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## 2010 M.E.B.A. Election: The Candidates Speak

## M.E.B.A. - Decision 2010

In each M.E.B.A. election since 1995, we have provided a special edition of the *Marine Officer* as a courtesy to members to allow candidates vying for Union office to present their campaign statements. Though not required, candidates were invited to submit their photo and a message limited to 400 words. *Statements that ran over the word count were subsequently scaled back to the 400-word level.* Otherwise, candidate statements presented in this issue appear unedited and reflect the complete wording, grammar and spelling mistakes intact, that were part of the original submission.

We present those statements in this issue along with important information related to the election. This edition should help serve as a guide for members deciding which candidates for 15 elected offices and 11 National Convention delegate positions would best serve the Union.

M.E.B.A. voters have three months, beginning on September 1, to cast their ballots. On December 6, 2010, an elected Tallying Committee will collect the votes, oversee the count and record the results in a report.

This past July, an elected rank and file Credentials Committee confirmed the qualifications of nominees for M.E.B.A. office. Their report appears on the following page.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE ON ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

The Constitution and By-Laws of the M.E.B.A. specifies that no member's ballot shall be counted unless he or she is a member in good standing as of 15 days immediately preceding the closing of the balloting period. Article Ten, Section 3(d) of the District No. 1 M.E.B.A. By-Laws stipulates that in order for a member's ballot to count, their dues must be paid through December 31, 2010 by November 15, 2010.

## SIGNIFICANT ELECTION DATES PER DISTRICT NO. 1 BY-LAWS

- September 1, 2010**..... Ballots mailed to the membership.
- November 29, 2010**..... Tallying Committee elected at special Union hall meetings.
- November 30, 2010**..... Closing date for ballots to be returned to the depository.
- December 6, 2010**..... Tallying Committee and Impartial Administrator collect ballots and count votes.
- December 7, 2010**..... Tallying Committee and Impartial Administrator file their report within 24 hours after completion of the ballot count.
- December 31, 2010 (at midnight)**..... Elected officials assume offices and jobs.

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The Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (M.E.B.A.) is the nation's oldest maritime labor union established in 1875. We represent licensed engine and deck officers aboard seagoing vessels, ferries, LNG and government-contracted ships. Our members also serve on tugs and barges, cruise ships, Great Lakes vessels, drillships and in various capacities in the shoreside industries.

In times of military contingency, our members sail into war zones to deliver critical defense cargo to our fighting forces. M.E.B.A.'s expertise and proven track record of readiness, safety and loyalty in answering America's call to action is unrivaled in the world.

# 2010 M.E.B.A., DISTRICT No. 1-PCD REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE JULY 13, 2010

1. We the Credentials Committee, elected by the membership pursuant to Article 10, Section 2(a) of the District No.1-PCD M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) By-Laws, have examined the nominations for all District No. 1 officers and jobs which were received at District No. 1 Headquarters, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20001 during the nomination period.
2. All nominations, with the exception of those not addressed to the Credentials Committee, were received sealed and unopened by the Credentials Committee.
3. All nominations were submitted to the Credentials Committee in accordance with Article 10, Section 1(b) of the District No.1-PCD M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) By-Laws.
4. The Credentials Committee accepted all timely nominations regardless of the method of delivery.
5. All nomination letters listed were received in a timely manner at Headquarters as required by Article 10, Section 1(e) of the District No.1-PCD M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) By-Laws.
6. The dues of all nominees were found to be current through the time of nomination (September 30, 2010), in accordance with Article 9, Section 3 and Article 20, Section 8 of the District No.1-PCD M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) By-Laws.
7. The membership status of all nominees was checked and all were determined to have been a “member of the District for one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the closing of the nominations” as required by Article 10, Section 8(a) of the National M.E.B.A. Constitution.
8. All disqualified nominees were notified of the reasons for their disqualification, and their right, if any, to appear before the Committee to appeal the decision or appeal to the membership, as required by Article 10, Section 2(c) of the District No.1-PCD M.E.B.A. (AFL-CIO) By-Laws.

9. Letters were sent to all nominees found to be disqualified, to inform them of their disqualification.
10. The Committee makes the following findings concerning all nominations received:

## **Nominations for the Office of the President of District No. 1: (Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

1. Daniel Channing Barrett ..... Qualified
2. Mike Jewell..... Qualified
3. Don Keefe ..... Qualified
4. Donald Lee Struthers..... Qualified

## **Nominations for the Office of Secretary-Treasurer of the District No. 1: (Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

5. Bill Van Loo ..... Qualified
6. Pat Wright ..... Qualified

## **Nominations for the Position of Branch Agent of New York (Atlantic Coast V.P.): (Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

7. John Christopher Burke III..... Qualified
8. Chris Guerra..... Qualified
9. Paul J. McCarthy..... Qualified

## **Nominations for the Position of Branch Agent of New Orleans (Gulf Coast V.P.): (Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

10. John Hasson ..... Qualified
11. Jonathan M. Lincoln ..... Qualified
12. Thomas Suneson (Sunny) ..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Branch Agent of San Francisco (Executive V.P.):  
(Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

- 13. Jon Anderson..... Qualified
- 14. Dave A. Nolan..... Qualified
- 15. Larry Young..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Branch Agent of Baltimore:  
(Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

- 16. William Hugh Bagby..... Qualified
- 17. Steve Jablonski..... Qualified
- 18. Bryan Rusk..... Qualified
- 19. Salvatore “Torey” Zingales ..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Branch Agent of Houston:  
(Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

- 20. Mark B. Corrales ..... Qualified
- 21. Karol Kingery ..... Qualified
- 22. Phillip Sistrunk..... Qualified
- 23. Maury Welsh ..... Qualified
- 24. Dana Woodruff ..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Branch Agent of Los Angeles:  
(Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

- 25. Robert C. Madden ..... Qualified
- 26. Adam Vokac ..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Branch Agent of Seattle:  
(Ex-Officio National Convention Delegate)**

- 27. Jim McCrary ..... Qualified
- 28. Dave Nashif..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Patrolman in the Port of New York:**

- 29. Richard Adams ..... Qualified
- 30. Don Raffaniello ..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Patrolman in the Port of New Orleans:**

- 31. Wilson Aaron Johns..... Qualified
- 32. Wilfred “Wil” Jones..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Patrolman in the Port of San Francisco:**

- 33. Patrick D. Anderson ..... Qualified
- 34. Doug Dawes..... Qualified
- 35. Mark Taylor..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Patrolman in the Port of Houston:**

- 36. B.M. “Mike” Dunklin ..... Qualified
- 37. Jon H. Erlandson..... Qualified
- 38. Charles E. Jerrier Jr. .... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Patrolman in the Port of Los Angeles:**

- 39. Richard D. Doherty..... Qualified
- 40. Ernest Leep..... Qualified

**Nominations for the Position of Patrolman in the Port of Seattle:**

- 41. Kevin M. Cross..... Qualified
- 42. Jeff Duncan ..... Qualified
- 43. Nathan Williams ..... Qualified

**Nominations for Representatives to the National M.E.B.A. Convention:**

- 44. Richard Adams ..... Qualified
- 45. Patrick D. Anderson ..... Qualified
- 46. David A. Cake ..... Qualified
- 47. Bill Campbell ..... Qualified
- 48. Kevin M. Cross..... Qualified
- 49. Timothy J. Dayton ..... Qualified
- 50. Richard D. Doherty..... Qualified
- 51. Jeff Duncan ..... Qualified
- 52. B.M. “Mike” Dunklin ..... Qualified
- 53. Mark S. Gallagher ..... Qualified
- 54. Ben Goldrich..... Qualified
- 55. Charles E. Jerrier Jr..... Qualified
- 56. Wilson Aaron Johns ..... Qualified

- 57. Ernest Leep ..... Qualified
- 58. Mark J Lund ..... Qualified
- 59. Jennifer Novinger ..... Qualified
- 60. Robert “Bob” Pearl ..... Disqualified
- 61. T.E. Photopoulos ..... Qualified
- 62. Greg Quintana ..... Qualified
- 63. Don Raffaniello ..... Qualified
- 64. Mark Taylor ..... Qualified
- 65. Ray Twitty ..... Qualified
- 66. Richard Wagner ..... Qualified
- 67. Steven Walker ..... Qualified
- 68. Nathan Williams ..... Qualified

11. The Campaign statements submitted by the nominees were reviewed and will be limited to 400 words according to the Election Notices, Page 8, *Marine Officer*, Spring/Summer 2010.

12. All disqualified members failed to meet Article Ten Section 1(c) 5 or Article Ten Section 1(e) of the M.E.B.A. By-Laws.

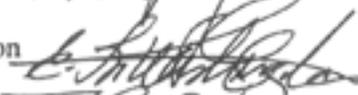
13. The committee wishes to thank the staff and officials at Headquarters for outstanding support and cooperation.

