



ALAN A. ROBB RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ILA'S SOUTH ATLANTIC AND GULF COAST DISTRICT

All Executive District Officers Re-elected To New Four-Year Terms Along with 20 District Vice Presidents



hundreds of Convention delegates in attendance at the Galveston Convention Center, the site of the four-day District Convention.

International ILA Executive Vice President Dennis A. Daggett administered the oath of office for the District Officers.

The South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District Executive Board includes 10 Vice Presidents from South Atlantic Ports and 10 Vice Presidents from Gulf Ports.

Re-elected as Vice President from Gulf Ports were James Campbell; Dwayne Boudreaux; Darius Johnson; Mark

GALVESTON, TX (July 29, 2026) Alan A. Robb was unanimously re-elected to his third term as District President of the International Longshoremen's Association's South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District on the final day of the union's 93rd Convention held here in the Port City of Galveston, Texas. Five other District Executive Officers were also unanimously re-elected to new four-year terms, along with 10 Vice Presidents from South Atlantic ports and 10 Vice Presidents from Gulf ports.

"Thank you all for your support and faith in me," said District President Robb following his election. "We have a lot of work in front of us and a great team to get it done."

Willie J. Seymore, District Executive Vice President; Bill Williams, District Secretary-Treasurer; Wilbert Rowell, District Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Clyde Fitzgerald, District President Emeritus; and Charles Spencer, District Executive Vice President Emeritus, all received unanimous support for re-election in their respective offices, from the

Bass; Tim Harris; Gilbert Arreazola; Rodney Priestley; Mark Bridges and Henry Glover. Ryan Williams was elected as a new Vice President from the Gulf Ports.

The re-elected Vice Presidents from South Atlantic Ports included: Benamine Bryan; Luis Gonzalez; Kenneth Riley; Daniel Teague; Charles Seaton; Lonard Bailey; Greg Washington; Paul Mosley; and Johnnie Dixon. Joining the South Atlantic Executive Board as a newly elected Vice President is John Ellis.

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ILA AND USMX ANNOUNCE NEW LANDMARK DEATH BENEFIT FOR LONGSHORE WORKERS

The United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) and the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) recently announced the creation of a new Master Contract Death Benefit that, moving forward, would provide significant financial support to the family of any eligible ILA-represented worker who suffers a fatal accidental injury while working under the Master Contract.

"I am proud to announce that USMX and the ILA have agreed to provide up to \$2 million, Tax free, to the family of an ILA longshore worker killed on the job. ILA members do demanding, critically important work every day to keep America's ports moving," said Harold J. Daggett, international president of the International Longshoremen's Association. "They have earned the right to guarantee that their families will be protected if accidental tragedy strikes on the job. This benefit delivers that security and shows what labor and management can accomplish when we stand together for working people. The ILA is proud to build on our partnership with USMX as we fight to protect our members, strengthen workplace safety and secure a strong future for generations of longshore workers."

"This program reflects our shared commitment to supporting the families of those who dedicate their careers to the longshore industry and demonstrates what can be accomplished when USMX and the ILA work together to deliver meaningful solutions that support longshore workers and their families, said Paul De Maria, chief executive officer of the United States Maritime Alliance. "We will also continue to

focus on the positive progress we have achieved together to significantly reduce accident and injury rates and the positive impact we are having on improving worker safety."

The announcement reflects USMX's and the ILA's shared commitment to supporting longshore workers and their families while ensuring that U.S. ports remain safe, competitive and well-positioned to meet the nation's growing trade demands.

The benefit will be jointly administered through a newly established Master Contract trust structure, providing meaningful support of up to \$2 million, tax free, to an eligible family.

The new benefit complements the parties' successful efforts to strengthen safety initiatives throughout East and Gulf Coast ports, which have helped create the safest work environments at every port across the U.S. East and Gulf coasts.

