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BCMEA BULLETIN: RELIABILITY AND PRODUCTIVITY AT WORK

BCMEA Appoints New Vice President

BC Maritime Employers Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Eleanor Marynuik as Vice President Human Resources.

Ms Marynuik joined BCMEA after 30 years with Air Canada and its predecessors rising to senior positions in ramp operations, labour relations and administration. During her tenure at the airlines she was extensively involved in two mergers which encompassed the negotiation of competing collective agreements into one culture of change. In addition, she was a labour team member during restructuring of Air Canada under CCAA bankruptcy protection.

Eleanor's responsibilities at BCMEA will include a Human Resource consultancy to our customer members to drive innovation and compliance in gender, age, and family status employment issues.

Eleanor has recently completed her accreditation as a Sommelier under the auspices of the Wine Spirit Education Trust of London.

BCMEA Staff Changes

March 1, Publication Specialist Sid Plested joined us with a wealth of experience in publishing, graphic design, layout and writing. Sid will be a great addition to the TSR team.

Leaving us February 28th - Kristin Selle of the Training Department & Elana Tallosi, Stores Assistant.

We wish them every success in their new careers.

Union Meeting Nights:

Mainland Locals

Vancouver (500) March 17, 2010
New West. (502) March 17, 2010

Vancouver Island Local

Chemainus (508) March 8, 2010

Northern Local

Prince Rupert (505) March 16, 2010

Please be guided by the provisions of Article 15 in the Collective Agreement respecting working restrictions and conditions on Union Meeting Nights.

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Industry Calendar of Events:

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| April 21 | COS Business of Shipping Course
Prince Rupert, BC |
| April 29 & 30 | WESTAC Annual Meeting
Regina Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, SK. |
| April 30 - May 1 | Pacific North West Conference of Traffic & Transportation Clubs
Vancouver BC, (hosted by the VWTC) |
| May 2 - 8 | North American Occupational Safety & Health Week 2010 |
| May 17 -21 | International Tug & Salvage Conference
Westin Bayshore Vancouver, BC |
| May 26-28 | PORTSECURE 2010, Canada's Annual Port & Maritime Security Expo
Fairmont Pacific Rim in Vancouver, British Columbia. |
| June 3 | APGST Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting |



U. S. Ambassador: NAFTA repeal ‘nothing to worry about’

Ottawa Sun

By **PETER ZIMONJIC, Parliamentary Bureau**

OTTAWA — U.S. Ambassador David Jacobson says a move by a bi-party group of U.S. congressmen to repeal the North American Free Trade Agreement is nothing to worry about.

Jacobson made the comment hours after Finance Minister Jim Flaherty expressed concern over the introduction of a bill into the House of Representatives seeking to pull the U.S. out of NAFTA.

“We’re always worried about protectionist tendencies,” Flaherty said. “Obviously we’re not only resisting protectionist tendencies in Canada we’re, in fact, reducing tariffs and we’re leading the way in the G20 in showing that free and open trade is the way to go.”

Congressman Gene Taylor, a Democrat from Mississippi, introduced the bill, which was co-sponsored by three Republican and 24 Democratic congressmen, including Taylor.

Similar bills have been introduced in Washington in the past but they’ve never gone anywhere.

“I believe that in the NAFTA agreement, every five years, there is a possibility of withdrawal,” said Jacobson. “Every five years we go through this and every five years there are a handful of members of congress that support this initiative but I don’t think it’s going anywhere.”

Ethan Rabin, Taylor’s spokesman, said it is likely the bill will meet the same fate as previous bills but that Taylor did not introduce a bill so it would fail.

“We are going to do what we can to see if we can get enough support to get it to the floor of the house,” Rabin said.

During the U.S. election campaign President Barack Obama criticized NAFTA but has since openly promised to help encourage free trade including signing a deal to exempt Canada from Buy America provisions.

International Trade Minister Peter Van Loan said he’d be following the bill closely but remains, “optimistic that this will not come to pass.”