14. Committee notes that the numbering system used will be modified by the removal of disqualified candidates.

**Recommendations from the Committee:**

1. Election packet require a copy of latest dues receipt to be included with the rest of the packet.
2. The candidates include a Plans generated statement of days of covered employment, instead of discharges, pay stubs and or vacation stubs. Interpretation of hours worked or other accounting procedures from specific companies; makes it difficult to ensure days of covered employment requirements are met.
3. Clarification of the language in Article Ten, section 8, paragraph (a), sentence (2), of the Constitution; to more clearly define days required to be considered for inclusion on the ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman/ Joseph Brooke   
 Member/ Jim Murphy   
 Member/Eddie Washington   
 Alternate/Tom Consorti 

**Meeting Schedule**

Port	September	October	November
Baltimore @CMES	Tues. 7	Tues. 5	Tues. 9
Boston	Tues. 7	Mon. 4	Mon. 8
Charleston	Wed. 8	Wed. 6	Wed. 10
Honolulu	Fri. 10	Fri. 8	Fri. 12
Houston	Tues. 7	Tues. 5	Tues. 9
Jacksonville	Tues. 7	Mon. 4	Mon. 8
Los Angeles	Thurs. 9	Thurs. 7	Fri. 12
New Orleans	Wed. 8	Wed. 6	Wed. 10
New York	Thurs. 9	Thurs. 7	Fri. 12
Norfolk	Thurs. 9	Thurs. 7	Fri. 12
San Francisco	Tues. 7	Tues. 5	Tues. 9
Seattle	Tues. 7	Mon. 4	Mon. 8
Tampa	Thurs. 9	Thurs. 7	Fri. 12

**Special Meetings, November 29, 2010**

According to the M.E.B.A. Constitution and By-Laws, Special Meetings will be held on November 29, 2010 to elect seven rank and file members to tally election ballots.

Members of the Tallying Committee will be elected at the meetings in New York (New Jersey), Baltimore (CMES), Seattle, Los Angeles (Wilmington) and Houston. Alternate members will be elected in New Orleans and San Francisco (Oakland).

According to the M.E.B.A. Constitution and By-Laws, no M.E.B.A. official or candidate for office is eligible for election to the Tallying Committee.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT NO. 1



### Daniel Channing Barrett

Having grown-up in Washington D.C., I know it is a short walk from MEBA headquarters to visit our Congressional Representatives. There is absolutely no excuse for any union president not to do this on a regular basis. We haven't had a MEBA union president who possessed any "forward thinking" recently; therefore:

- (1) **I promise to consistently promote the United States Merchant Marine.**
- (2) **I'll ask Congress to appropriate money for the construction of new merchant ships.**
- (3) **I'll ask Congress to require that 50 percent of the merchant officers on all inter-coastal 'foreign-flag' cruise ships be U.S. citizens to help thwart any terrorist threats.**
- (4) **I'll suggest that if BP-America wants to continue doing business in the U.S. that Congress requires them to build new "double-hull" tankers in U.S. shipyards and employ merchant officers who are U.S. citizens.**
- (5) **As a trustee, I will propose an amendment to allow you 'the option' to invest any "future" MPB contributions into one or more of our contracted company's stock on a per voyage or payroll basis. This will help our companies build new ships.**

- (6) **Utilizing language in the MOLA Pact, I will work to obtain refrigerated container & crane engineering jobs shore-side.**

If elected, I will **not** dupe you into moving your "existing" account balances from your "self-directed" 401(k) or MPB into a brokerage linked account that requires you to pay fees on any "future" investments. I will **not** require that your "future" MPB contributions be **redirected** to our defined benefit pension Plan, **if** it becomes underfunded.

The MEBA Benefit Plan trustees recently eliminated the 1% surcharge on our gross wages, which might cause our MEBA Medical Plan to be considered a "Cadillac" Plan and eventually taxed. Also, a lot of our young members are leaving the union because they cannot meet the 60 day employment eligibility requirement (every 6 months) to remain in the MEBA Medical Plan. If elected, I will change it back to the 30 day rule, as well as, change the qualifications to receive a "guarantee annuity contract" (GAC) from 25+ years to 20+ years of pension service.

I do not claim to possess infinite wisdom, but "wisdom gained from hindsight becomes foresight and is better than no wisdom at all" and any MEBA Benefit Plan changes are only good, if and only if, they benefit all of us!

**Elect Daniel Channing Barrett, President of the MEBA**



### Mike Jewell

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

For those of you who may not know me, my name is **Mike Jewell**. I sincerely ask all of my fraternal brothers and sisters for your vote and support for me as your next President of MEBA.

I am a sailing member who spent 6 years as Patrolman in Seattle. I am a graduate of the Calhoun cadet program and hold a degree from James Madison University. For the last 27 years, I have been a member of the US Naval Reserve and currently hold the rank of Captain.

I am truly honored and extremely proud of the **MEBA UNITED** team of candidates that are running with me this election. Please take time to carefully review and consider their candidate statements and profiles. **MEBA UNITED** brings together a team of candidates with a wide range of diversity and a level of talent that has not been seen for many years. **MEBA UNITED** has a full team of candidates running for all elected positions including delegates to the national convention.

Each and every **MEBA UNITED** candidate is 100% committed to the position they are seeking and you can be assured, they will reside in the port area where they are elected to serve. There will be no mid term retirements or resignations or deception with **MEBA UNITED**. You can count on the **MEBA UNITED** team to be there when and where you need them. All our candidates are clearly identified in this issue so use this resource when voting.

As for me, I already have the established connections throughout the Maritime Industry, Maritime Labor, MARAD, Military Sealift Command, the US Coast Guard, the US Military Services and most important, on Capitol Hill. I have managed this without having any MEBA official title or access to a MEBA credit card or the MEBA checkbook. I am ready to assume the office of President at full throttle.

Give me the resources to do the best possible job for you – **VOTE FOR THE ENTIRE MEBA UNITED TEAM ([www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org))**. After all, we have all seen the results of a non functioning DEC and a leadership style without conviction and focus.

The bottom line is you have the say this year. You have the clear choice of change or more of the same old style of election year deception and sham. It's up to you. Please exercise your democratic union right and



### **Don Keefe**

I am proud and honored to announce my candidacy for re-election as your President with MEBA's Future 2010 team. I bring a solid work ethic and a strong personal commitment to serving the needs of our diverse membership.

During my 32 years as an MEBA member, which includes 15 years as an MEBA Official, I have become completely familiar with shipping rules, grievance/arbitration procedures, contract negotiations, legislative and political strategies. There is absolutely no substitute for knowledge and experience.

This election is about our future. MEBA'sFuture2010 is the most experienced and talented team in this campaign, comprised of candidates who are committed to working together to further the interests of the membership. I am proud to have the support of 80% of our current Union Officials and will be honored to serve with them. It is critical for the future of MEBA to have experienced Officials who work together to further the interests of our Union.

Serving as Trustee for MEBA Plans for the last nine years, and as Chairman of the Board for the last three, I recognize the vital importance of healthy MEBA Plans for members, retirees, and their families, and will remain focused on their needs.

My positive and professional working relationship with industry Officials, other Union leaders, employers and members, has enabled me to deliver on the promises I made to you three years ago. I'm very proud to state that during my tenure as MEBA President, I have:

- Cut costly and unnecessary legal expenses
- Responsibly settled lawsuits inherited upon assuming Presidency
- Turned a \$4.5 million deficit into a \$1.6 million surplus
- Created new job opportunities
- Cut mandatory 1% contribution to MEBA's Medical Plan
- Established a true National Shipping Card

As part of MEBA's Future 2010, I promise that I'll continue to protect your rights and respect your opinions with a proven commitment to sound, capable leadership that is decisive and will remain responsible and accountable to the membership.

Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Tug/Barge, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, NOAA, POID, or CBJ, the MEBA'sFuture2010 team will work hard for you each and every day. That is the commitment you will have when you vote for Don Keefe and for MEBA'sFuture2010.

Your future is MEBA'sFuture2010. Stand Up! Be Heard! Vote!



### **Donald Lee Struthers**

My name is Donald Struthers and I nominated myself for the District Office of President.

During the Vietnam Era I enlisted with the Navy. Later, I became a Merchant Marine Electrician. I was recommended for licensure by MEBA Brothers in 1988 and became a licensed Third Engineer - Steam and Motor by 1990.

Since then, I have been in good standing with MEBA for over 20 years, working every job and position that is offered to me with various Engineering Departments at the dock, underway or during overhauls and repair in U.S. or Asian shipyards.

In 2000 I upgraded to my Limited-Ocean, Chief Engineer: Steam, Motor, and Gas Turbine License. Presently, I am the Alaska Marine Highway System's Vacation Relief First Assistant Engineer for the South East region.

I attained an Arts and Science Degree in Business Administration, majoring in Finance, from Edmonds Community College, Washington State and I have completed over a dozen MEBA Engineering School courses and programs.

Over the years I've learned from the "On the Job Training" offered by MEBA Brothers and Sisters. Some even learned from me.

In response to those who urged me to improve our Quality of Life and MEBA, I nominated myself for the District Office of President.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER OF DISTRICT NO. 1



### Bill Van Loo

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**As a proud third generation M.E.B.A. member I respectfully ask for your vote for re-election as your Secretary-Treasurer.**

It has been a privilege to serve the membership of this Union for the last fifteen years, first as an elected rank and file Representative to the National MEBA Conventions in 1995 and 1998, as Baltimore Branch Agent in 2002 and, since 2006, as your Secretary-Treasurer.

I have turned your faith in me into an investment in your future, transforming a \$4.5 million dollar deficit into a \$1.6 million surplus, without raising dues. It took tough decisions, but we prevailed with a balanced budget and today the Union is better for it.

I am dedicated to continuing our mission of fiscal responsibility while focusing, and expanding upon, the tools we have implemented to service your everyday needs. This includes online banking, the online store, new informational entities such as the Membership Handbook and cost benefits to the members. The Good and Welfare fund is now a 501(c) (3) entity so that members can contribute with a tax deduction.

