters. The ILA calls on the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a single federal standard that will govern all ballast water discharge in the U.S. Great Lakes system.

ROADABILITY:

Each day tens of thousands of intermodal chassis carrying freight are hauled by trucks to their final destination. Unfortunately, the equipment is often in poor condition and unsafe, presenting a danger to the motoring public on our nation's roads and highways. The ILA calls on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to issue regulations that enforce Federal safety standards and require chassis providers to implement verifiable systematic maintenance, repair and inspection programs.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH:

Federal law mandates deployment of radiological detection systems at U.S. port facilities. The ILA strongly encourages the U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security to work closely with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and National Academy of Sciences in developing health and safety protocols that protect our members and other port workers from illness and injury related to radiation exposure.

RETIREMENT SECURITY:

With Social Security and traditional pension plans increasingly coming under attack, the ILA calls upon Congress to safeguard these crucial benefits, which America's working families have come to rely on in their golden years. Instead of gutting the Social Security safety net and allowing corporations to jettison their negotiated obligations through bankruptcy reorganization, the ILA calls on Congress to strengthen the laws that protect senior retirees from poverty after a lifetime of work.

WORKER RIGHTS:

Each year thousands of workers are denied the opportunity to join unions as a result of employer coercion, harassment, threats and intimidation. The ILA calls on Congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 800, S. 1041), which would allow employees to freely choose whether to form unions by signing cards authorizing union representation, provide mediation and arbitration for first contract disputes and stronger penalties for the violation of employee rights when workers seek to bargain collectively.

Port of Philadelphia Expansion Will Soon Become Reality

On Friday, May 18 the Maritime Stakeholders Group, a group comprised of ILA and a collection of trade associations, port pilots and related private enterprises, hailed Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell's announcement that the Food Distribution Center would not be built on Navy Yard Property as "the first step in developing the world-class international Port of Philadelphia."

The comments on behalf of the group, who are involved in promoting the development of the Port of Philadelphia into an area known as Southport, were made by Uwe Schultz, President of the Ports of Delaware River Marine Trade Association (PMTA), which represents maritime employers of the ILA. "We have been in discussions concerning Southport for years," ILA Vice President James Paylor Jr. said. "Some years were more aggressive than others, and after years of strug-

gle, we achieved our goal – to expand the port for business purposes and not so much recreational.

"We want to make the Port of Philadelphia a primary and not a secondary port and with three railroads with direct access to the port, we can make this a reality," Paylor continued. "This is great news for our members; it means growth for our younger member and security in jobs, retirements and benefits for everyone."

The coalition asked the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority to relocate a proposed 1,100-employee Food Distribution Center (FDC) away from prime waterfront real estate. The FDC location would have jeopardized a major container facility at the Navy Yard area, as well as block access to the three Class 1 railroads that call at Philadelphia's waterfront.

"Governor Rendell said in March that if we proved our case he

would reconsider the FDC relocation to Southport," Paylor said. "We received tremendous support from the media. This combined with the presentation by the Stakeholders, convinced the governor that too many jobs would have been at risk. We are looking forward to expanding." Today the Port of Philadelphia employees approximately 45,000 longshoremen, a number that can easily double if not triple over the next few years. The port can handle some 544,000 20-foot containerized units of cargo each year.

Pennsylvania State Rep. William F. Keller, a former longshoreman who has a leadership role within the coalition of stakeholders, also praised Rendell and called the proposed commercial port development "a dream for Philadelphia we have been anticipating for 30 years. ■"

How to Enroll in TWIC

Pre-Enrollment Options

You may pre-enroll in TWIC by visiting www.tsa.gov/twic, by calling the call center at 1-866-DHS-TWIC or you may pre-enroll at our larger sites.

By pre-enrolling, you will need to provide all your personal information (in a secure system). Once you enroll, you will receive an appointment time and avoid lines at the enrollment center. You will not need to pay until you enroll at the Enrollment Center.