Since establishing the ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) and the JSC Safety Data Initiative to closely track and communicate data related to total manhours and incidents, there has been a significant reduction in workplace injuries and the Lost Time Incident Rate (LTIR). The LTIR has decreased approxima-



tely 15% over the past year, continuing a sustained downward trend of nearly 200% since joint safety data collection began in 2013.

On a sad and tragic note, this benefit will become available to the family of David Deon Smith, a 53-year-old ILA member of Local 333 in the Port of Baltimore, who was killed on Monday, August 3, 2026, when a large piece of equipment toppled on to him while he was working at Dundalk Marine Terminal. Brother Smith leaves behind a wife, Leana; son James; daughters Jordon Katie and Gracie and two grandchildren.





ILA CHIEF HAROLD J. DAGGETT SPEAKS AT THE 93RD SOUTH ATLANTIC AND GULF COAST DISTRICT CONVENTION, GALVESTON, TX



ILA International President Harold J. Daggett addresses delegates, members and guests at SAGCD Convention in Galveston, TX. Daggett spoke about the historic

contract the ILA negotiated and signed in 2025. He honored the members who, through their blood, sweat and tears, built our great union into what we all have today.

Daggett also stressed the fact that we must continue to fight against automation in a worldwide battle against the shipping lines at every port around the globe.



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ALAN ROBB WAS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SAGCD



Please join us in congratulating ILA South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District President Alan Robb as he was unanimously re-elected President of the SAGCD on July 30, 2026 at the Galveston Convention Center in Galveston, TX
CONGRATULATIONS!!

ILA INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ORGANIZER JOHN BAKER IS PROUDLY JOINED BY HIS FAMILY



In photograph, left to right, are:
Michael Baker, Atlantic Coast District Vice President
John Baker, ILA International General Organizer
John Baker, Jr., ILA International Vice President
Johnny Baker, Son of John Baker, Jr. and grandson of John Baker, Sr.

ILA LEADERS GATHER TO KICK OFF DAY 4 OF THE SAGCD CONVENTION IN GALVESTON, TX

In photograph, left to right, are:
Scott Cowan, ILA International Vice President, ILA Local 333 President
Virgil Maldonado, ILA International Vice President, ILA Local 1588 President
Billy Hartigan, ILA Local 1804-1 Business Agent, ITF
Dennis A. Daggett, ILA International Executive Vice President, ILA Local 1804-1 President
David Maldonado, ILA Local 1588
Louie Brown, ILA Local 1804-1, Sgt-At-Arms



ILA SAGCD Vice President/Local 1504-8 President Rodney Priestley is surrounded and congratulated immediately following the election of the district officers' at the South

Atlantic and Gulf Coast District Convention in Galveston, TX. Priestley proudly represents his hometown ILA Local 1504-8 as he was born and raised in Galveston.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND GULF COAST DISTRICT!!



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ON JULY 27, 2026, TEXAS OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED LONGSHOREMEN'S DAY!



During the 93rd ILA SAGCD Convention, Governor Greg Abbott proclaimed July 27, 2026, as Longshoremen's Day in the State of Texas!

This historic recognition honors the hardworking men and women of the waterfront whose strength, skill, and dedication keep commerce

moving and our nation strong.

We were proud to celebrate this momentous occasion with our ILA family. Thank you, Governor Abbott, for recognizing Texas longshore workers and the vital role they play in our state and across the country!

One Team. One Purpose.



