

DISTRICT NO. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) Golden Gate Ferry INITIATION FEE AGREEMENT



I understand and agree that as an Applicant for Membership in District No. 1 – PCD, M.E.B.A., I will pay the Association's Initiation Fee of \$1,000.00 in accordance with the terms and conditions that are set forth below:

- 1. I hereby agree that upon accepting employment through the offices of District No. 1 PCD, M.E.B.A., to pay the initial 25% deposit on the full initiation fee, and to pay the sum of \$62.50 per month, each month, until the total sum of \$1,000.00 is paid.
- 2. The first payment shall be due and owing thirty (30) days after I first accept employment through the offices of District No. 1 PCD, M.E.B.A.
- 3. (a) I understand that payments toward my Initiation Fee that become due and owing will be made payable to District No. 1 PCD, M.E.B.A. and remitted C/O Comptroller, M.E.B.A. District No. 1 PCD, M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO), 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20001.
 - (b)Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, certified checks, money orders and/or Dues check-off authorization if applicable. Clearly indicate on the payment that it is for the Initiation Fee.
- 4. I understand that if my Initiation Fee is not paid in full after a 12-month period, subsequent to my first date of employment, I will be obligated to complete payment of the balance due on such Fee within thirty (30) days after the completion of said 12-month period.

I further understand that I will forfeit any monies paid toward such Initiation Fee if I do not comply with the above provisions of this Agreement.

WITNESS:	Signature of Applicant
	 Date

Membership Affiliation: Golden Gate Ferry

AUTHORIZATION AND APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To The Officers and Members of:

OISTRICT NO. 1-PCD, MEBA (AFL-CIO) of the NATIONAL MARINE ENGINEERS' BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION (AFL-CIO)

I hereby apply for membership in the District No. 1-PCD, MEBA (AFL-CIO).

I do hereby authorize and designate the union, District No. 1-PCD, MEBA (AFL-CIO) as my sole collective bargaining representative to represent me and, in my behalf, to negotiate and conclude all agreements as to wages, hours of labor, and other employment conditions.

It is understood that the Union has the absolute right to reject or terminate this Application at any time prior to my admission as a member into the Union. I also understand that in the event I voluntarily terminate my applicant status or I am dropped from applicant status due to non-payment of initiation or service fees, I shall not be entitled to any refund or reimbursement of such initiation or service fees.

I understand and agree that it shall be exclusively my obligation to notify the Union in writing when I have fulfilled the requirements for membership as set forth in the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Union, and any applicable Application Information Fact Sheet which are available upon request.

Pending my admission as a member into the Union, I shall be obligated to pay to the Union a service fee equal to what is being paid by members of their dues and I shall be entitled to exercise and enjoy only such rights and privileges (including shipping rights) as may be accorded to me under the outstanding Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations of the Union, and any applicable Application Information Fact Sheet.

It is further understood and agreed that the processing of my application for

membership is subject to and conditioned up Regulations of the Union and any applicable covering such subject.	
(Print Name of Applicant)	_
(Signature of Applicant)	(Date)

M.E.B.A. MEMBER & APPLICANT DATA SHEET

Name:		Gender (M/F):		
(Last)	(First) BENEFIC (M.I)			
(Social Security Numbe	r)	(Home Phone Number)		
(E-mail address)		(Cell Phone Number)		
Address of Record:				
(Street Address)	(City, Stat	e) (Zip)		
Mailing Address: (If same as add	dress of Record put "same")			
(Street Address)	(City, Sta	ate) (Zip)		
Document Information:				
	(Current MMC Endorsements)			
(Endorsements continued)	(Endorsements continued) (Reference Number)			
(TWIC Number)		(TWIC Expiration)		
(Passport Number)		(Passport Expiration)		
Next of Kin:				
(Name: Last, First)		(Relationship)		
(Contact A	Address)	(Phone Number)		
Personal Information:				
(Birth Date)	(Birthplace: City/State/Country	(Date Naturalized, City)		
(Height)	(Weight) (I	Eye Color) (Hair Color)		
(Status: Single, Married, Divorced)	(Name of Spouse)	(Number of Dependents)		

