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Brothers and Sisters of 1440,

## President's letter

Last week during the Union meeting on May 13th we swore in all of our elected Union officials. During the meeting our grievance committee decided on the Chair person and Buzz Enea was selected and will continue as our grievance Chair for another term, Congratulations to Buzz.

This week Marty Fox our Vice president and myself will meet so we can discuss all of our appointed committees and will be making contact with everyone that currently holds those positions. **Our Goal is to make the best selections moving forward.** If you currently hold an appointed position, please keep looking for an email from me this week.

On the other hand, **anyone that would like to get more involved in the union** please send me an email and we might just have a position open! The union is a large entity made up of many moving parts, and with your help we can make it run the best it ever has.

I have been in Contact with the company about Covid-19 concerning what the plans are moving forward as we recently had the CDC come out with some rulings on masks and social distancing protocols. As of Monday, the State and County guidelines have not changed so masks and social distancing are still in effect and will be until further notice. We try to keep up with the mandated rules to the best of our abilities as these rules are constantly changing. Once we hear something different, we will do our best to let everyone know.

Any questions, concerns or issues please feel free to email me at [salazar.usw1770@gmail.com](mailto:salazar.usw1770@gmail.com)

## Trades with Europe

In Solidarity, Ben Salazar

### USW: US-EU Talks Must Strengthen Domestic Steel and Aluminum Production and Employment

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United Steelworkers (USW) International President Tom Conway released the following statement after the United States and the European announced discussions about bilateral trade issues:

“It’s no secret that the U.S. steel and aluminum sectors have been victimized by foreign unfair trade practices and global overcapacity. While China is the principal driver of the problems facing producers here in the United States, others also contributed to this injury.

“As the United States and European Union engage in bilateral consultations, we are supportive of efforts to resolve the threats to our producers and our members.

“However, we cannot support any approaches that do not provide measurable positive results. The EU is an important ally, but in the past, it has been part of the problem, not part of the solution.

“We have more than 40 unfair trade relief measures in place against EU steel and aluminum products that resulted from their dumping and subsidies targeted at our market. The USW supported addressing global overcapacity through the OECD and in the Global Steel Forum, but the EU did little to advance those talks.

“Bilateral discussions provide the opportunity to resolve the challenges in these sectors and align U.S. and EU actions on trade.

“The Biden administration consulted closely with the USW as they evaluated existing trade approaches and assessed long-term solutions, and we will be a willing and engaged partner moving forward.

“Steel and aluminum are crucial products for our national and economic security and our critical infrastructure. We are hopeful about reaching a solution, but we are equally determined to avoid any approaches that undermine the strength of our industry and the opportunities provided to U.S. workers.”

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## STEELWORKERS LOCAL 1440 PITTSBURG, CA

Union Meetings Are Held the 2nd  
Thursday Of Every Month. Our Next  
Meeting Will Be:

**Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM At the Union Hall  
677 Cumberland Street  
Pittsburg, CA 94565  
Phone: 925-432-7396

### Have You Used Your Funds Yet?

**\$1,800 Tuition Annually**

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**Our local has a web site!!**

Did you miss last month's Filer?

Looking for a form? Heard about an  
event? Want to sign up for email alerts?

All of this and more can be found online at:

**[uswlocals.org/local-1440](http://uswlocals.org/local-1440)**

**With Summer ahead temperatures are not the only thing on the rise!**

#### Top 10 warning signs of heat stroke

Symptoms of heat stress can range from mild heat rash or sunburn to severe heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

- Extremely high body temperature
- Hot, dry, skin – an inability to cool the body through perspiration may cause the skin to feel dry
- Increased heart and respiration rates as blood pressure drops and the heart attempts to maintain adequate circulation
- Throbbing headache, nausea or vomiting due to dehydration
- Weakness, fainting, or dizziness – especially if standing position is assumed quickly – due to low blood pressure from dehydration
- Muscle cramps
- Dark-colored urine – a sign of dehydration
- Confused, hostile, or seemingly intoxicated behavior
- Pale or bluish skin color in advanced cases due to constricted blood vessels
- Seizures or unconsciousness

#### What to do if you suspect heat exhaustion or stroke

- Get medical aid
- Move to air-conditioned environment or at least a cool, shaded area
- Loosen or remove unnecessary clothing
- Drink plenty of cool water
- Fan and spray with cool water

#### How to protect yourself against heat stress

Sometimes it's difficult to self-recognize heat stress, so it's important to use a buddy system at work to keep an eye on each other and spot potential heat stress symptoms.

- Stay fit
- When possible, avoid working in hot areas and in full sun
- Take frequent breaks
- Use sunblock with at least SPF 15 and re-apply every two hours
- Cover up with long-sleeve shirt, hat
- Increase fluid intake
- Avoid alcohol and excessive caffeine
- Reduce activity when exposed to heat
- Use buddy system to watch for symptoms
- Increase salt intake (if doctor approves)