The following information will be needed:

- Name, date of birth and contact information
- Employment information
- Current and previous mailing addresses
- Height, weight, hair and eye color
- City, state, country of birth
- Alien registration number (if applicable)
- CDL and state of Application of any HME held
- Passport number (optional)
- Social Security Number (Optional)

At the Enrollment Center

At the TWIC Enrollment Center you will have to review and sign the TWIC Application Disclosure Form, provide personal information (if you pre-enrolled you will skip this step), provide necessary documentation, sit for the digital photo and pay the enrollment fee. The estimated time, if you pre-enrolled, is 10 minutes.

Cost

The cost for TWIC is \$137.25; if you are a MML, HME or FAST cardholder your cost is \$105.25. You may pay by credit card (MasterCard or Visa), money order or certified check. No cash or personal checks will be accepted. If your employer/organizer are paying, you may pay by Corporate Check, or your employer/organizer may issue you a “pre-paid” debit card.

Picking Up Your Card

After the application process, the applicants will be notified by phone or e-mail when their TWIC is ready. Applicants must return to TWIC Enrollment Center that they enrolled at to pick up their TWIC. If an applicant receives a notice that they have been disqualified, they will also receive information that clarifies the appeal and waiver process.

Local 1588 Elects New Executive Board

ILA Local 1588, representing 430 longshoremen and warehouse workers in Bayonne and Jersey City, New Jersey, have elected their new executive board. Candidates for seven of the eight officer positions, including president, were nominated without opposition at the general meeting on March 29. With no challengers, the seven were effectively elected by acclamation and are thereby declared elected. The one contested position was for Warehouse Division Vice President, and was voted on April 19 by the members of that division.

The new election came as a recommendation from Robert J. McGuire late last summer. The officers chosen by Local 1588 assumed control of the day-to-day affairs of the union and were sworn in on Tuesday, May 1.

The new officers for Local 1588 executive board are:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Anthony Falcicchio, President
Tony Perlstein, Secretary-Treasurer
Tom Hanley, Recording Secretary
Virgil Maldonado, Deep Sea Division,
Vice President

TRUSTEES

Luis Lemos
Lou Marella
Manny Ferreras

Order of Business

One of the first pieces of business for the newly elected officers was a memorandum for the Northeast Auto-Marine Terminal (NEAT). An agreement was entered on June 6, 2007 between the ILA and NEAT.

After reaching out to the International, an affordable healthcare plan was agreed upon. "It was a little higher than NEAT was original paying," Local 1588 Recording Secretary Tom Hanley said. "We were able to put them on the MILA plan, which has better benefits overall. It was a win-win situation.

"There were wage increases across the board for all NEAT members," Hanley said. "Those on the lower tiers of the pay scale will definitely be able to see the change."

Both Local 1588 and NEAT agreed to a two-year contract.

ILA Local 1575 and Horizon Lines Enters into OSHA Strategic Partnership for Maritime Industry Safety in Puerto Rico

Horizon Lines of Puerto Rico, Inc., participated in a signing ceremony of its Maritime Industry Safety Partnership Agreement with ILA's Local 1575 and OSHA. This agreement marks the second time Horizon Lines has taken a leadership position nationwide with a safety program of this nature. "It is always good to get management and labor to work together," ILA International Vice President John Baker Sr. said.

The ceremony took place on May 10 at the ILA Local 1575 offices in San Juan. Guests included OSHA Regional Administrator Patricia K. Clark, OSHA Puerto Rico Area Director Jose Carpena, Puerto Rico Secretary of State and Port Authority Director Fernando Bonilla, Executive Director of the Occupational Development and Human Resources Council for Puerto Rico Joe Alvarez, PROSHA Auxiliary Secretary Myrna Velez and Cap-

tain Raymond J. Perry, United States Coast Guard Deputy Sector San Juan.

The partnership, which will encompass the yard, marine, crane and maintenance departments at the terminal, seeks to reduce injuries and illnesses by 15 percent a year, expand awareness of the value of safety and health programs, and foster open, continuing communication among all partners regarding safety and health.

"Now that we have signed this agreement, Local 1575 hopes to have a better relationship with OSHA," ILA Local 1575 President Carlos Ortiz said. "The OSHA Strategic Partnership means better equipment, better safety awareness, and better working conditions for our members. We hope this signing is the beginning of a long, lasting relationship." ■



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