I. PRIOR MEMBERSHIP Have you ever previously made application for M.E.B.A. membership? If Yes, Where: _____ When:____ (Date of Application) __Dropped __ Withdrawn Prior Membership __ Rejected Have you ever been found guilty of charges or suspended from the shipping or night list in this Union? _____. If Yes, explain reason: _____ II. PRESENT/PRIOR EMPLOYMENT: Have you ever been employed as a licensed marine officer on U.S. flag vessels not working under a contract to District No. 1 – PCD, MEBA? (Yes or No) If **Yes**, supply information covering ALL such employment (use separate sheet if necessary): COMPANY/UNION **SHIP RATING FROM** TO List all Employment in the last three (3) years not listed above (use separate sheet if necessary) **COMPANY** CITY/STATE **POSITION FROM** TO III. EDUCATION Are you a Maritime Academy graduate? ___ (Yes or No) (Graduation Date) (Academy) (If no, then what is the Highest Level of Education for which you have received a diploma?) (Name of School; City, State and Year Graduated) **IV. UNION AFFILIATIONS** (Check here if none ____) Present Union Affiliations (Refer to Obligation for other licensed marine officers' organizations): Name Status (Member, Applicant, Journeyman, Apprentice) (Present Union and Local) Former Union Affiliations Other Than District No. 1 – PCD, MEBA: _____ Status _ Name (Suspended, dropped, expelled, withdrew) (Former Union and Local)

District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) GOLDEN GATE FERRY FACT SHEET

In consideration of the waiver by the Golden Gate Ferries, District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) of the requirements that the initiation fee in the full amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) be paid together with this application for membership, I hereby agree to deposit with this application twenty-five percent (25%) of the full initiation fee in addition to the regular quarterly service fee. I also agree to complete payment of the balance owed on the full initiation fee within one year from the date of my application and to continue to pay the regular service fee quarterly, in advance.

I understand that in the event my application for membership is rejected, the application fee paid by me will be refunded by the Union. I also understand that no guarantee of employment is either expressed or implied by the Union and that once the application for membership is accepted no refunds of initiation fees or service charges will be made.

Upon acceptance of your authorization and application for membership, you will be classified as an applicant for membership, Golden Gate Ferries, District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO). I further understand that I am not permitted to transfer out of the Golden Gate Ferries until such time as I become a full member of District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A.

If you elect to quit the Golden Gate Ferries, or your employment is terminated for reasons not related to Union activity prior to completing two years of service, and thereafter, desire to obtain employment aboard vessels covered by other District agreements you will then be required to file a new application for membership at such time as applications are being accepted by the District. You will then be obligated for the District's regular initiation fee if your new application is accepted.

The Union therefore expects that the applicant will complete the requirements set forth in the Golden Gate Ferries, District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) program and any failure to complete the requirements will forfeit and void the authorization and the application made by you for membership.

have read, understand, and agree to the day of, 20	above as witnessed by my hand this
Witness	(Signature of Applicant)
	(Print Name of Applicant)



I, of my own free will and accord, do hereby solemnly and sincerely promise, swear and affirm that I will never impart any internal documents, contracts, proceedings of any meetings or any other verbal or written information deemed confidential or proprietary of the District No. 1 – PCD, M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) to any person not duly and justly qualified to receive same. I also bind myself not to join or belong to any other organization of licensed marine officers while I am a member or an applicant of this Organization. I also will not accept any employment outside of the M.E.B.A. utilizing my marine officer license without the permission of the Union in accordance with the M.E.B.A. By-Laws and Shipping Rules. I will faithfully obey and use my earnest endeavors to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Shipping Rules and Regulations of the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (AFL-CIO) and of this Organization and its Affiliates.

I have carefully read and signed the Obligation of my own free will and accord. It being understood that it in no way will interfere with my Social, Political or Religious rights.

Further, I understand that as an M.E.B.A. applicant, I will voluntarily relinquish any job received through this organization if I fail to become an elected member of this organization within the required time.

