

Letter from the Local B18 Business Agent/Secretary-Treasurer

January 1, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank so many of our Local B18 members for their patience and support during the transition into my new position as your Business Agent. I would like to recognize our Local Vice-President, **Maircesta Babette Ravanera** for bravely stepping in as Interim Business Agent during this transition. This past election saw over one hundred of our members get out to vote. It is that type of union involvement that I would like to carry into the New Year:

1) BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Our Local is calling for volunteer members to serve on this B18 committee in order to alter, amend or update some of the older articles in the General Laws of our Local B18 as per Article XV. If you are interested, please contact me at 415.974.0860 or by email at B18bizagt@sbcglobal.net. Remember, it is your involvement that helps make our Union stronger.

2) MEETINGS

Our monthly General Meetings will now be held at 965 Mission Street, #250, San Francisco. This larger venue should accommodate our increasing membership, and serve as a space to allow all our voices to be heard. Meetings will continue to be held on the third Monday of each month at 10:30am.

Our next meeting will be **January 16th** where we will go over our agenda for the year, vote on ratification of the San Francisco Opera contract, and discuss the possible dates for the Bylaws Committee. I encourage all of you attend.

3) HEALTHY SAN FRANCISCO

For many of you who live in San Francisco and who do not have health insurance, Healthy San Francisco is an affordable and accessible option for you in order to have basic and ongoing health care. It is my understanding that some employers are silent on the subject, yet it is your right by city law, and so I believe it is imperative that the information is available to you all. For more information, please to go to: <http://www.healthysanfrancisco.org> or call (415) 615-4500, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm.

4) DUES PAYMENTS

In order to ensure that dues are paid at the beginning of each quarter for 2012, I will be updating member contact information. On our website there will be a link for a Change of Address Form that can be printed and mailed to 965 Mission Street #207, San Francisco, CA 94103. For those of you who do not have a computer please call the office at 415.974.0860 and a form will be sent to you.

On behalf of the Local B18 Executive Board, I wish all our members of our local and their families a Happy New Year. I look forward to working together to insure an even stronger and successful union for the coming year.

In Solidarity,

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