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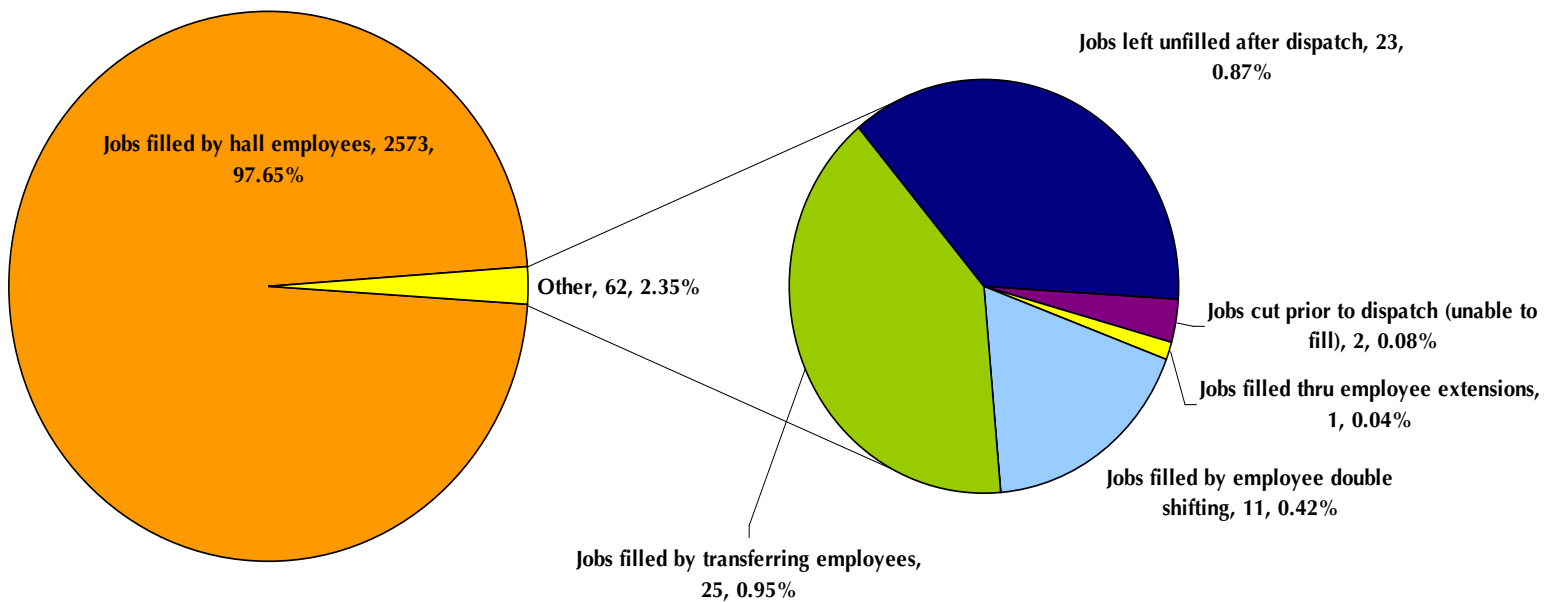