(Signature of Applicant)	(Date)
(Print Name of Applicant)	(Social Security Number)
(Witness)	

DISTRICT NO. 1-PCD, MEBA (AFL-CIO) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DUTIES

- 1. Whereas the undersigned has made application for membership in District No. 1 MEBA for the purpose of sailing as a licensed marine officer aboard merchant vessels; and
- 2. Whereas in addition to being an integral part of commerce and trade, the United States Merchant Marine plays an important part in carrying out the foreign policy of the United States Government; and
- 3. Whereas the Merchant Marine's role in carrying out foreign policy includes the transport of troops, munitions and other supplies for military forces of the United States and her allies to various parts of the world as required by the foreign policy:

LET IT BE KNOWN that the undersigned hereby acknowledges the above and further states that he will not refuse employment on a vessel, secured through the hiring hall of District No. 1 – PCD, MEBA carrying cargoes implementing American foreign policy as described in No. 3 above and will serve aboard vessels having such cargoes.

(Print Name of Applicant)	(Signature of Applicant)
(Witness)	(Date)
	(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)
(Print Name of	of Parent or Legal Guardian) (Relationship

(In the event the Applicant is under the age of 21 years, this Agreement must be signed by one of the Parents of the Applicant or his Legal Guardian.)

DISTRICT NO. 1-PCD, MEBA (AFL-CIO) APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION FORM

The following information is requested with your Authorization and Application for Membership in order for District No. 1-PCD, MEBA (AFL-CIO) to be in compliance with the regulations issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Pleas	se check the applicable bo	exes:	
	Male		Female
	White		Black
	Hispanic		Asian or Pacific Islander
	American Indian or Ala	skan N	lative
	None of the above		
	used for any other purpo Equal Employment Opp	ose tha oortuni	For self-identification and will not be in the filing of the required reports to the ty Commission.
		(V	Vitness)
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		(Date)



Employment Eligibility Verification

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Form I-9

OMB No.1615-0047 Expires 07/31/2026

START HERE: Employers must ensure the form instructions are available to employees when completing this form. Employers are liable for failing to comply with the requirements for completing this form. See below and the Instructions.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE: All employees can choose which acceptable documentation to present for Form I-9. Employers cannot ask employees for documentation to verify information in **Section 1**, or specify which acceptable documentation employees must present for **Section 2** or Supplement B, Reverification and Rehire. Treating employees differently based on their citizenship, immigration status, or national origin may be illegal.

Section 1. Employee Ir day of employment, but	iformation	n and Attesta	tion: Emplo job offer.	oyee	es must compl	lete an	nd sign S	ection 1 of	Form I-9	no later	than the first
Last Name (Family Name)		First Nar	me (Given Nar	me)		Middle	Initial (if a	ny) Other La	st Names U	sed (if any	y)
Address (Street Number and	Name)		Apt. Number	(if an	ny) City or Towr	1			State	Z	IP Code
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	U.S. So	cial Security Numb	per Em	ploye	ee's Email Addres	S			Employe	e's Teleph	none Number
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correct.			OR				OR				
Signature of Employee							roday's L	oate (mm/dd/yy	'УУ)		
If a preparer and/or tran	slator assis	ted you in compl	eting Section	1, th	at person MUST	comple	ete the <u>Pre</u>	parer and/or 1	ranslator C	ertification	on Page 3.
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Issuing Authority											
Document Number (if any)											
Expiration Date (if any)				L							
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Expiration Date (if any)				Che	eck here if you us	ed an al	ternative p	rocedure autho	rized by DH	S to exam	nine documents.
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Last Name, First Name and Titl	e of Employe	er or Authorized Re	epresentative		Signature of Em	ployer o	or Authorize	ed Representat	ive	Today's	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Employer's Business or Organi	zation Name		Employe	r's Bu	usiness or Organiz	zation A	ddress, Cit	y or Town, Stat	e, ZIP Code		

For reverification or rehire, complete Supplement B, Reverification and Rehire on Page 4.

LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

All documents containing an expiration date must be unexpired.

* Documents extended by the issuing authority are considered unexpired.

Employees may present one selection from List A or a combination of one selection from List B and one selection from List C.

Examples of many of these documents appear in the Handbook for Employers (M-274).