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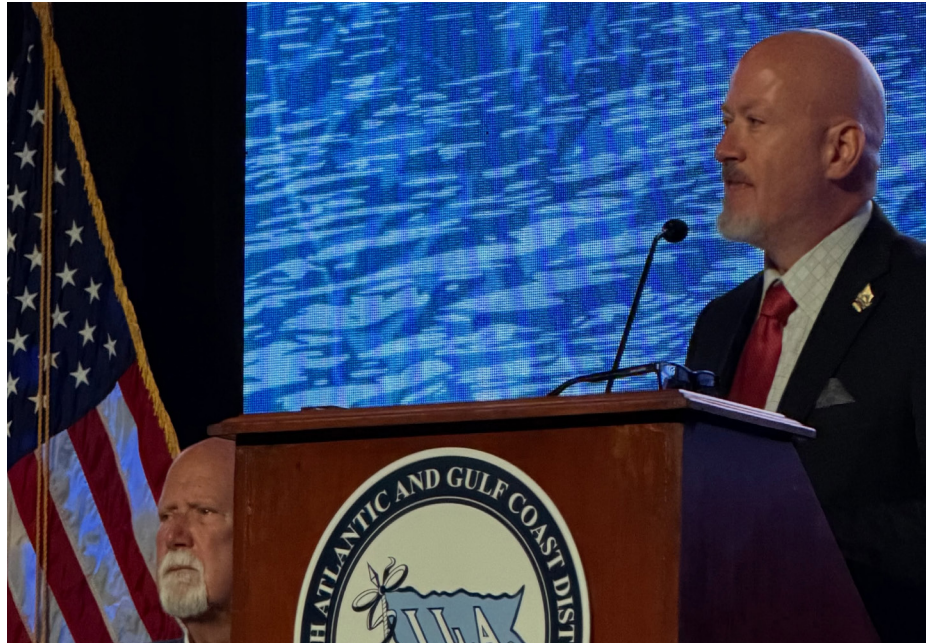
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DENNIS A. DAGGETT CHAMPIONS UNITY AT THE SAGCD CONVENTION IN GALVESTON

Late last month, ILA International Executive Vice President Dennis A. Daggett spoke to a packed convention center filled with delegates, members, and guests at the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District Conference in Galveston, TX.

Daggett's address to the delegation was filled with applause as he reflected on the October 2024 ILA Strike, the strength of our ILA Family, and the special bond between the ILA North and the ILA South. He highlighted how we rebuilt our union through trust and solidarity, delivering a powerful reminder that we can accomplish anything as long as we remain united!



A HISTORIC KICKOFF: ILA LEADERSHIP HEADLINES THE 93RD SAGCD CONVENTION IN GALVESTON

The 93rd Quadrennial Convention of the ILA South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District (SAGCD) brought hundreds of delegates and guests to the Galveston Convention Center at The San Luis Resort and Spa this past July.

District President and Convention Chairman Alan A. Robb welcomed attendees to the four-day gathering, which officially opened on July 27 with a deeply moving tradition: ILA retirees ringing the J.H. "Buddy" Raspberry Bell, honoring the late SAGCD President.

Following the opening bell, International ILA President Harold J. Daggett headlined the day's speakers with a powerful address



to the delegation. The opening session also featured welcoming remarks from Galveston Mayor John Listowski and Port Director Rodger Rees, alongside key addresses from ILA Executive Vice President Dennis A. Daggett and USMX Chairman and CEO Paul DeMaria. Looking back at the packed agenda, District President Robb noted,

"We were very proud to have our International President Harold Daggett open our convention." The four-day event delivered on its promise, providing attendees with an impressive lineup of speakers and successfully tackling vital union business, including key resolutions and the election of officers.



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ILA International President Harold J. Daggett visits with Local 1422A delegates Iram Judge and Jamie Brown out of the Port of Charleston at the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District Convention in Galveston, TX.



ILA Sgt-at-Arms, Marshals and Staff come together on Day 3 of the SAGCD Convention in Galveston, Texas.



Michael Izzo, Atlantic Coast District Vice President, ILA Local 920 President
James Cocchia, Atlantic Coast District Vice President, ILA Local 1 Secretary Treasurer
John Cuozzo, Atlantic Coast District Vice President, ILA Local 1478-2 President
James LaGrosso, Atlantic Coast District Vice President, Local 1 Business Agent



Late last month in Galveston, an outstanding group proudly represented their local. The delegation was led by President Leonard Bailey and VP Jeremiah Perry, alongside Exec. Board members Matt Givens

and Isaiah Pinckney. Delegates Antwan Green, Jamie Brown, and Clarence Heyward, along with retiree Randy Edwards, brought their voices and years of experience to the convention floor.