As one who has sailed on various types of vessels for seventeen years I know the issues that confront the membership and have utilized that knowledge and experience to strengthen MEBA's voice in Washington DC. I have testified as an expert witness before the United States Congress' House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation concerning piracy and the USCG National Maritime Center policies; and, as Chairman of the Political Action Fund, have successfully increased membership participation annually.

My experience in contract negotiations, contract enforcement via the grievance process, organizing and legislative initiatives provides the membership with a Secretary-Treasurer who can effectively deal with ports and union hall issues for the members.

As a member of the MEBA Plans Board of Trustees for the last nine years, I have worked to ensure the health and stability of MEBA Plans for members, retirees and their families now and in the future.

My promise when first elected, to work hard every day for you, has been a priority for me and I intend to keep it.

Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, NOAA, POID, or CBJ, MEBA's Future 2010 team will work hard for you every day.

Secure your Future. Vote MEBA'sFuture2010.



### Pat Wright

*"All that is necessary for evil to triumph over good is for good men to do nothing!"*

Brothers and Sisters,

I'm **Pat Wright** and I respectfully ask for your vote and support for Secretary/Treasurer.

#### INTEGRITY & CHARACTER COUNTS

Many who seek union office make unattainable and disingenuous promises. I refuse to insult the intelligence of the MEBA membership by promising anything other than which I know I can and will deliver. As your Secretary/Treasurer, I pledge to conduct myself at all times, with the dignity and decorum as befits the representative of an association of professionals. I will honor the trust bestowed upon me to secure a stable and prosperous economic future for you and your families and be mindful that as your official, I am fully accountable to you the membership. During my tenure, I vow that ALL MEBA officials and staff will be held to the highest ethical standards and professional conduct.

Beginning in 1975 as an unlicensed seaman, I obtained my original license in 1983, joined the MEBA in 1985 and earned my Master's license in 1995. Since 2000 I have been working for Keystone aboard their RRF ships. While sailing as Master during OIF I, II & III, I forged relationships with MSC and MARAD that continue to this day. I intend to harness the very same work ethic that I applied in

my seagoing career to my duties and responsibilities as your elected union official.

#### As your Secretary Treasurer I will:

- Never excuse corruption or malfeasance in our union or Plans
- Pursue due diligence in all financial transactions
- Adhere to our by-laws and democratic union principles
- As plan trustee ensure our Calhoun School is the leading maritime training center in the world.
- Negotiate contracts with rank and file input, using professional negotiators as required.
- Embrace the information age with interactive technology that serves the membership and fosters communication.

Some who are running for re-election are depending on your apathy. **MEBA UNITED** is depending on your democratic spirit and resolve to be heard. Look at the last three years, discuss the issues, ask the tough questions, find out the facts, and then exercise your right to **VOTE!**

For more information, please go to: [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org). You can contact me at [patwright54@yahoo.com](mailto:patwright54@yahoo.com) and please **support the entire MEBA UNITED Team**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fraternally,

Pat Wright

## CANDIDATES FOR ATLANTIC COAST VICE-PRESIDENT – BRANCH AGENT OF NEW YORK

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Submitted

### John Christopher Burke III

My name is John Christopher Burke III and I am submitting my name for the nomination of Atlantic Coast Vice President. I have been sailing as an Engineer with the M.E.B.A. since graduating from Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1990. I presently reside at 45 Dix Road Extension In Woburn, Massachusetts, where I live with my wife Sheri and three children.

The first eight years of my career I sailed as an engineer out of numerous ports. Los Angeles, Houston, New York and Boston. I am presently employed by the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority as Chief Engineer. I have held this position since 1997. I have attached a letter verifying my recent employment at the Steamship Authority.

As a Group 1 Member, I have been a strong advocate for the union and have participated in numerous Union activities. I have influenced many to become Union brothers and sisters over my twenty years with the M.E.,B.A..



### Chris Guerra

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

My name is **Chris Guerra** and I sincerely ask for your vote and support for Atlantic Coast Vice President this election. For the last thirty-two months, it has been my privilege to serve as Patrolman of the port of New York. I want to sincerely thank each and every member for allowing me this opportunity to represent you in this capacity.

It has also been my good fortune to work with Bill McHugh here in New York. I have a great deal of respect for Bill as he took the time to mentor me and instill upon me a moral compass directed towards true service toward our membership and a sense of responsibility to our union.

The NY Patrolman is also the MEBA Director of Inland & Harbor Contracts and on my second day in the position in January 2008 I was confronted with an issue where over four hundred of our MEBA New York City retirees and their dependents were about to lose their prescription drug benefits. I took on this challenge out of the respect I have for all our MEBA retirees. It was a difficult struggle and I

helped them transition from one plan to the other and I still am doing everything I can for this group. This was the right thing to do to assist our retirees and as your elected East Coast VP, I will always endeavor to do the right thing and not just take the path of least resistance.

I have also been involved in several contract negotiations including Maersk Lines, the Staten Island Ferries, the Marine Division of the NYC Fire Department and the Delaware Bay River Authority. I am the MEBA representative to the NY City Central Labor Council and I host the Hudson County Labor Council meetings at our Jersey City hall.

I am fully committed to our NY/NJ hall and wish to thank the support I have received from my wife and children when we moved the entire family to the area. I am proud once again to be running with **Mike Jewell** and the **MEBA UNITED** team ([www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org)). I look forward to working with **Rich Adams** as together we will continue the professional and earnest representation for our membership. **At the end of the day, in my humble opinion, being a union official is a stewardship – not a career.**

## CANDIDATES FOR ATLANTIC COAST VICE-PRESIDENT – BRANCH AGENT OF NEW YORK



### Paul J. McCarthy

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for the position of Atlantic Coast Vice President with MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

In 1978 I graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Degree in Marine Engineering and a newly-minted Third Engineer's license. One of the best decision of my life was joining MEBA upon graduation. During the early years of my career I was fortunate to find steady work aboard various tankers and quickly rose through the ranks and, in 1988, I began sailing as Chief Engineer aboard a Coastwise tanker.

As elected Atlantic Coast Vice President from January 1996 through December 1998, I worked with a MEBA team that accomplished a great deal in a short time. We lobbied for, and witnessed, the signing of the Maritime Security Program (MSP), and battled with APL to ensure their continued operation as a US-flag operator, ultimately securing a contract with APL in the summer of 1998 that is today one of the best in our fleet.

I was responsible for expanding the use of MEBA riding gangs onboard the Sea-Land vessels for diesel engine overhauls and expanded computer training, both of which were win-win programs for MEBA members and the contacted companies. While Atlantic Coast VP, I served as a member of the DEC and the DIC and as Trustee of the Pension Plan, Medical Plan, Training Plan and Vacation Plan, gaining valuable insight into the inner workings of our union. The FITG program, instituted during my Trusteeship, helped many members gain lost pension time following some very difficult shipping years.

With the energy, experience and knowledge to pass on to the next generation of MEBA members, I am proud to be part of the very strong and determined team that Don Keefe and Bill Van Loo have assembled. With over 31 years of pension time, almost half as C/E, my sole focus in office will be to give back to the Union that has served me so well for over three decades.

Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Tug/Barge, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, NOAA, POID or CBJ, the MEBA'sFuture2010 team will work hard for you each and every day. That is the commitment you will have when you vote for Don Keefe and for MEBA'sFuture2010.

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## CANDIDATES FOR GULF COAST VICE-PRESIDENT – BRANCH AGENT OF NEW ORLEANS



### John Hasson

Greetings Friends,

John Hasson has been sailing Union ships since he was 18. He has sailed with MEBA-1 for 23 years. In OIF he has made 24 transits of Hormuz as Captain and Chief Mate. John has worked for the Union as the most successful organizer in the field and has been sought by the

AFL-CIO in this capacity. He was asked to work in the headquarters of several National campaigns.

John Hasson is running as an independent. He will stand up for the protection and the rights of the membership, without owing any favors to whoever is in power. He won't "drink the Kool-aid." He will make alliances where needed and raise hell when it is required. Our Union is out dated in its performance and practices. We must change or be swept under in the currents of this changing industry.

We need better trained officials in order to have a better Union. Seamen do not naturally come by the skills needed to negotiate contracts, settle grievances or to communicate the important information the membership require to make informed decisions. Modern Unions and associations train every elected officer, as John Hasson's wife Deborah does for the AFA-CWA. Trained negotiators would strengthen our contracts and our Union. The accountability of

our officials has evaporated; John will work to return our officials to a state of service to the members and earning their position each day. Our MEBA is emerging from a bad financial time but we are far from being clear. We require forward thinking ways to accommodate the changes we will have to adapt to in Medical, Pension and Training plans.

John Hasson believes that for MEBA to survive we cannot win by brute force but rather by a strategic use of our political and industrial relations to forge a cohesive unit. This includes input from our Associates in POID, FOPE, Etc. Our need to organize is imperative to our survival. Many opportunities have been squandered due to lack of leadership. This led to MEBA being fined over two million dollars, the Article XX held over our heads by AMO. Ignorance of our Union officials should never be the excuse for poor decisions.

John Hasson believes that we are at a crossroad where we can change and perpetuate the oldest maritime union or whither on the vine for lack of foresight and decisive action.

Please vote for John Hasson.



### Jonathan M. Lincoln

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am **Jonathan M. Lincoln** and I ask for your vote and support for Gulf Coast Vice President. I am a 1988 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and for the past twenty years I have been sailing from the ports of Houston and New Orleans. Over the course of my career, I

have sailed under various contracts including: Tanker Service, LNG, and Container. I am currently the Chief Engineer aboard the M/V Yorktown Express.