LIST A		LIST B	LIST C					
Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Authorization	OR	Documents that Establish Identity ANI	Documents that Establish Employment					
U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551) Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machinereadable immigrant visa Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)			A Social Security Account Number card, unless the card includes one of the following restrictions: (1) NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT (2) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH INS AUTHORIZATION (3) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION 2. Certification of report of birth issued by the Department of State (Forms DS-1350,					
5. For an individual temporarily authorized to work for a specific employer because of his or her status or parole:		School ID card with a photograph Voter's registration card	FS-545, FS-240) 3. Original or certified copy of birth certificate					
a. Foreign passport; and		5. U.S. Military card or draft record	issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal					
b. Form I-94 or Form I-94A that has the following:		Military dependent's ID card U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card	Native American tribal document					
(1) The same name as the passport; and		8. Native American tribal document	5. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197)					
(2) An endorsement of the individual's status or parole as long as that period of		Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority	G. Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179)					
endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form.							For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:	7. Employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security For examples, see Section 7 and
6. Passport from the Federated States of		10. School record or report card	Section 13 of the M-274 on uscis.gov/i-9-central.					
Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A indicating nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI		11. Clinic, doctor, or hospital record12. Day-care or nursery school record	The Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document, is a List A, Item Number 4. document, not a List C document.					
		Acceptable Receipts						
May be prese		d in lieu of a document listed above for a to For receipt validity dates, see the M-274.	emporary period.					
 Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List A document. Form I-94 issued to a lawful permanent resident that contains an I-551 stamp and a photograph of the individual. Form I-94 with "RE" notation or refugee stamp issued to a refugee. 	OR	Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List B document.	Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List C document.					

^{*}Refer to the Employment Authorization Extensions page on $\underline{\text{I-9 Central}}$ for more information.

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Last Name (Family Name) from Section 1.

Supplement A, Preparer and/or Translator Certification for Section 1

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

First Name (Given Name) from Section 1.

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Middle initial (if any) from Section 1.

Instructions: This supplement must be completed by any preparer and/or translator who assists an employee in completing Section 1 of Form I-9. The preparer and/or translator must enter the employee's name in the spaces provided above. Each preparer or translator must complete, sign, and date a separate certification area. Employers must retain completed supplement sheets with the employee's completed Form I-9.									
I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of Section 1 of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.									
Signature of Preparer or Translator Date (mm/dd/yyyy)									
Last Name (Family Name)	First Name (Given Name) Middle Initia								
Address (Street Number and Name)	City or Town State ZIP Code								

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of Section 1 of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.

Signature of Preparer or Translator			Date (mm	/dd/yyyy)	
Last Name (Family Name)	First I	Name (Given Name)			Middle Initial (if any)
Address (Street Number and Name)		City or Town		State	ZIP Code

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Signature of Preparer or Translator			Date (mm	/dd/yyyy)	
Last Name (Family Name)	First I	Name (Given Name)			Middle Initial (if any)
Address (Street Number and Name)		City or Town		State	ZIP Code

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Signature of Preparer or Translator			Date (mr	n/dd/yyyy)	
Last Name (Family Name)	First I	Name (Given Name)			Middle Initial (if any)
Address (Street Number and Name)		City or Town		State	ZIP Code

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Last Name (Family Name) from Section 1.

Supplement B, **Reverification and Rehire (formerly Section 3)**

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

First Name (Given Name) from Section 1.

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reverification, is rehired wi the employee's name in the completing this page. Kee	thin three years of the date e fields above. Use a new s	the original Form I-9 was section for each reverifica mployee's Form I-9 record	orm I-9. Only use this page in completed, or provides proc tion or rehire. Review the Fo I. Additional guidance can b	of of a legal name corm I-9 instructions	hange. Enter
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Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Last Name (Family Name)		First Name (Given Name)		Middle Initial
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WITHHOLDING AUTHORIZATION FOR M.E.B.A. POLITICAL ACTION **FUND (PAF) CONTRIBUTIONS**

	monthly contribution of:
	□ \$25.00 □ \$50.00 □ \$100.00 □% Other \$
	from my earnings in order to make political contributions to the M.E.B.A. Political Action Fund ("PAF"), 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20001.
	☐ I am sending a one-time donation via check or money order in the amount of \$
	This Authorization is voluntarily made based on my specific understanding that:
1.	Signing of this Authorization and the making of these voluntary contributions are not conditions of membership in or of employment by the M.E.B.A.;
2.	The figures above are mere suggestions, and I am free to contribute more or less than these guidelines;
3.	I may refuse to contribute without reprisal;
4.	The M.E.B.A. PAF, which is connected with the M.E.B.A., will use the voluntary contributions it receives for political purposes, including but not limited to making contributions to and expenditures for candidates for federal, state and local offices;
5.	Contributions of gifts to the M.E.B.A. PAF are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income
	tax purposes;
6.	Federal law requires political committees to report to the Federal Elections Commission the name, mailing address, occupation and the name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200.00 in a calendar year;
7.	Washington State law prohibits an employer or other person from withholding a portion of a resident's earnings in order to make contributions to a political committee that must report to the Public Disclosure Commission or to a candidate or state or local office without written permission from that individual; and
8.	I may revoke this Authorization at any time.
	Printed Name: Date:
	Date.
	Mailing Address:
	Occupation:
	Signature:
	O.B. Interior

