



LOCAL S/6, INDUSTRIAL UNION of MARINE & SHIPBUILDING WORKERS OF AMERICA / I.A.M.A.W.

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MEMBERSHIP ALERT April 2, 2008

2008 Contract Negotiations Update

As we reported to you last week, your Negotiations Committee (LLS-6 members Michael Barker, Dick Doyle, Rich Nolon, Tony Monfiletto, Donat Fournier, DBR Tony Provost, BR David Sullivan, and GLR Bill Rudis) have been hard at work for several weeks preparing for the upcoming contract negotiations with BIW.

The Committee has completed a first review of each and every contract article and has developed proposals to modify contract language where necessary to improve and expand protections for you and your families. This week, the Committee is at the IAM's WWW training center, where they will complete a second review of the entire contract. They also will receive extensive skills training in the negotiating process, as well as specialized training in subjects like pensions, benefits, safety and health. When they return, the Committee will be fully prepared to sit at the negotiating table as a unified team – united and resolved to obtain the best wages, benefits, safety, and working conditions for our members and their families.

Remember: Please come to an important meeting on Sunday, April 20, 2008 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Bath Middle School, where the LLS6 Negotiations Committee will present their report on contract proposals. At this meeting, you will be asked to vote to authorize the Negotiations Committee to recommend a strike in the event that BIW's proposal falls short of our members' needs. Without this Strike Authorization vote, we will not be able to obtain the strike sanction required by the IAM Constitution. Your attendance at this meeting is essential to secure our member's weekly strike benefits should the final contract offer be rejected and 2/3 of our membership vote to strike.

The Local Lodge S6 website will continue to provide you with updates about the 2008 contract negotiations. We want you to be fully informed about your local union and your contract with BIW, and we encourage you to speak up and let BIW know what you need. The louder your voices, the more the Company will listen and respond to your demands for a good contract.

In Solidarity,
William Rudis GLR