One thing my senior level shipboard experience has taught me is that maintaining professional working relations with shore-side support personnel is essential to the overall operation of the vessel. Listening to ideas, considering options, making critical decisions, and weighing cost/benefits make up the foundation of sound leadership. Our union membership deserves nothing less than leaders who apply these same fundamental principles and guiding elements in the daily operation of our union and benefit plans.

You warrant elected officials who are logic driven, informed, and willing to put aside personal agendas and sincerely work for your welfare and your family's security. I give you my promise and commitment that I will, to the utmost of my ability, secure our union's health and safeguard our Benefit Plans.

We face numerous challenges today that must be resolved over the next three years such as: the strength of our bargaining power ; the AMO Article XX raiding charges; ISM/STCW work-rules and rest periods requirements; and recent anti- Jones Act legislation, just to name a few. At the same time, we need to secure new employment opportunities for our members and we must restore faith and trust in our overall union and its leadership.

As your elected officer, I will work toward those goals just as faithfully and diligently as I fulfill my duties shipboard. I treat the crew respectfully, I give support and help to fellow officers, I keep the equipment in top running condition, fix whatever's broken, maintain what is running, and make improvements wherever possible. Likewise, I expect to be held fully accountable for the ship's operating status and the safety of those who work with me. This is my work ethic and my moral character and this is the **Jonathan Lincoln** you will get as your Gulf Coast VP.

Please vote for the entire **MEBA UNITED** team and visit **www.mebaunited.org** for more information.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve MEBA.

Jon



### Thomas Suneson (Sunny)

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy. The responsibility to choose the leadership of this union is yours; please wield it wisely.

With world shipping down 30%, our industry has gone through probably the toughest period in its history. Despite the economic downfall, MEBA is in better shape than any maritime union in the country. We have good contracts and the best plans, period.

What is most important is that we work together to achieve our goals. That is why I am running for Gulf Coast Vice President. As a member of the MEBA'sFuture2010 team I will bring a positive attitude and results to the Gulf. There is not one Hall in the Gulf that shares its space with labor; that will change. We work for the membership, first and foremost.

I will forge a good working relationship with our shipping companies and demand what is fair to protect the interests of the membership and the union. We must be on constant vigilance for new work from

the oil fields to shoreside, from ship repair to the shuttle tankers. There are a lot of opportunities but they are not knocking on the Hall doors, we must go out after them.

I have been in this union for 31 years and shipped off the board for 21 years, including time served under the Calhoon Administration. I know what and who this union is made of. When I shipped off the board I thanked the Lord for a good union job. The bickering and badmouthing must stop if we are to continue the gains made in recent years and restore our rightful place as leaders in the maritime community.

That is why I support everyone on the MEBA'sFuture2010 team and am confident we will work together to achieve these goals for the sake of our union and, most importantly, its members. That is also why it is of utmost importance that you vote for MEBA'sFuture2010. It is your future – anything else would be reckless.

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## CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – WEST COAST, BRANCH AGENT OF SAN FRANCISCO



### Jon Anderson

Hello, to all the MEBA members, retirees, and their families throughout our organization from *Jon Anderson*. I believe that I can best serve as your “*Executive Vice President*” due to my experience in delivering the largest wage increases for **multiple contracts** in the past 25 years.

*“Vote Anderson \*\*\*\* Again in 2010”*

### EXTENSIVE- NATIONAL LABOR COLLEGE/LEGISLATIVE CLASSES

Legislative Lobbyist Networking, Advanced Union Official Training, Strategic Bargaining, Labor Law and Arbitration, Negotiating with contract writing, Grievance Handling, Organizing, Union Trustee Training, Legislative Staff Contact Development, Advanced Negotiating Tactics and Strategies, Union Solidarity Campaign Structuring, and Advanced Leadership Training.

As a MEBA Chief Negotiator:

- 32% Increase / WA State Ferries with Retro checks up to \$30,000.00
- 26% Increase/ San Francisco B.P. Port Engineering Contract
- 17.75% Increase/ Golden Gate Water Transit System

My considerable knowledge of MEBA contracts by way of negotiations also included **American President Lines, Alaska Tanker Company, Chevron Shipping, Matson Navigation Company, and Alaska Marine Highway System.**



### Dave A. Nolan

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

My name is **David (Dave) A. Nolan** and I request your vote and support for Executive Vice President.

I joined MEBA in 1980 after graduating from California Maritime Academy. For over 30 years I have enjoyed the opportunity to work on a wide variety of MEBA contracted vessels. I am currently employed as a permanent Chief Engineer with Matson Navigation Co., a job that I have held for over 10 years.

Over the course of 30 years I have witnessed, first hand, many of the unfortunate and costly missteps taken by our union leadership. It is my opinion that many of these “errors in judgment and conduct” could have been easily avoided had our union embraced a stronger democratic process with more member participation and a stronger membership voice. Specifically, I feel that **rank and file involvement needs to be expanded** in ALL areas of our union business. I know for a fact that the MEBA membership is ready and willing to participate if they are given the opportunity. It is in this spirit – **my desire to resolve these continuing MEBA issues and internal conflicts** that has motivated me to come forward and seek this elected office.

In 2006 I resigned from my Seattle Agent’s position due to multiple family members’ medical issues that I had to attend, still unfounded allegations exist. MEBA has maintained weekly Safeguards in reporting for decades. **Remember Results**, not rumors, **deliver the best for us all.**

In our next administration, I believe in expansion into areas that have proven over time to be successful for other global maritime unions. They include Power Plants, Crane Engineering, Cold-Ironing (Shore-side power @ dockside during cargo Ops.), and Engineers for USA Pilot boats, along with our primary Deep-Sea Shipping.

Both my father and mother were involved in MEBA ACTIVISM during the 1960’s, 1970’s and 1980’s with **MEBA President Jesse Calhoun**. Both my brothers participated in the MEBA. All my immediate family members served the Merchant Marine during five different Wars. I’ve worked and lived in **all the MEBA ports on the West Coast**. Currently I possess my 4th issue of Chief Engineer’s license. I’ve been **elected** twice as **San Francisco Patrolman** and then as **Seattle Agent** by your votes in the past. I **THANK YOU** for your support then as I will now in this election. I’m a **CHAMPION** for your family.

Being *the **MOST EXPERIENCED CANDIDATE/ OFFICIAL*** with **PROVEN SKILLS SETS** enhances my ability to operate at the highest level of performance that **YOU deserve**, so that your livelihood will be **IMPROVED** now and into the future.

**\*\*VOTE for JON ANDERSON-  
MEBA Executive Vice President\*\***

Over the past 10 years I have gained valuable experience as an active rank and file participant in numerous contract negotiations and wage re-openers. I am proud to acknowledge that I was the only rank and file union member to participate in the investigation of the Oakland Union Hall construction project. Having had years of construction management experience I was able to assist with the preliminary investigation at MEBA headquarters and provide a deposition that strengthened MEBA’s legal position.

In the interest of restoring power and respect to our rank and file and embracing the ideals of an expanded democratic process within the MEBA, I ask that you join with me in my effort to preserve our union democracy and restore the membership’s self determination by honoring me with your support and vote. As your Executive VP, a member of the DEC, and a MEBA Plans Trustee, **I will make a difference for you and your family.**

Please join with me and vote for the entire **MEBA UNITED** team who are committed to honest and open union operations. Visit our website at: **www.mebaunited.org** for a more in depth discussion of these and many other issues.

Thank you,  
Dave



### Larry Young

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for West Coast Executive Vice President with the MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

I was appointed Representative in July 2007 and elected to position of Patrolman for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. I was appointed

Los Angeles Branch Agent in October 2008 when Mike Nizetich became West Coast Executive Vice President. I was appointed to the position of West Coast Executive Vice President in May 2010.

As the Los Angeles Branch Agent, I negotiated and won unprecedented benefits for MEBA's membership. I successfully completed the negotiations on the Matson Contract, which resulted in two 7% and two 6% pay raises as well as specific language protecting members' jobs. I renegotiated the Foss Contract, increasing the work capacity by a full 25%. I negotiated and signed the Golden Gate Ferry and Connolly-Pacific Contracts, as well as the San Francisco Bar Pilots with increases to the Medical Plan and Training Fund.

I also successfully negotiated a two-year contract with Chevron Oil Company that not only included two 3% pay raises and an increase for the Training Fund, but also reduced the rotation of Seconds and

Thirds from 120 days to 75 days – a change the membership had been requesting for the last fifteen years.

I have reviewed and conducted grievance procedures for members of the Deep Sea and Inland bargaining groups. I am a Trustee of the MEBA's Plans and a Trustee with the Southwest Trust.

A member of MEBA since 1992, I have sailed as First, Second and Third Engineer on various steam and motor ships. I have more than 38 years of seagoing experience, including 21 years of service in the United States Navy before retiring as a Master Chief.

I believe that my experiences sailing off the board have provided me with a good understanding of the membership's concerns and priorities. I constantly strive to respond to the members' needs and to stringently enforce the contracts and shipping rules. I will always treat all members with dignity and respect.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF BRANCH AGENT OF BALTIMORE



### William Hugh Bagby

My name is Hugh Bagby, and I am running for the Baltimore Branch Agent's position. I am a 1984 graduate of the University of Richmond with a BA in economics and a 1987 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a BS in Marine Transportation. I hold an unlimited Master's License. My home port has

been Baltimore since joining the union as an applicant in 1990, but I can appreciate the cares and concerns of the membership around the country, having shipped "off the board" from wherever the work was called.

