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M.E.B.A. ELECTION: DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY TO BE "IN GOOD STANDING" FOR YOUR BALLOT TO COUNT

According to the M.E.B.A. By-Laws, members who are not in good standing by this Sunday - November 15, 2020 - are not eligible to vote in the ongoing M.E.B.A. election. Please refer to the M.E.B.A. By-Laws Article Two, Section 2 and/or view the following notice on the M.E.B.A.'s Documents & Member Notices page: www.mebaunion.org/assets/1/6/M.E.B.A._Election_-_Dues_Must_Be_Current_for_Vote_to_Count.pdf Members should already know that paying online from the M.E.B.A. website (www.mebaunion.org) is a quick and easy way to catch up on dues and make sure they are in good standing.

On November 30, 2020, there will be six special membership meetings to elect a six-person Tallying Committee to oversee the December 7th ballot count. Special Meetings will be conducted online by the halls in New York, Tampa, Houston, Norfolk, Seattle and Oakland. Elected Tallying Committee members will participate in-person on Dec. 7th at the Washington D.C. ballot count. A registration period for the November 30th Zoom meetings will take place from November 19-26 and notice will be posted at the halls, on our website and will be emailed to members who have email addresses on file with Headquarters.

TRANSPORTATION LABOR CONGRATULATES BIDEN, HARRIS

The President of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), Larry Willis, issued a statement congratulating incoming President Joe Biden. M.E.B.A. recently reposted a letter sent to the Union some months ago from the Biden campaign pledging support for working families and for U.S.-flag shipping. You can see that letter by visiting www.mebaunion.org

The TTD letter congratulated President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on behalf of the millions of transportation workers represented by the TTD - which include M.E.B.A. members and applicants.

The letter noted, "Despite attempts to silence their voices and put up barriers to their votes, working people turned out in record numbers to elect leaders who will put their interests first. President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris have proven they have what it takes to guide our country through the worst public health and economic crises in a century. They have shown they are committed to addressing staggering racial and gender inequality. They will push back on attacks on

workers' rights. And they will fight for the kind of smart investments in our transportation network that will grow the middle class and improve our economy. It is now incumbent upon all of us to come together, uphold the principles of our democracy, and swear in a government that will tackle these challenges head on. Only by standing together as Americans can we move our country forward and create the kind of thriving economy where all Americans can prosper.”

CMES RELEASES 2021 COURSE SCHEDULE

The Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School has issued its 2021 course listing and class schedule along with a course application form. Applications for these classes will be accepted using the CMES website (www.mebaschool.org), by US Mail and fax (410) 822-7220. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the class schedule and registration dates are subject to change.

Applications for classes held between January 1 and June 30, 2021 will be accepted no earlier than December 1, 2020. Applications for classes held between July 1 and December 31, 2021 will be accepted no earlier than May 1, 2021. Applications sent prior to the acceptance dates will be discarded with no notice sent to the applicant. Application forms can be obtained at the M.E.B.A. Union halls, the School website (www.mebaschool.org) or by calling the School's Admissions Desk at (410) 822-9600. The CMES announced the following course offerings for 2021:

ADVANCED METEOROLOGY - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - March 1 - March 5; November 29 - December 3. **ADVANCED PIPE WELDING** - (2-Week Course - 6 students max) - October 11 - October 22. **ADVANCED SHIPHANDLING** - (2-Week Course - 6 students max) - February 1 - February 12; October 4 - October 15. **ADVANCED STABILITY** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 22 - March 26; December 6 - December 10. **BST REFRESHER** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 22 - March 26; May 3 - May 7; August 16 - August 20; September 13 - September 17; October 4 - October 8. **BST REVALIDATION** - (1-Week Course - 16 students max) - March 1 - March 5; April 19 - April 23; May 17 - May 21; June 7 - June 11; June 21 - June 25; August 2 - August 6; August 23 - August 27; August 30 - September 3; October 11 - October 15; November 8 - November 12; November 15 - November 19. **CONTAINER REFRIGERATION** - (2-Week Course - 10 students max) - February 1 - February 12; September 13 - September 24. **DAMAGE CONTROL/CBRD** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 15 - March 19; April 12 - April 16; August 9 - August 13. **DIESEL ENGINEERING** - (6-Week Course - 12 students max) - April 19 - May 28; September 13 - October 22. **ECDIS** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 8 - March 12; **ENGINE ROOM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 29 - April 2; November 1 - November 5. **GAS TURBINE ENGINEERING** - (5-Week Course - 12 students max) - January 11 - February 12; August 2 - September 3. **INDUSTRIAL NETWORKING** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - April 12 - April 16; August 30 - September 3. **INSTRUMENTATION** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - February 22 - March 5; April 19 - April 30; September 27 - October 8. **LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - May 17 - May 21; October 25 - October 29. **MACHINE SHOP PROFICIENCY** - (2-Week Course) 12 students max) - March 1 - March 12 ; September 27 - October 8; **MARINE ELECTRIC PROPULSION/HIGH VOLTAGE SAFETY** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 8 - March 19; May 10 - May 21; August 23 - September 3; October 11 - October 22. **MEECE** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - March 22 - March 26; November 29 - December 3; **PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS** - (1-Week Course - 10 students max) - February 1 - February 5; June 7 - June 11; August 2 - August 6; November 1 - November 5. **RADAR RE-CERTIFICATION** - (Examination Only - Scheduled by Appointment). **REFRIGERATION** - (2-Week Course - 10 students max) - March 1 - March 12.

SMALL ARMS -(1-Week Course - 10 students max) - March 8 - March 12; May 3 - May 7; June 14 - June 18; August 16 - August 20; October 25 - October 29; **STEAM ENGINEERING** - (6-Week Course - 12 students max) - October 11 - November 19. **TANKERMAN DL** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - April 12 - April 16; June 14 - June 18; September 27 - October 1; November 1 - November 5. **TANKSHIP – LNG** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - February 22 - March 5; November 29 - December 10. **TIG WELDING** - (2-Week Course - 6 students max) - February 1 - February 12. **VESSEL SECURITY OFFICER** - (1-Week Course - 12 students max) - January 18 - January 22; November 8 - November 12. **VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS (Flashing Light)** - (Examination Only - Scheduled by Appointment). **WELDING** - (4-Week Course - 12 students max) - January 4 - January 29; October 25 - November 19. **WELDING PROFICIENCY** - (2-Week Course - 12 students max) - November 29 - December 10.

UNION PLUS – HOLIDAY GIVEBACK PROGRAM; AT&T PROMOTION

Union Plus is giving away \$1,000 cash to 100 of “the most extraordinary union members nationwide.” The premise of the contest seems unfair to other unions, as M.E.B.A. members would appear to be the odds-on favorites to monopolize the winner’s circle.

Union Plus programs provide a vast range of money-saving benefits and services and are available to M.E.B.A. members, applicants, retirees and our affiliates.

They ask you to submit a written or video nomination (60 seconds or less) describing what makes your nominee extraordinary using #UnionPlusGiveAGrand and #Contest on Instagram OR visit this site: <https://www.unionplus.org/holidaygiveback> You are allowed to nominate yourself. There is no purchase necessary. The contest goes until December 4, 2020.

In addition, Union Plus launched a promotion with AT&T through November 30, 2020, that extends additional benefits for union members who switch over to AT&T and purchase a new smartphone. Resources to share this promotion with your members and on your networks can be found at this link: <https://unionplus.deals/digitaltoolkit>

SIH BEGINS CHRISTMAS-AT-SEA PUSH

The Seafarers International House (SIH), a charitable organization that provides seafarers and travelers with hospitality, social assistance and advocacy, has begun its annual funding drive to benefit mariners during the holiday season. This year is especially important, as hundreds of thousands of mariners worldwide remain stranded on their vessels because of the crew change crisis brought about by the pandemic.

SIH says that participating in the “Christmas-at-Sea” drive lets seafarers know that they are not invisible to you and that we appreciate the sacrifices vessel crewmembers make to keep our supply chains moving. Port chaplains plan to safely deliver satchels filled with gifts for mariners to the ships during this holiday season.