Non-Discrimination Notice

The Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (M.E.B.A.) does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, applying for membership in M.E.B.A., membership in M.E.B.A., hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, clients, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.

M.E.B.A. is an equal opportunity employer. We will not discriminate and will take affirmative action measures to ensure against discrimination in membership, employment, recruitment, advertisements for employment, compensation, termination, upgrading, promotions, and other conditions of employment against any employee or job applicant on the bases of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Union Members: Know Your Rights



U.S. Department of Labor Washington, D.C. 20210

Office of Labor-Management Standards

The Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) guarantees certain rights to union members and imposes certain responsibilities on union officers to ensure union democracy, financial integrity and transparency. The Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS) is the Federal agency with primary authority to enforce many LMRDA provisions. If you suspect a violation of these rights or responsibilities please contact the Department of Labor at 1-866-4-USA-DOL.

Union Member Rights

Bill of Rights - Union members have:

- equal rights to participate in union activities
- freedom of speech and assembly
- voice in setting rates of dues, fees, and assessments
- protection of the right to sue
- safeguards against improper discipline

Copies of Collective Bargaining Agreements -

Union members and nonunion employees have the right to receive or inspect copies of collective bargaining agreements.

Reports - Unions are required to file an initial information report (Form LM-1), copies of constitutions and bylaws, and an annual financial report (Form LM-2/3/4) with OLMS. Unions must make the reports available to members and permit members to examine supporting records for just cause. The reports are public information and copies are available from OLMS.

Officer Elections - Union members have the right to:

- nominate candidates for office
- run for office
- cast a secret ballot
- protest the conduct of an election

Officer Removal - Local union members have the right to an adequate procedure for the removal of an elected officer guilty of serious misconduct.

Trusteeships - Unions may only be placed in trusteeship by a parent body for the reasons specified in the LMRDA.

Protection for Exercising LMRDA Rights - A union or any of its officials may not fine, expel, or otherwise discipline a member for exercising any LMRDA right.

Prohibition Against Violence - No one may use or threaten to use force or violence to interfere with a union member in the exercise of LMRDA rights.

Union Officer Responsibilities

Financial Safeguards - Union officers have a duty to manage the funds and property of the union solely for the benefit of the union and its members in accordance with the union's constitution and bylaws. Union officers or employees who embezzle or steal union funds or other assets commit a Federal crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.

Bonding - Union officers or employees who handle union funds or property must be bonded to provide protection against losses if their union has property and annual financial receipts which exceed \$5,000.

Labor Organization Reports - Union officers must:

- file an initial information report (Form LM-1) and annual financial reports (Forms LM-2/3/4) with OLMS.
- retain the records necessary to verify the reports for at least five years.

Officer Reports - Union officers and employees must file reports concerning any loans and benefits received from, or certain financial interests in, employers whose employees their unions represent and businesses that deal with their unions.

Officer Elections - Unions must:

- hold elections of officers of local unions by secret ballot at least every three years.
- conduct regular elections in accordance with their constitution and bylaws and preserve all records for one year.
- mail a notice of election to every member at least 15 days prior to the election.
- comply with a candidate's request to distribute campaign material.
- not use union funds or resources to promote any candidate (nor may employer funds or resources be used).
- permit candidates to have election observers.
- allow candidates to inspect the union's membership list once within 30 days prior to the election.

Restrictions on Holding Office - A person convicted of certain crimes may not serve as a union officer, employee, or other representative of a union for up to 13 years.

Loans - A union may not have outstanding loans to any one officer or employee that in total exceed \$2,000 at any time.

Fines - A union may not pay the fine of any officer or employee convicted of any willful violation of the LMRDA.

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