I am seeking your vote as Baltimore Branch Agent, because I feel that I can do a good job for the membership. This job includes visiting ships and listening to the members as to their needs, including contractual beefs and needed paperwork.

My vision for the future of the union is increase the job base in the maritime and shore side sectors, such as stationary engineer's positions under a union contract. Additionally I feel the union needs to play a larger role in coordination with our contracted companies in securing government related work.

Finally, I support further discussions about the rights of retirees to return to work in our maritime industry.



**Steve Jablonski**

Hello my Union Brothers and Sisters,

My name is **Steve Jablonski** and I am running for Baltimore Branch Agent. I inherited my passion for ships from my father who had a career as a Panama Canal Pilot. It seemed only natural that I would go to sea for a living.

I graduated from the Calhoon School in 1982 and that year which some of you will certainly remember was a particularly rough year on everybody. I spent the next several years on the East Coast seeking that elusive Group I Shipping Card. Eventually I went to the West Coast and accumulated the required days by shipping out 12 hours at a time on the Washington State Ferries. I finally made it into Group I. Now that I have twenty-two years of shipping experience I am thankful those lean days are behind us. Since gaining membership, the majority of my jobs were Reliefs off the Shipping Board. I've had my share of Night Jobs and it bothers me greatly to see that they have virtually disappeared in Baltimore. Then I spent a few years working the MARAD Gray Boats learning the world of ROS.

For the past two and a half years I have been the First Engineer on the Nuclear Ship Savannah, which has been berthed in Baltimore much of that time. Being in the MEBA has presented us with many opportunities and life has improved but I sincerely believe we deserve a whole lot more. My hope is that we never again return to those difficult times of limited shipping. As all of us well know, that is a lot easier said than done. I believe I have an obligation to give back to the MEBA and I will. With what I have learned and with your help I shall contribute to the longevity and welfare of this Union.

I have been a resident of Baltimore for the past twenty-one years. I believe we need to keep a presence in all the halls for a variety of reasons. One reason is that an involved membership inspires camaraderie and energy which leads to greater accomplishments. **I hope to bring back stability and continuity to the Baltimore Union Hall.** There are opportunities in this port and I will do all I can to see that the MEBA improves and prospers.

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**Bryan Rusk**

The MEBA has seen great improvement the last three years, the medical plan is in the black, the pension plan is strong and our union finances are back in order. I am very proud to be a member of the MEBA and see the strength of our membership. I am running for Baltimore Branch Agent as one of the few remaining Calhoon MEBA Engineering School graduates hoping to do my part as we continue to

strengthen and get back on the right track. While in school we were required to take a course in labor relations. In that class we learned the importance of a strong union and how we contribute to a strong military and the economic well being of our country. I may not have seen the worst times in the union but I was only sailing a couple years when I was picketing in downtown Washington DC in the early 90's as we were struggling with a great division among our membership.

I spent seven years in group two during that time sailing 180 to 200 days a year, taking any job available. I understand the struggles that our younger members face. I spent 4 years sailing tankers after the pay cut in the mid 90's. I worked at CMES as adjunct instructor and have sailed on the Great Lakes; after six years with Sealand/USSM as first and chief, I have been chief engineer with Matson Navigation the last four years on the new build M/V Maunalei. During my employment with Matson I have also worked as port engineer. My sailing experience is extensive and varied and I feel I can help any member with any concerns, problems or questions. I also have experience in real estate and property management, as we continue to look at ways to save money, re-negotiate leases and improve our financial status I feel I will be able to step in and help immediately. The MEBA has been very good to me and my family; please give me the opportunity to help you take advantage of all the good the union has to offer.



**Salvatore "Torey" Zingales**

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Baltimore Branch Agent as a member of the MEBA's Future2010 team. I am confident that our team, led by Don Keefe, is made up of the most experienced capable and competent candidates in this election. We are committed to fighting for the MEBA and fighting for you.

MEBA's Cleveland Representative, and it has been a privilege to serve the Great Lakes and Deep Sea membership in that position.

During my time as Representative, I have gained valuable experience in contract negotiations, grievance procedures, organizing and lobbying efforts. I currently serve as MEBA's representative to the Cleveland Port Council, MTD (AFL-CIO) and the Great Lakes Maritime Task Force. In these positions I have built and maintained strong relationships with other maritime unions and with state and federal legislatures.

After graduating from Kings Point in 1999, I sailed on my license for 8 years, shipping out of MEBA's East Coast Halls for my last four years. In February 2007 I was appointed by Don Keefe to be

I believe that in these tough economic times, made worse by the Gulf Oil spill and other challenges to Labor in general and the Jones Act in particular, the MEBA needs strong, competent leadership – the

experienced and dedicated MEBA'sFuture2010 team – that has the knowledge and political savvy to keep both the Jones Act intact and our Union strong.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF BRANCH AGENT OF HOUSTON



### Mark B. Corrales

Hello, to all the MEBA members, retirees, and their families throughout our organization from Mark Corrales. I believe that I am the best candidate for the position of Branch Agent for the port of Houston. I have been an active member for nearly twenty years, shipping out of Houston, Charleston, and Los Angeles. I have supported and worked with some of the past administrations and

believe with union pride that I should now volunteer my services to our beloved union. I am committed to using my professional and extensive experience to make the union hall a better place. Some of these skills will include running a union hall with fairness

and an unbiased attitude. Everyone should be treated with respect and common courtesy. I believe the port of Houston is hungry for new leadership, leadership that will go out and try to bring in new work, someone who will improve relations with Texas A&M and get more involved in their cadet program. There are new LNG terminals in Texas coming online and already online that we can look into. With the experience and knowledge possessed I feel that I can greatly help all of our union members to better secure their futures and livelihood while being treated fairly and equally at all levels. So please exercise your right to vote. For those of you who support me, thank you and don't forget to vote Mark Corrales for Branch Agent for the port of Houston.



### Karol Kingery

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Branch Agent in the Port of Houston with the MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

It has been very gratifying to have represented the membership in Seattle for the past six years. I am proud of our accomplishments and know that through the leadership of Don Keefe and the rest of the MEBA'sFuture2010 team, we will continue to improve the Union with results-oriented leadership we can all be proud of.

First as Patrolman and most recently as Branch Agent, I have settled many members' grievances, cultivated relationships with key officials, and lobbied on behalf of MEBA-contracted companies including Matson, Horizon Lines, and the Washington State Ferries. I was a lead negotiator on the Black Ball Transport Contract and part of the teams which handled the ATC and Washington State Ferry negotiations.

As Trustee of the MEBA Benefit Plans, I have become familiar with company Trustees and the intricacies of the Plans. I have continued my education through numerous labor education classes at the National Labor College (Arbitration and Negotiations/Contract Writing) and through the University of Oregon's Labor Education Research Center (Grievance Handling and Collective Bargaining). I also Chair the Good and Welfare Fund Committee.

I have been involved in the maritime industry for 33 years. Starting out unlicensed in the engine room, I petitioned and attended the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School. After graduating in 1980, I sailed deep sea, then went on to sail with the Washington State Ferries as a Chief Engineer.

As I seek the position of Houston Branch Agent, I would ask that you also please support Tom Suneson as Gulf Coast VP and Charlie Jerrier as your next Houston Patrolman.

I look forward to the new challenge that the Houston Branch Agent's job will provide. Continuing to use the skills and experience I have gained over the past six years as a union official, I will bring the best service possible to the MEBA membership. With great conviction, compassion and integrity I will dedicate myself to seeing that our great Union prospers and makes us all proud to be members.

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**Phillip Sistrunk**

As a candidate for Houston Branch Agent, if elected , I will work to preserve the professionalism that was set up by the founding fathers of M.E.B.A. one hundred and thirty five years ago.

I know that with my background in both the Offshore and Shipping Industries that I will be able to achieve a better working relationship between management and labor, now, and in the future .

I will work to bring about more jobs, improve benefits, and establish a more positive influence on public relations.

I believe that the applicant of today will be the voice of M.E.B.A tomorrow and I will encourage and assist these applicants , as well as all of our already established members, in any way I possibly can, at any time and on any occasion the need arises.

If you vote for me and I am elected Houston Branch Agent, I give you my pledge that you will not regret it, for I will serve you always ,well and to the best of my ability.



**Maury Welsh**

After thirtyyears in the MEBA, I am announcing my candidacy for Houston Branch Agent. I am running because I see a need for updating the way our halls do business. I am particularly interested in updating the procedure of the union hall. For example, I would like to see time clocks in all union halls; I would like the shipping rules to be looked at to see if there is improvement that can be made; I would like to

see if we could better explain the bidding process to members. If the union hall operation can be standardized and the job description of a union official is explicit, I believe the overall functioning of our union can be improved. I look forward to your support of my candidacy for Houston Branch Agent.

Maurice Welsh



**Dana Woodruff**

Greetings MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am **Dana Woodruff** and I request your vote and support for Branch Agent of the port of Houston. I graduated from the US Merchant Marine Academy in 1999 with degrees in both Marine Engineering and Marine Transportation. I have been your elected Houston Branch Agent since 2008. I have also served as an Alternate Trustee to the MEBA Benefit Plans since 2008.

seek out new employment opportunities for our membership. I have been working with Texas Workforce Solutions to obtain grant money to do local training. I am pleased to announce that the Houston MEBA hall was just awarded \$16,273 and we have the possibility of receiving even more funding in the October cycle.