While the 93rd SAGCD Convention in late July was packed with critical union business, speeches, and elections, it also provided a valuable opportunity for delegates to connect outside the convention hall. Port Miami's ILA Local 1922 leadership made sure to balance their convention duties with some well-deserved camaraderie. Executive Board members James Younker, President Obel Cruz, and Secretary-Treasurer Anthony Bretana took a brief break from the busy floor to enjoy a special evening event at Galveston's historic Pleasure Pier.



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A HOMETOWN HERO LEADS THE WAY: RODNEY D. PRIESTLEY HONORED AS 2026 JUNETEENTH GRAND MARSHAL

Earlier this summer, the Galveston community and the entire ILA family proudly celebrated a monumental milestone as ILA Local 1504-8 President Rodney D. Priestley served as the Grand Marshal for the 2026 Galveston Juneteenth Parade. Pictured sharing the joyous occasion with ILA Local 24 President Gabriel Garza, Priestley's recognition is a fitting tribute to a leader whose roots are deeply intertwined with the island's historic waterfront. Born in Galveston in 1979—the very city where Union General Gordon Granger famously delivered General Order No. 3 on June 19, 1865—Priestley followed in his family's footsteps to the docks in 2000. His dedication was immediately clear. By 2002, he was elected Business Agent, spending the next 14 years fiercely protecting workers' rights, filing grievances, and fighting for fair wages. In December 2015, he stepped up to become President of Local 1504-8, a role he continues to use



to improve working conditions and pave the way for the next generation of longshore workers. His waterfront leadership reached historic heights in 2018 when he was elected unopposed as District Vice President at the SAGCD Convention in Miami. He became the first member from Local 1504-8 to hold a District position since the local was chartered in 1933—a massive achievement

for the entire Galveston port. Yet, beyond his impressive union titles and his commitment to giving back through local charity drives and youth sponsorships, Priestley remains grounded. Above all his professional accolades, he considers his greatest blessing to be his family: his wife, Kiawana, and their four beautiful daughters. Congratulations to a true trailblazer on a well-deserved honor!





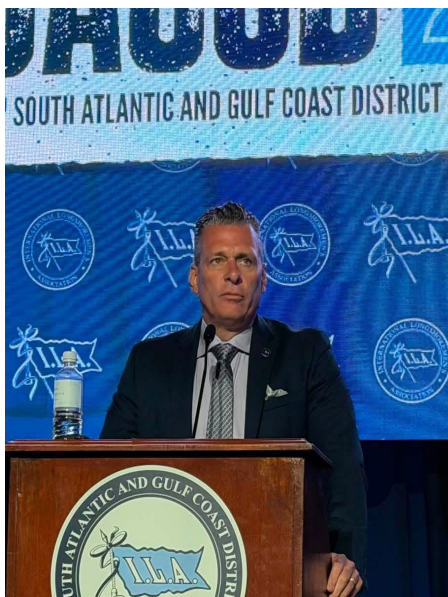
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The ILA Local 24 Delegates out of Port Houston, TX stand proud as they come together during the SA-GCD Convention in Galveston, TX



Kenneth Oelkers, ILA Director of Education, Addresses 93rd Convention ILA South Atlantic and Coast District, Describing Massive Charitable Campaigns conducted by ILA Locals up and down the coast, along with the two ILA Districts and International. Alan Robb, District President and Bill Williams, District Secretary-Treasurer, praised Kenny Oelkers efforts educating newer ILA members on the union's rich history.

