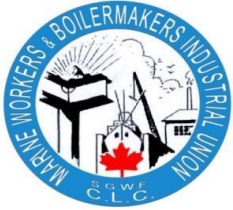


MARINE WORKERS & BOILERMAKERS  
INDUSTRIAL UNION LOCAL 1

FEBRUARY 2016



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**GEORGE MACPHERSON**

We are pleased to tell you that we are now settled into our new office on Canada Way and look forward to once again be able to see our members who drop by. We experienced a very challenging 2015, trying to work remotely without the amenities of an office. We now have a new office administrator as Nancy has moved on. We wish Nancy well and thank her for her years of service. I take this opportunity to introduce Denyse Dehler who has assisted us for the past 10 months. Denyse has a strong union background and is very keen to help us improve our operation while using her technological knowledge.

The Maritime Labour Centre is slowly being put back together after the fire of January 2015, however we are told the work will not be complete until May at the earliest. We will continue to hold our general business meetings at the Maritime Labour Centre, however please keep in mind that the Canada Way location remains our permanent home for at least the next few years. There are a couple of organizations who are showing interest in buying our shares; we will keep you informed on any progress with the sale of these shares.

Ship repair has been extremely busy for the first two months of the year and it appears that will carry on for the next few months at Vancouver Dry Dock and Allied. Meridian is currently finishing off a major project in the shop, additionally they are involved with work for BC Ferries taking place at Deas Dock. Alberni Engineering has been very busy over the past few months, building two small tugs while still looking after their regular customers. Financial problems in China have caused a slowdown in our scrap yards. We hope the slowdown will be short-lived.

**IMPORTANT**

**GENERAL BUSINESS  
MEETINGS**

**MARITIME LABOUR CENTRE**

**5:00 p.m.**

**March 3**

**April 7**

**May 5**

**June 2**

**September 1**

**October 6**

**November 3**

**December 1**

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**Scholarship Applications  
Deadline - July 31, 2016  
(more info on page 4)**

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**UNION OFFICE HOURS**  
**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Closed noon to 1:00 p.m.**

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**See page 4 for office  
location.**

***PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)***

Our pressure vessel shops experienced a fairly good 2015, however the current state of the oil industry has had a bit of an impact on them.

We have now completed negotiations at E-Z-Rect and will be moving forward with contract negotiations with Meridian Marine, Marine Tech, Allflo, A-1 Marine, and Arrow Machine Works, whose contracts all expired January 15, 2016. We will be back at the bargaining table in June with ABC Recycling, DBC Marine Safety, and Osborne Propellers.

We have also been updating our membership database and would ask all members who have email to provide us with their email address if you haven't done so already. You may provide us your email address by emailing it to [accounting@marineworkers.ca](mailto:accounting@marineworkers.ca) or you can call the office or send us a note.

We have recently updated our website [www.marineworkers.ca](http://www.marineworkers.ca) and will continue to do so on a regular basis. We would appreciate your worksite photos to possibly use on the website.

Please remember general membership meetings are held the first Thursday of every month (with the exception of July and August) at 5:00 pm at the Maritime Labour Centre. Come on down and keep up to date on current and upcoming events. Hope to see you there.

In solidarity,

George MacPherson

**T4A's**

DA Townley, the union's welfare and pension plan administrator are sending out the T4As. They will **also send your pension statements later in the year**. We remind you to ensure your beneficiaries are correct for both your pension and life insurance. Please note that your union death benefit beneficiary is separate from pension and life insurance beneficiaries. Any changes to your death benefit beneficiary must be provided directly to the union. Remember to keep your addresses and phone numbers updated with both the union and the Administrator. DA Townley **Toll Free:** 800-663-1356 **Phone:** 604-299-7482 **Fax:** 604-299-8136

# SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

**FRED SIMMONS**

Our union has been more fortunate than other organizations with the ship repair industry seeing a busier year than we've experienced in a long time. Not only have the phones been hectic with filling jobs, it seems the return of unemployed trades people to BC from the Prairies have had a major impact on the number of telephone enquiries. We have updated the website to encourage non-members to visit and see what trades are in demand through our employers.

I have been visiting worksites with Brother MacPherson, meeting both members and employers. The Marine Workers & Boilermakers are very happy to have welcomed new members, many of them painters. We hope to see these new brothers and sisters at our general business meetings.

We are currently organizing the new office, starting from scratch after the loss of our furniture and many of our files and taking the opportunity to set up filing systems with some emphasis on more digital systems to cut down on paper.

If you become unemployed, please contact the Union so that you may be placed in the system as available for work. Most employers do not inform us of layoffs and if you are not registered you may be missing out on work. We also ask that if you get hurt at work and go onto Workers Compensation, that you advise the Union in order for us to change your status. If you are on WCB and have some questions regarding your claims you can contact the union office. Always be aware of timelines involved if you are appealing a decision made by the Board.

Scholarship information is included in this bulletin, applications will soon be available on the Union's website

In solidarity,

Fred Simmons

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**DA TOWNLEY**  
**Pension and Welfare**  
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Toll Free 1-800-663-1356

**Those on wage indemnity should contact our administrator D.A. Townley to have them apply credits to your pension.**



## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marine Workers & Boilermakers Industrial Union Local No. 1 will be awarding scholarships to a maximum \$1,000.00 for FIRST YEAR applicants for University, College or Trade School.

Criteria and applications which will be available on our website at [www.marineworkers.ca](http://www.marineworkers.ca) and are to be submitted attention to the Marine Workers Union's Secretary-Treasurer and will be referred to the Scholarship Committee, which will determine the successful applicants and amounts to be awarded. The application must be received at the union office by July 31 of the current year.

### *IN MEMORY OF*

<i>Richard Jones</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>Manly</i>
<i>William Gerard</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>Versatile</i>
<i>Settimio Martino</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>VDD</i>

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**136 – 4299 CANADA WAY, BURNABY**

*Reminder!*