I have always believed that a job is what you make out of it. I am not satisfied to simply sit idly by and collect dues and run union meetings. I have a dynamic outlook on the maritime industry and refuse to allow MEBA to be anything but the best that it possibly can be.

I have also been very fiscally responsible with your union dues dollars as I promised I would be. A simple check of last years MEBA LM-2 will show my expenses as compared with other MEBA elected and appointed officials.

I am proud to once again be associated with **Mike Jewell** and the **MEBA UNITED (www.mebaunited.org)** team and I ask you to please support each member of our united team. Together, we will make a big difference for you and your family.

Thank you for entrusting me to serve you and our fraternal union and it will be my honor to continue in your service.

Together with Houston Patrolman **Mike Dunklin** and Erin , we have established and maintained a hall that provides first class member service both at the hall and throughout the ports served by our Houston hall. We constantly communicate with our membership at sea and landside and provide answers and resolutions to union and Plans issues. The bottom line is that if you have a question or concern, the Houston hall will provide an answer and solution.

If you recall my campaign statement of three years ago, you will see that I have lived up to everything that I promised and stated that I would do for our membership. I have established MEBA's name throughout the Houston maritime community and I continually

## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF BRANCH AGENT OF LOS ANGELES



### Robert C. Madden

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am **Robert Madden** and I ask for your vote and support this election for MEBA Branch Agent of the Port of Los Angeles.

I am originally from Florida and grew up a proud member of a military family. I am married to my wonderful and lovely wife Sharon and have eight terrific children. I have a strong faith and belief in Family, God, Country and our MEBA.

I spent ten years in the US Army as a Paratrooper, Ranger, Long Range Lightweight Infantryman, and a Nuclear Biological Chemical Specialist. I also served as an Operation's Sergeant for a 636 man Combat Ready Battalion for our Rapid Deployment Strike Force. This military experience allowed me to obtain extensive experience in leadership, logistics, tactics, planning, and training.

I was awarded Army Commendation Medals three times for meritorious achievement. One such award was for heroism that resulted in a saved life and the capture of an armed criminal. I also received the Army Achievement Medal three times for outstanding achievement above and beyond the call of duty.

I began my maritime career in 1991 as an oiler in the Gulf of Mexico aboard a supply boat. Two years later I was the Chief Engineer, and the next seven years I spent as Chief Engineer on river heavy line tows moving cargo from St Louis to New Orleans and on an ATB hauling grain worldwide.

I joined M.E.B.A. in 1999 and began sailing on the Kuwaiti Tankers as a Third Engineer. Later, I sailed for Liberty Maritime and OSG. For the last five years I have sailed out of the LA hall off the board for Matson and APL.

By nature, I am hard working, loyal, and dedicated. I take on tasks with enthusiasm and have an unrelenting desire for positive and effective outcomes. I will live in the in the port area where I am elected. I look forward to serving with **Ernest Leep** and together we will establish a hall that provides answers, results, and honor for our membership. I will be a faithful steward of our union treasury and uphold the heritage, principles and traditions of our great MEBA union.

With your support and vote, I can and I will make a difference for you, your family, and the entire MEBA. Please support the entire **MEBA UNITED** team and for more information, visit: [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org).



### Adam Vokac

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Branch Agent in the Port of Los Angeles with the MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

My background, morals and drive to succeed have been, and will continue to be, an asset to MEBA and its members.

I was appointed Honolulu Representative early in 2008 and quickly worked to improve both the service to our members and to increase the MEBA's political presence in Hawaii by strengthening our ties with local unions, politicians and support for the Jones Act. Last year Mike Nizetich and I, with the support of Headquarters, successfully negotiated a 9-year contract with Norwegian Cruise Lines that included a large pay increase for the members, alongside a substantial increase in contributions to the Training Plan, the AMC and the JEC.

After graduating from Kings Point as Valedictorian in 2000, I had many opportunities. My service on several MEBA vessels as a cadet, however, made my decision to join the best and most-respected maritime Union a simple one. Immediately after the ceremony, I drove straight to the New York Hall and joined the MEBA.

I sailed on two Alaska Tanker Company vessels before coming ashore to further my education at MIT where I completed Master's degrees in both Mechanical Engineering and Ocean Systems Management.

After Graduate School, I moved out to Hawaii and joined a MEBA-contracted cruise ship. While working in several capacities for Norwegian Cruise Lines, I upgraded to a First Engineer Motor and Second Engineer Steam License and served as First Engineer on two of the company's ships. Twice I went to Germany as part of the MEBA NCL site team to oversee the final months of completion on two of their MEBA vessels.

I have sincerely worked to better the lives of the local MEBA community, as well as any member who is passing through. I believe the Union is here to assist and support the members, and not the other way around. I work to encourage young, ambitious engineers and mates to join our Union and succeed. I live and work by the simple motto, "Leave the ship better than you found it!"

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF BRANCH AGENT OF SEATTLE



### Jim McCrary

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Branch Agent in the Port of Seattle with the MEBA's Future 2010 team.

During my time as Seattle Patrolman, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the membership with with transparency, accountability and responsibility.

With over 30 years of sailing deep sea and nearly 4 years in MEBA's leadership, I have gained extensive experience in contract negotiations and grievance and conflict resolutions. I have saved the union considerable time and money by being able to settle many disputes on the deck plates with a fair and just outcome for all concerned.

Earlier this year I testified before the Washington State Senate's Transportation Committee to ensure that Washington State Ferry workers would not be removed from the Jones Act. I have worked closely with the WSF Representative, Jeff Duncan, during the bargaining of the 2009-2011 contract and continue to support him in the current negotiations.

I am a delegate to the Martin Luther King County Labor Council and have served as a delegate to the Washington State Labor Council Conventions. This has helped to build MEBA's labor and political relationships in Seattle and across the state.

I joined MEBA in 1991 during Desert Storm, and have sailed Tankers, OBO, LNG, Bulklers, and Container vessels throughout my career. I have worked my way up the ladder and currently hold a First Assistant Unlimited HP Steam/Motor/Gas Turbine license.

As your Branch Agent in the Port of Seattle, I will continue my proven track record of working hard and doing everything possible to better the lives and of our great membership.

Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Tug/Barge, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, NOAA, POID, or CBJ, the MEBA'sFuture2010 team will work hard for you each and every day. That is the commitment you will have when you vote for Don Keefe and for MEBA'sFuture2010.

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### Dave Nashif

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am **Dave Nashif** and I humbly ask for your vote for Seattle Branch agent. I bring 27 years of sailing experience aboard MEBA contracted ships, honorable active service in the military during an Asian war, and a family history of MEBA membership. Serving the union and

our membership is a sacred responsibility I commit to without reservation.

**I grew up in a Maritime family** in Northern New Jersey. My dad Dave Nashif Sr joined the MEBA during WWII. My brother Ken graduated from the Calhoon school in Group 70A. I grew up in the shadow of New York harbor with finger piers filled with the legacy carriers of today

I joined the US Air Force following high school and served 24 months in Southeast Asia flying combat missions above the Gulf of Tonkin during Vietnam. The greatest lesson I learned during my service as a non-commissioned officer was to ensure my command slept first, ate first, got time off first, and got paid first. Members who have sailed with me know that I follow these basic tenants of leadership as an engineer. As a member in the MEBA your interests will always come first, which is my solemn promise.

**I graduated from the Calhoon School** in February of 1983 and began shipping out of the Seattle Union Hall with the Alaska Marine Highway, the Washington State Ferries, and deep sea. I am currently assigned to the Horizon Pacific .

I have taken various college courses throughout my career including upper level courses in Labor Studies. I have also served as union shop committeeman in local 79 of the International Association of Machinists.

Every member deserves the respect and attention of their elected union officials. A job assignment may take you to a tanker terminal or remote location for a car carrier or military charter. I assure you if a union representative is required or requested, I will be there to offer the full services of the MEBA. I have always led from the front and I will continue to do so as your MEBA Seattle Branch Agent.

I look forward to working closely with **Nathan Williams** in our Seattle hall. **I will work to establish a MEBA Ferry Coalition for our various ferry members** across the country. I ask you to vote for and support the entire **MEBA UNITED** team and please visit: [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org).

## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN IN THE PORT OF NEW YORK



### Richard Adams

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am **Richard Adams** and I seek your vote and support for Patrolman of the Port of New York.

I have been a member of MEBA for over 30 years and have sailed deep sea throughout my professional career. I am a native of New York City and a 1975 graduate of SUNY Maritime College. I have done graduate work in engineering at New Jersey Institute of Technology and have a Graduate Business Certificate from Long Island University. I have also completed a number of courses at CMES.

Since 1970, I have made computers my hobby and my passion. In the 1990s, I completed Microsoft courses on Net+ and A+ of which I am certified and continue to update.

I need your vote and support for Patrolman because I want to make a difference for you and I want to contribute to the survival and welfare of our union through true and sincere union democracy. Union democracy can only effectively exist when there is open fairness in the election process and complete transparency with our membership.

In my professional career, I have always made it a practice to ensure that the engineers relieving me were well informed about conditions that exist and have existed before and during my relief. I feel the moral obligation to inform people of conditions which may affect their job or their safety. At the same time, for our deep sea members, the patrolman is the most important union official you deal with. I will be on the front line of union transparency and the first to resolve your issues before they reach the grievance level. I will be the one you count on to disseminate crucial information and I will be the one you depend upon to provide honest accurate answers to your questions and concerns. It will be my job to keep my finger on the pulse of the membership and to never forget our rank and file members.