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Chartered in 1933 as the warehouse jurisdiction for the Port of Galveston, ILA Local 1504-8 boasts a rich history. Known simply as warehousemen until the mid-1990s, these dedicated workers supplied deep-sea locals with bagged goods and earned the legendary local nickname "Railroad Gangers" for their tireless work unloading boxcars. At the port's peak, a single gang consisted of

one forklift driver and four pickup men—and remarkably, over 100 of these gangs were hired every single day. Following a 1980s merger with Local 1308, which officially added the "dash eight" to their title, the union cemented its modern identity. A special thank you to Local 1504-8 President Rodney Priestley for preserving and sharing this remarkable piece of waterfront history with the delegation.



Late last month, ILA Local 1402 proudly represented the Port of Tampa at the 93rd SAGCD Convention in Galveston. A special

thank you to Steve Hall for capturing great photos of the Florida crew's strong presence and solidarity on the convention floor!

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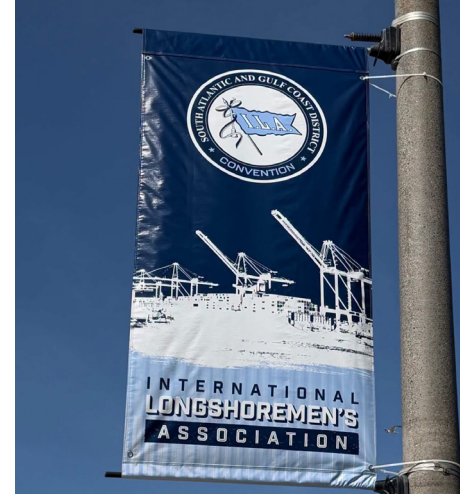
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A TEXAN WELCOME AND A STIRRING START



As delegates for the International Longshoremen's Association began arriving in Galveston, Texas, for the 93rd SAGCD Convention, the historic port city warmly embraced the union's presence. Bright ILA banners draped the light posts along the scenic Gulf Coast seawall, while welcoming messages adorned local storefronts and the Galveston Convention Center, turning the entire waterfront into a vibrant "sea of

ILA signage." Hundreds of delegates, family members, and honored guests gathered at the center to launch a historic four-day assembly centered on union strength and maritime leadership. The convention officially commenced with a deeply patriotic moment as ILA Chief of Staff James McNamara took the stage to deliver a stirring rendition of the National Anthem. Following the performance, Convention Chair

and South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District President Alan Robb welcomed the assembled crowd and formally introduced International ILA President Harold J. Daggett. Delivering a inspiring opening address, President Daggett set a clear, focused vision for the union's future, energizing attendees as they embarked on a busy week filled with critical business sessions, committee meetings, and collective waterfront fellowship.

HONORING THE ILA LADIES

Taking front and center stage at the SAGCD Convention, the ILA Ladies were proudly called up by District President Alan Robb for a special honor. To officially mark the start of Day 2 of the historic gathering, the group was invited to ring the ceremonial Buddy Raspberry Bell.

The resounding chime signaled the beginning of another busy session, beautifully highlighting the vital role the ILA Ladies continue to play in the union's enduring strength and waterfront solidarity.



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Taking center stage at the Galveston Convention Center, ILA International Executive Vice President Dennis A. Daggett officially swore in the newly elected officers of the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District. Joined at the podium by SAGCD Secretary-Treasurer Bill Williams Sr., Daggett formalized the election results and proudly ushered in the district's next chapter of leadership.



Taking the stage in Galveston, United States Maritime Chief Executive Officer F. Paul DeMaria addressed the gathered delegates, members, and guests at the 93rd SAGCD Convention. His remarks provided valuable industry perspectives and highlighted the importance of ongoing communication and collaboration across the waterfront.