With your assistance, delivered satchels will be filled with items such as knitted hats and scarves, hoodies, T-shirts, warm socks, holiday treats and cards. M.E.B.A. continues to support this great cause every year. Donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Visit www.sihnyc.org for more details.

MARITIME COALITION RENEWS EFFORTS TO STOP ILL-CONCEIVED OAKLAND BALLPARK

The East Oakland Stadium Alliance, a coalition that includes the M.E.B.A., MM&P, ILWU, IBU and many others, are again ramping up efforts to mobilize opposition to an ill-conceived plan for a new Bay-area baseball stadium on the industrial working waterfront.

Oakland area businesses and transport unions have been opposing the city's push to relocate the Oakland A's to a new 35,000 seat waterfront ballpark along with a hotel and housing developments. The East Oakland Stadium Alliance has pointed out that the proposed project at the Charles Howard Terminal, an already overworked traffic area, would interfere with ongoing port and vessel operations. They called it a threat to public safety that would present transportation conflicts and impair smooth vessel operations, among other things. The Alliance has urged planners to focus instead on building a modern ballpark at the current Coliseum site in East Oakland which already possesses the necessary transportation logistics network that the proposed site lacks.

The Alliance said, "The maritime, trucking and rail industries are dependent on the Port, which cannot be replicated elsewhere once displaced. The damage of the proposed A's project to port operations would be irreversible, and good-paying maritime jobs that have supported thousands of Oakland families and communities for generations would be lost for good."

Though progress on the proposal slowed during the pandemic, the A's are again promoting their development plans and are talking about "accelerating the project timeline."

You can follow the latest updates and find out how to express your opposition to this project by visiting www.eastoaklandstadiumalliance.com/

REMINDER: WEDNESDAY WEBINAR ON MARINERS & COVID

Next week, a Government COVID-19 Working Group, established to facilitate pandemic coordination between federal agencies and industry stakeholders, will host a webinar of interest to seafarers. The Wednesday, November 18 maritime industry webinar focuses on "COVID-19 Testing Strategies for U.S. Merchant Mariners" and will take place from 1400-1530 on that day. For more information about the working group visit www.cmts.gov/topics/working_group. You can see the agenda and sign-in details at <https://tinyurl.com/y3xzpk8u>

M.E.B.A. ELECTION: OBTAINING A DUPLICATE BALLOT

If you are an M.E.B.A. member and did not receive a ballot – or yours has been lost or destroyed - you can request a duplicate ballot in writing. Ballots should be returned to the depository by November 30. Ballots not received in the depository when the ballots are collected, in accordance with the By-Laws, shall be disqualified and not counted.

The M.E.B.A. By-Laws states, "A member shall be entitled to make a written request of the Impartial Administrator for a duplicate ballot and receive the same provided he states in his letter that he has not received his ballot or that his ballot has been lost or mutilated so that it cannot be used. Duplicate ballots shall be counted unless the original and duplicate ballot mailed to a member are both cast, in which event neither ballot shall be counted."

Please use the following Impartial Administrator contact information to request a duplicate ballot. Any written requests for duplicate ballots made to the M.E.B.A. will be referred to the Impartial Administrator.

TrueBallot, Inc.

3 Bethesda Metro Center
Suite 700
Bethesda, MD 20814
Email: 0212001@trueballot.com

Please make sure you include the address where the duplicate ballot should be sent.

ONLINE DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – (All times are local)

Monday, December 7 – Boston@1200; Seattle (Fife)@1300;

Tuesday, December 8 – CMES@1430 (*CMES Meeting will be conducted In-Person*);
Charleston@1400; Houston@1315; Oakland@1230;

Wednesday, December 9 – Jacksonville@1300; New Orleans@1315;

Thursday, December 10 – L.A. (San Pedro)@1230; NY/NJ@1300; Norfolk@1300; Tampa@1300;

Friday, December 11 – Honolulu@1100.

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