As NY Patrolman, my job will be broad and wide-ranging across our inland member sector to include such groups as the Staten Island Ferries and the Fire Department of NY Marine Division. I look forward to working with my great friend **Chris Guerra** to serve all our MEBA members both deep sea, inland, and harbor. Please support the entire **MEBA UNITED** team and for more information, go to [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org). **This**



### Don Raffaniello

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Patrolman in the Port of New York with the MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, I graduated from the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School in 1984 and have worked under the MEBA umbrella since that time. I feel deep gratitude to MEBA-D1 for giving me the opportunity to earn an excellent living for myself and my family. Now it is time for me to use my experience and talent to give back to the Union that has been so good to me.

For the past thirteen years, I have worked primarily as Port Engineer for various companies including USSM, E-Ships and Horizon Lines. This work has afforded me the opportunity to deal with many of our shipping companies' senior executives, which has helped me develop a better understanding of how we can work with them to improve the position of the MEBA. Also, as current Vice-President of the Society of Marine Port Engineers, I am in a position to meet and work with many of the important players in our industry.

The first half of my career with the MEBA was spent sailing out of the Hall on the East and Gulf Coasts on all types of vessels under MEBA contract. During that time I advanced my license to Chief Engineer of Steam, Motor and Gas Turbine Vessels of Any Horsepower. During the tenuous days of the early 1990s, when DeFries and company were threatening to destroy our Union, I spent my fair share of nights and weekends manning the New York Union Hall.

The incumbent members of the MEBA'sFuture2010 team have done an excellent job for us, making many positive changes. One of the more important accomplishments was taking our Union finances from a deficit to a positive cash flow. Now I would like the opportunity to work with that team, making our Union even stronger and more financially stable.

Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Tug/Barge, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, NOAA, POID or CBJ, every member of the MEBA'sFuture2010 team will work hard for you each and every day.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN IN THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS



### Wilson Aaron Johns

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

My name is **Wilson Aaron Johns** and I ask for your vote and support for New Orleans Patrolman this election.

My family was involved in union organizing on the docks of San Francisco before Bloody Thursday, 1934. My own work on behalf of the MEBA began in 1992 as an applicant with picket duty outside the Portland union hall and then a few months later I spent eight nights sleeping in and defending our Wilmington, California union hall.

In 1994 I began attending maritime roundtable meetings with Northwest federal and state officials. Education outreach is where good policy is made and bad policy defeated. These opportunities are crucial in getting our message out that the Jones Act has clear advantages for our nation's economy and security. The attack on the Jones Act happening now is getting absolutely no support with those officials who have witnessed my various maritime industry presentations over the past 16 years. This citizen activism is one example of my work ethic and dedication that I bring to our union and our profession.

I initiated the effort to get the MEBA reinstated with the Oregon state AFL-CIO. Currently, I am the Maritime Trades Section chair and have been to over a dozen picket lines in support of union workers from all sectors. Just this May, I spoke at an Inland Boatman's Union picket. When the ILWU was locked out in 2002, I was the MEBA liaison. As a result, the IBU knows when they are in trouble, MEBA will be there to support them and we can count on them in turn.

**I have experience as an Acting Seattle Patrolman, Acting San Francisco Representative and Portland Representative** so I already know the job I am seeking and can provide the quality of service you deserve. My experience in working with congressman and senators leaves me in a unique position to seek out new MEBA employment opportunities in the Gulf. I am committed to relocating to and working to establish a MEBA political base for you and our union in New Orleans.

There will be a candidate for this office with a similar name, but not my long history of working to secure a strong and stable future for you and your families. Please support the entire **MEBA UNITED** team ([www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org)) and mark your ballot alphabetically - vote for **WILSON AARON JOHNS**.

In Solidarity



### Wilfred "Wil" Jones

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for New Orleans Patrolman and Delegate to the MEBA National Convention with MEBA'sFuture2010.

On August 1, 2006 I was appointed MEBA Representative for the Port of New Orleans.

After the retirement of our long time New Orleans Dispatcher in January, 2007, in the best interest of the Organization the decision was made to combine both the Dispatcher and Representative positions into one position. I assumed this added responsibility without hesitation. After being elected Patrolman for the Port of New Orleans I have continued to serve the Membership as both Patrolman and Dispatcher. Members that I have had the pleasure of serving in the New Orleans area no that I am a proven dedicated and passionate Union Official. Whether dispatching a job or calling on a ship, the pleasure is mine to serve you, THE MEMBERSHIP.

I started sailing as a forty year old wiper and within a little over four years sat for the Third Assistant License. Prior to becoming a Union Official I sailed on tankers and in the LMSR Fleet.

As Representative and Patrolman I have taken several courses at the National Labor College in Silver Spring, MD and Santa Fe, NM. In 2006 I became a board member of the Foundation for the Advancement of Maritime Education or F.A.M.E., a group of local Education and Maritime professionals with the goal of ultimately creating a Maritime curriculum based high school in the New Orleans area.

The Maritime Industry is constantly changing and we as an organization must be able to anticipate these changes and respond in a way that does not adversely affect the MEBA as an organization or it's Membership.

Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Tug/Barge, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, NOAA, POID, or CBJ, the MEBA'sFuture2010 team will work hard for you each and every day. That is the commitment you will have when you vote for Don Keefe and for MEBA'sFuture2010.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN IN THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO



### Patrick D. Anderson

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My name is **Patrick Anderson**; I am running for **San Francisco Patrolman and Delegate to the National MEBA Convention**.

I am a 1988 graduate of California Maritime Academy and have been a member of MEBA for over 21 years. I've sailed off the board, been a port engineer, contract negotiator, and I have a vast knowledge of contracts, grievance processes, and helping my union brothers and sisters. I am a sailing member who grew up and still lives in the Bay area with my wife and two daughters.

**I have served as Financial Review Committee Chairman, and was elected to the 2008 MEBA National Convention as Delegate to represent our membership.**

I have never been appointed to any MEBA position and do not believe that backdoor appointments serve the membership in the true sense of union democracy. Over the past years we have had cloak and dagger administrations, lack of information and respect for the membership, and individuals being appointed to elected positions without any membership say.

You deserve better. Don't be fooled by elected officials flying all over the country toting how great they are or glossy campaign flyers arriving in your mail box. Look at the record. Would any of these officials ever sail on the contracts they negotiated or signed? How many of them have gone to sea in the last ten years? How well do they really understand what is actually taking place on the ships?

As Patrolman, you can count on me when your ship comes into port and I will have the information and answers you are looking for. Working closely with **Dave Nolan**, together we will bring new energy into our Oakland Hall.

**With Smart Management Decisions, Clear Vision for the future, and Maritime Industry Diversity** our union can once again be a dynamic worldwide maritime force and not just be an idle passenger. **Photo ops in our union paper may be nice, but that doesn't equate to a smart union official or a sound leadership decisions - it's just a photo.** Get on board this election, please vote for and support the entire **MEBA UNITED** team and for more information, please visit: [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org).

Also, I sincerely wish thank those who voted for me last election for Patrolman and I earnestly ask those who did not to please reconsider and lend me your support this election. I promise you - you



### Doug Dawes

Union Brothers and Sisters;

I am running for Patrolman of SF/Oakland and would like your vote. I joined the Union in 1990 and been sailing deep sea for twenty years, mostly out of SF/Oakland. Prior to that, I served in the U.S. Navy followed by attending and graduating from CMA in 1989. I have also

worked as a Port Engineer and as a Marine Engineering Instructor at CMA for a semester in 2008.

I have learned that there is two types of people running for office in this union. First is the man who seeks office for his own self interest and glory. Second is the man who seeks office to represent and serve his union brothers in their best interest. I am that second man.

I have also learned that freedom is not free. A person must earn and constantly defend his freedom just as we must constantly and vigilantly defend our own Union interests and freedom. I am not beholden to either slate but can work with other Union officials provided that it is in this Union best interest.

We are a democratic Union accountable to the members. I will be accountable for my actions and nothing will be hidden from the membership. Honesty and Integrity still have a meaning. Empty promises and boastful rhetoric is not what I am about. If you want that, vote for someone else. We already have seen enough of that throughout life. I am proud of this Union and being a member is an honor. I earned my membership through work, sweat, sleep deprivation and the rolling of the seas. I want to earn the right to represent the membership as Patrolman of SF/Oakland.

Thank you and Take Care, Douglas C. Dawes MB 50639

## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN IN THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO (CONTINUED)



### Mark Taylor

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Oakland/San Francisco Patrolman and National Convention Delegate with the MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

As a sailing member, I understand the needs of the hardworking membership, the pride that we share in our work and our union, and the dedication, integrity and passion that we put into our jobs on the water. I will bring these core principles to my work as Oakland/San Francisco Patrolman and Delegate.

I have the drive, energy and belief in MEBA to deliver the service and representation that the membership deserves. I feel very fortunate to have joined the MEBA and appreciate those members who came before me to allow me to have the opportunities that I have had. My goal is to ensure that the same opportunities will be available to future MEBA members.

Raised in San Francisco, I started sailing with MEBA upon graduating from the California Maritime Academy in 1999. As a member of MEBA I have sailed both permanent and out of the hall, providing

me with true understanding of the issues that affect both groups.

For those of you that I have been privileged to sail with, I ask you to share with our fellow union brothers and sisters the qualities that I have that will allow me to serve the membership with the dedication that we all deserve.

