

**NEWSLETTER –NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

*“The best way out is always through.”*

Nominations were held at the Special Called Meeting last week and the results are as follows:

President (1):	Chris Hannan*
Vice-President (1):	Todd Golden*
Business Manager/Recording-Financial Secretary/Treasurer (1):	Michael Huerta*
Inside Guard (1):	Ray Denis*
Executive Board (4):	Shawn Arballo* Vince Hollins* Lee Vincent* William J Small*
Finance Committee (3):	John Holmes Louie Lucas James Hosey Tom Sirrs
District Council #16 (2):	Chris Hannan* Ray Calderon*
Negotiating Committee (3):	Todd Golden* Ray Denis* Ray Calderon*
Examining Board (3):	Ray Calderon Tom Collister Kathy Reyes Cesar Suarez Robin Schledorn

\* = Automatically Elected to Office/Committee/Board due to a White Ballot being cast (meaning the number of nominees equaled the number of open positions).

Congratulations to those who have been nominated and to those who have been elected via white ballot. Although most offices, boards and committees were filled via white ballot, there is still a need for all Journeyman members to come out and vote for the Finance Committee and Examining Board. Voting will take place at the Special Called Meeting for the election of offices, committees and boards, to be held on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Local 709's James J Duffy III Hall, at 12140 Rivera Road, Whittier, CA 90606. The polls will be open at 8:00 am and close at 6:00 pm. According to the Constitution of the United Association, Section 124(a), Eligibility to vote at Local Union Election; “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 election. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to the date of election shall not be eligible to vote in any Local Union election.

In the event of a tie, a Run-off Election will be held the following Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Local 709's James J Duffy III Hall, at 12140 Rivera Road, Whittier, CA 90606. The polls will again be open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, with the same voting rules and eligibility as the previous election being applied.

**As a Final Reminder, the end of the year is upon us** and I must remind anyone who is thinking of retiring, that beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, the early pension reduction rate will be increased from 1/12th% to 1/6th% per month prior to the age of 61. In other words, the early pension reduction rate will double from a max of 6% to 12%. So, if you are of retirement age or will be in December and are contemplating retirement, you must call NASI for your paperwork ASAP and have it returned to them by November 30<sup>th</sup>. FYI – the last day to retire this year and be eligible for the lower reduction rate is December 1<sup>st</sup>, with a final working date of no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me or NASI.

**The Service Pin Awards Luncheon will be held on** Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 11:00 am at Local 709's Hall, at 12140 Rivera Road, Whittier, CA 90606. Service Pins will be awarded in recognition of 25 year members and for those every five (5) years plus (30, 35, 40, etc.). Notices have been mailed. Should you not get a notice and believe that you are entitled to an award, please contact the hall.

**The Local 709 Christmas Party will be held on** Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 before the Union meeting. Food, beverages and dessert will be served at 4:00 pm. This will be Local 709's Sixth Annual Toy Drive for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. Please bring a toy or child's gift valued at \$10.00 or more. Thank you in advance for making a sick child a little happier for the holidays. Don't miss out on the food and fellowship before the meeting at 5:30 pm.

**On a final note, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone again for their trust in me. I look forward to working with everyone in the coming years. Remember that my door is always open, should you have any questions or wish to discuss something. I'd also like to wish everyone a safe Veteran's Day and a Happy Thanksgiving.**

Fraternally yours,



Michael P. Huerta  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

***Dates to Remember:***

- November 11, 2009 – Veteran's Day Holiday*
- November 18, 2009 – Retiree Potluck / Bingo*
- November 26 & 27, 2009 – Thanksgiving Day & the Day after Thanksgiving Holidays*
- December 5, 2009 – Pin Awards Ceremony*
- December 7, 2009 – Union Toy Drive / Christmas Party Meeting*
- December 12, 2009 – Special Called Meeting for Elections for all Offices, Committees & Boards*
- December 19, 2009- Run-off Election (If Needed)*
- December 25, 2009 – Christmas Day Holiday*
- January 1, 2010 – New Year's Day Holiday*
- January 4, 2010 – Swearing-in of Officers @ Union Meeting*

Reminder Check payable to: LOCAL 709

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<b>Initiation Due:</b>	
<b>Death Assessment:</b>	<b>\$21 for 2008</b>
<b>Reinstatement Fee:</b>	