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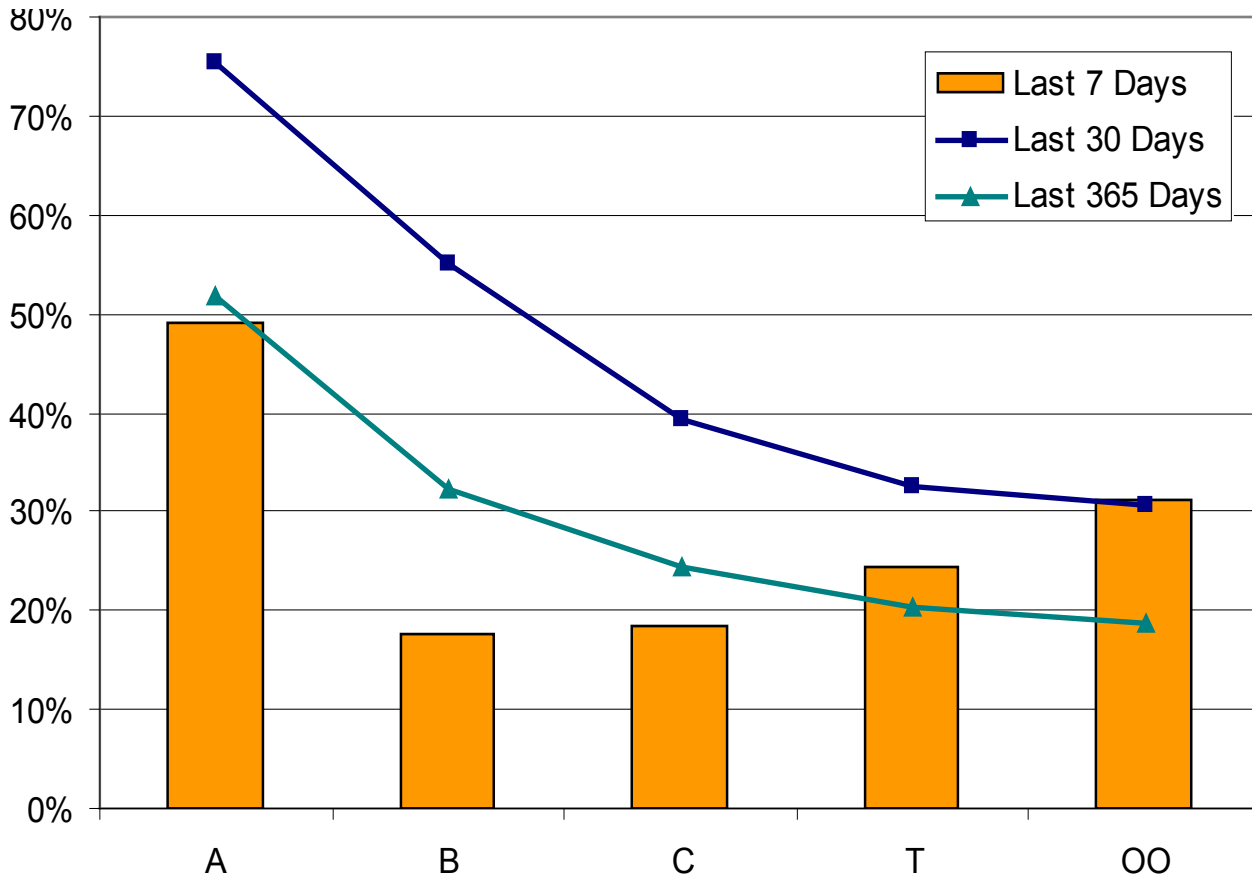
For the Period Sunday March 7, 2010 to Saturday March 13, 2010

Job	Jobs cut prior to dispatch (unable to fill)	Jobs filled thru employee extensions	Jobs filled by employee double shifting	Jobs filled by local 502 employees	Jobs filled by transferring employees	Jobs left unfilled after dispatch	TOTAL
BULK OPERATOR					2		2
BULLDOZER					2		2
DOCK GANTRY					1		1
ELECTRICIAN			5		1	13	19
H.D. MECHANIC			2		2	1	5
HEAD CHKR		1			2		3
HT SIGNALS					1		1
LOCIE ENGINEER					2		2
MILLWRIGHT			4		5	9	18
PUSHER					5		5
RUBBER TIRE GTY					1		1
SWITCHMAN					1		1
TRIMMERS	2						2
TOTAL	2	1	11		25	23	62

Explains how shortages are handled by dispatch



Vancouver Casual Employee % Dispatched per Dispatch Board



Future BCMEA Meeting Dates:

Finance & Audit Committee

Tuesday, Mar. 23rd 2010
9:30am - 11:30am
5th Floor Boardroom
349 Railway Steet

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 31st 2010
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Terminal City Club
837 West Hastings Street

Direct Employers Committee

Wednesday, April 7th 2010
9:30am - 11:30am
5th Floor Boardroom
349 Railway Steet

Finance & Audit Committee

Thursday, April 15th 2010
9:30am - 11:30am
5th Floor Boardroom
349 Railway Steet

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