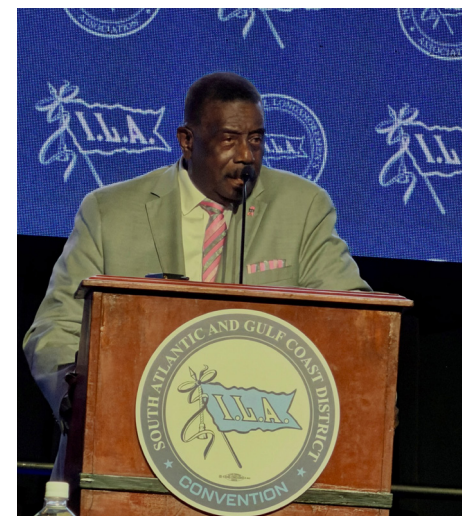
Surrounded by dedicated ILA and SAGCD staff, ILA Chief of Staff James McNamara rang in the third day of the Galveston convention.



Ensuring smooth operations throughout the Galveston gathering, ILA Master Sergeant-at-Arms Bobby Rispoli led a dedicated team on the floor. Working alongside Ser-

geants-at-Arms Louie Brown and Isaiah Williams, the trio expertly managed the proceedings and maintained order for the duration of the historic convention.

Bringing valuable insights from Georgia to the Texas coast, ILA International Vice President Willie Seymour took the podium to address delegates, members, and guests at the 93rd SAGCD Convention in Galveston. Proudly representing the hardworking members out of the Port of Savannah, Seymour delivered a powerful message focused on union strength, regional cooperation, and the future of the maritime industry. His remarks underscored the deep solidarity and shared vision connecting waterfronts across the entire district.



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FOCUSING ON THE MIDWEST

Taking front and center stage at the SAGCD Convention in Galveston, Texas, ILA International Assistant General Organizer James Paylor delivered a compelling address to the assembled delegates. Directing the convention's attention toward the Midwest, Paylor spoke passionately about the current state of the ILA in Chicago. He candidly outlined the unique regional obstacles that members must overcome to build up and strengthen that local, emphasizing the importance of nationwide union solidarity to ensure future growth and stability across the region.

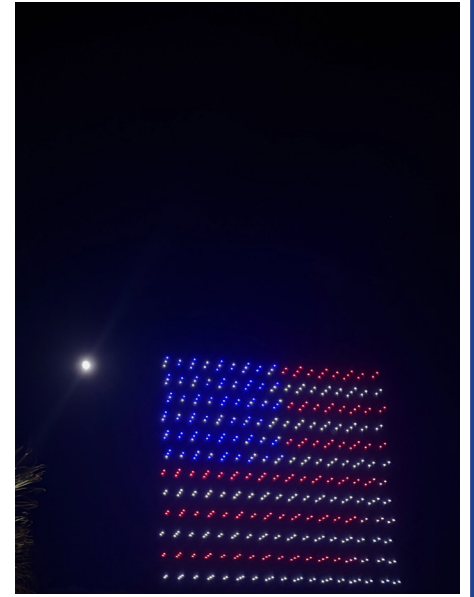
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INTERNATIONAL DOCKWORKERS COUNCIL (IDC) ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR 10TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL NOVEMBER 17-19

