

Dues Must Be Current for Voter Eligibility in Ongoing Online Referendum

Members should make sure their dues are current so their vote will count in the ongoing District-wide Online Shipping Rule Referendum. *Members must be “in good standing” (paid up on their 2018 Fourth Quarter dues) by midnight on December 17th in order to be eligible to participate.* As the M.E.B.A. By-Laws state, “No member's ballot shall be counted unless he is in good standing as of 15 days immediately preceding the closing of the balloting.” The online referendum runs between December 1 and midnight on December 31st.

This is a one-question referendum on a possible change to the Shipping Rules to permit new Group III applicants to remain on the Port Relief List for one year from the date of their first registration. The Rule change is designed to extend the window for new applicants to seek viable shipping opportunities as they begin their seafaring careers.

Voters should visit the following link:

<https://www.ezVoteOnline.com/MEBA>

The link will take you to the “**Login with Email and ID number**” screen. Use the access information that was mailed/emailed to you. **MAKE SURE YOU ENTER THE PASSWORD IN ALL CAPS.**

You can contact Marco Cannistraro at marco@mebaunion.org if you have any difficulties logging in to the voter database.