

## **MLA Unions Converge at M.E.B.A. HQ**

M.E.B.A. played host this week to a meeting of the Maritime Labor Alliance as leaders of the six-unions that make up the MLA converged for the second time this year to discuss items of mutual interest. The MLA is a cooperation between the ARA, IBU, ILA, ILWU, M.E.B.A. and the MM&P that fights to protect MLA member jurisdictions, working conditions and labor rights. M.E.B.A. was represented at the meeting by President Marshall Ainley, Secretary-Treasurer Bill Van Loo (who also serves as MLA Secretary-Treasurer) and Legislative Director Matt Dwyer.



Each of the affiliates gave a report at the meeting which led into a discussion of a variety of topics including contract issues and negotiations, jurisdictional issues, organizing, the Panama Canal and legislative issues among other items.