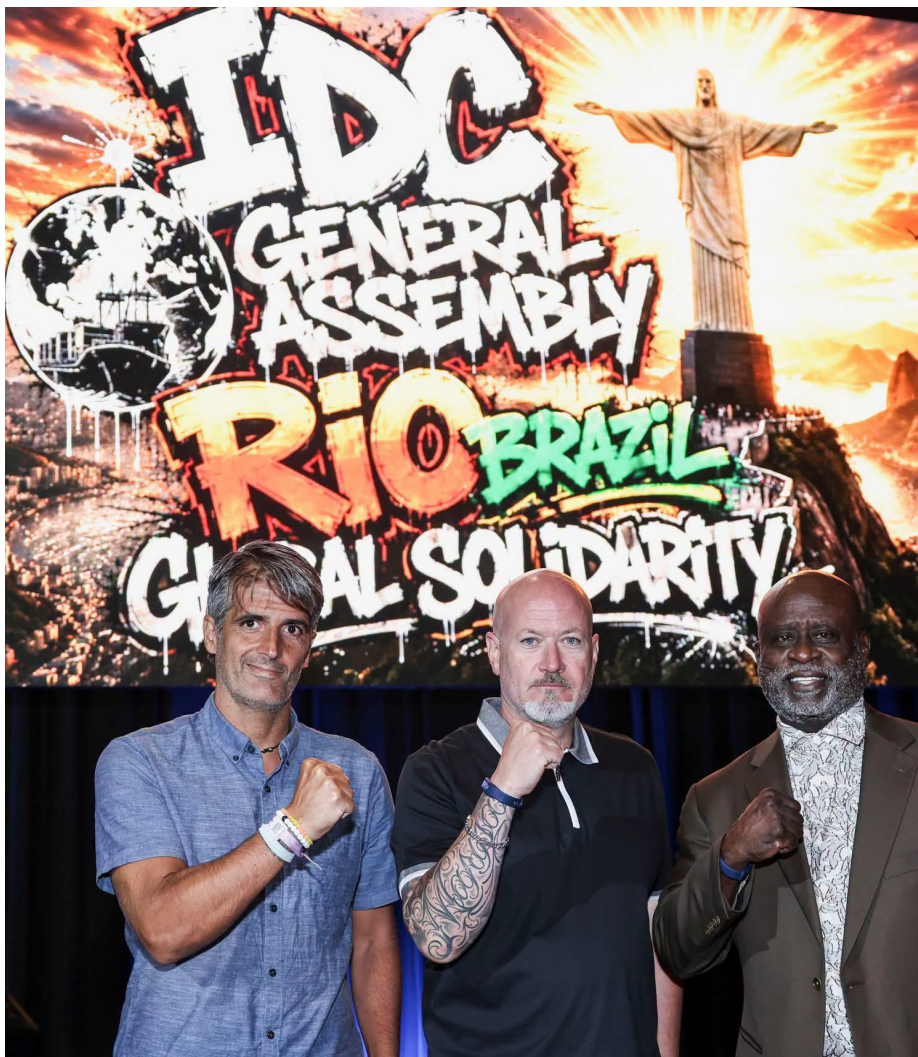
The International Dockworkers Council (IDC) this week released details for its 10th IDC General Assembly to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from November 17-19, 2026, according to an announcement by Dennis A. Daggett, IDC General Coordinator.

"The future of dockworkers will be forged in Rio de Janeiro," said IDC Coordinator Daggett, who also serves as Executive Vice President of the International Longshoremen's Association and President of the ILA Local 1804-1. "Together, IDC leadership, representing 140,000 dockworkers worldwide will strengthen the international solidarity that defines the IDC, exchange experiences, and set the priorities that will guide our organization in the years ahead."

From November 17-19, 2026, the 10th IDC General Assembly will take place at the Othon Palace Copacabana Hotel in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The IDC will welcome hundreds of delegates, union leaders, and activists from ports across every continent.

"Automation is already transforming our industry. In Rio, we will define the strategies needed to ensure that dockworkers never bear the cost of progress," said the IDC's Daggett. "We will not wait until decisions affecting our jobs and our future are made without us. Together, we will anticipate the challenges ahead, lead the conversation about the future of our industry, and ensure that dockworkers have a seat at the table where decisions about our future are made."



International Dockworkers Council International Labor Coordinator Jordi Aragunde added: "We are confident that Rio 2026 will strengthen our unity, reinforce our determination, and send us home with a clear roadmap for the future. In the photo above, IDC leadership in front of IDC General Assem-

bly poster. From left to right, Jordi Aragunde, IDC International Labor Coordinator; Dennis A. Daggett, IDC General, Coordinator; and Kenneth Riley, East Coast (USA) Zone Coordinator.

**We Will Never Walk Alone Again.
If We Are Together,
It's Impossible to Fail.**

Special thanks for this Newsletter to James McNamara, ILA Chief of Staff and Dani Molero, IDC.