I will deliver to the members a smooth-running hall, as well as a commitment to listen to their needs, and will put in the energy and time to provide current and future members with a strong and functioning union. I am willing to make the sacrifices necessary to guarantee that the membership receives the service that they deserve while working out of the port of Oakland/San Francisco. I will be proud to serve as your elected Oakland/San Francisco Patrolman and Convention Delegate.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN IN THE PORT OF HOUSTON



### B.M. "Mike" Dunklin

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am **Mike Dunklin** and I ask for your vote for Patrolman in the Port of Houston. I am a native Texan, a US Marine Corps veteran and a graduate of the Calhoun cadet program. I have a BS degree from the University of Texas and a Master's degree from Lamar University.

I hold a Chief Engineer's license and I have been your Patrolman in Houston since 2008.

In my capacity as Patrolman, I have visited over 500 ships and cover the coast from Brownsville, TX to Lake Charles, LA. I am diligent with our union funds and assist as much as possible in controlling the overall operating costs of our Houston hall. I encourage everyone to review the MEBA LM-2 report for the last 2 years to see how thrifty I have been with your dues dollars. I never try to "pass the buck" and I attempt to answer your questions immediately and resolve issues while they are still on the vessel.

I also attend Texas and Harris County AFL-CIO meetings and currently am a member of the organizing committee. As a result of my activity, I was presented with a Texas AFL-CIO Community Service Award.

I take unionism very seriously and I try to practice brotherhood in my daily life. Brotherhood founded our great union and brotherhood can sustain us if our fraternal ties remain strong and our convictions remain steadfast to the heritage and traditions upon which MEBA created.

Our membership has entrusted me with great responsibility and to that end, I am very grateful. I hope I have earned your trust and respect through the job I have performed and the services that I have rendered over the past few years. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know the many members who visit our Houston area ports. Together with **Dana Woodruff** and Erin, we have attempted to become a true hall for member services.

I am proud to be once again running with the **MEBA UNITED** team ([www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org)) and if elected as a group, we will take MEBA to new heights and influence throughout the entire maritime industry. History has taught us that unionism is directly linked to democracy. This election, as a MEBA union member, exercise your democratic right and **PLEASE VOTE**. Don't allow the outcome of this election to be determined by your apathy or someone else's vote.



**Jon H. Erlandson**

Brothers and Sisters,

I'd like to introduce myself as candidate for the position of Houston Patrolman. I'm a 3rd generation Merchant *Mariner* and in 1979 graduate of the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School. I actively sail until 1992, when I met my wife and pursued an interest in Computer Science and Internet technology. I studied

Unix Administration, Database and Graphic Design. I returned to sailing in 2000 after several years of developing Internet related software and websites. I currently reside in Houston with my wife Pamela, and ship from the board in the Houston hall.

I look forward to assuming the duties of Patrolman and also, possibly contributing to the redesign of our website and its functionality, as I believe both are terribly lacking. I'm asking for your support to make this happen.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Fraternally,

Jon Erlandson



**Charles E. Jerrier Jr.**

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Houston Patrolman and National Convention Delegate with the MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

I joined MEBA promptly after graduating from Maine Maritime Academy in 1990.. For the last 20 years, I have been sailing off the board in rotary positions on a multitude of MEBA contracted companies.

As a first generation Union Member, I recognize the ineffectiveness of cronyism and strong arming. Understanding the goal of a stronger Union, and implementing a plan to achieve it, should be the primary objective.

In the Hall and the ships, I have always taken the time to help the less-experienced members understand how MEBA's system works and have consistently made Spring and Fall recruiting trips to Maine and Massachusetts Maritime Academies. As an activist member, I have lobbied the Massachusetts State Capitol on our issues and have regularly contributed to the Political Action Fund.

Our mission can be achieved through solidarity, education, recruitment and political effectiveness. A united front with all of our brothers and sisters is critical to success. We need to teach our newer members, applicants and future generation of mariners about our Constitution, By-laws, Shipping Rules, Contracts and Benefits with unprecedented transparency and openness. We need to devote more effort to recruitment at the maritime schools and communication to, and about, the larger maritime trades. We need to channel our resources towards local, state and federal government to ensure Our voice is heard.

I am a serious person you can believe in for a position of critical importance. It was instilled in me at an early age that, no matter what you choose to do in life, you must do it to the best of your ability. That is why as a MEBA member, I have been compelled to offer my skills and dedication to our membership.

I would ask that you also support Tom Suneson as Gulf Coast VP and Karol Kingery as Houston Branch Agent. Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Tug/Barge, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, POID or CBJ, every member of the MEBA'sFuture2010 team will work hard for you each and every day.

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN IN THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES



### Richard D. Doherty

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Los Angeles Patrolman and National Convention Delegate with the MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

I graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1976 and have been a member in good standing in the D1-MEBA since 1985. I have shipped off both coasts and have been shipping out of the Wilmington Hall since 2001. My wife of 22 years and I relocated from Connecticut to San Pedro, California, in 2001.

I have worked on various steam and diesel ships including but not limited to Victory ships, tankers, NOAA research ships, Alaska State Ferrier, Washington State Ferries, C-8, C-9, C-10 and C-11 class ships. I am also a plank owner in the New York City Department of Transportation/Corrections Prison Ferry Boats. While employed with the New York DOT/DOC, I completed a degree in Business Management.

I have walked picket lines in support of local job actions and I was fortunate to be able to participate in and contribute to the recently successful Matson and Connolly-Pacific contract negotiations.

Since March 2010, I have been serving as the Wilmington Hall Representative. My time as Wilmington's Representative has afforded me the opportunity to meet and assist many members, participate in contract negotiations, work with member grievances, visit ships, and run job calls. I have made a point, in the course of doing the Representative's job, to take the time to maintain the relationships we have with the other unions that we work alongside.

I consider knowledge to be a gift which I have given back and shared freely with those I have worked with. I have climbed inside steel drums, been pushed head first into mud drums to repair tube leaks and also know my way around C-10 and C-11 crankcases. My overall career experience will serve me well when assisting members who come to me for help.

I will ensure that the service members have come to expect from the Los Angeles Hall continues during my term.

Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Tug/Barge, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, POID or CBJ, every member of the MEBA'sFuture2010 team will work hard for you each and every day. That is the commitment you will have when you vote for Don Keefe and for MEBA'sFuture2010.

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### Ernest Leep

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters, My name is **Ernest Leep** and I'm asking for your vote and support this election for Patrolman in the Port of Los Angeles. I am a West Coast native, born and raised in Southern California. My wife Paula and I make our home in Huntington Beach, CA so **I DO LIVE WHERE I WILL BE WORKING.**

Except for a few years working in a shore side power plant I have spent my entire career at sea. I have been sailing with MEBA for 14 years, the last 10 years out of our LA hall.

After serving on active duty in the US Navy, I went to work for Military Sealift Command where I was Engine Delegate on 3 different MSC ships. This role gave me an introduction to the duties associated with union representation and grievance resolution. After leaving MSC, I worked for 3 years as maintenance supervisor during the construction and start-up of a utility power plant. This opportunity gave me direct inside knowledge of the Power Generation and Distribution Industry which now allows me access to an associated industry that is readily available for broadening employment opportunities for MEBA. When elected I intend to champion, with the full support of our **MEBA UNITED** team, an initiative that was started 10 years ago: to provide MEBA labor to the power industry.

As Patrolman, I fully realize that my primary job will be to provide our membership the best possible and reliable representation that I can deliver. For our deep sea membership, the Patrolman in the hall and onboard ship is probably the most important official in our union. I have sailed for most of our deep sea contracted companies on the West Coast. I already know our contracts and the issues that you face each and every day.

You deserve an educated and knowledgeable patrolman who will give you prompt and accurate attention and action. When elected, I will, on my own time, further my service to you by completing a course of study at the National Labor College.

I look forward to serving with **Bob Madden** here in the Port of LA. Please give us the tools to succeed for MEBA – Please elect the entire **MEBA UNITED** team ([www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org)). Thank you and it will be my sincere honor to serve you in the upcoming years.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PATROLMAN IN THE PORT OF SEATTLE



### **Kevin M. Cross**

**THINK BIG: VOTE CROSS**

My Name is Kevin Cross--and I hope you will consider voting for me.

I grew up in southern Maine, graduated from Maine Maritime, and applied for membership in the Boston Hall.

Sailing for the first four years of my MEBA career out of the LA hall, I eventually found myself living in Tacoma, Washington. The Seattle Hall is where I now call home.

Sailing off of the board, I started on the Kuwaiti Tankers, then sailed for Alaska Tanker Company, Central Gulf Lines, American President Lines, NOAA, and Horizon Lines. I currently hold a 1st Assistant Steam/Motor/Gas Turbine Unlimited HP License.

Before joining MEBA in 2001, I had the misfortune of working 15 months for a non-union company drilling exploratory oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico. After experiencing those toxic working conditions, I came to realize how important the protections and benefits of being a MEBA member are. What we have must be protected, and I will work for you to grow those benefits.

The current climate of the average American workplace seems to be a race to the bottom. Employers seem content paying subsistence wages to low-skill workers, and the middle class is in a radical decline. In the early 1980's over 20% of American workers were proud Union Brothers and Sisters. Today that number is a paltry 7%. We can do better. A RISING TIDE RAISES ALL SHIPS.



### **Jeff Duncan**

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Patrolman in the Port of Seattle and for Delegate to the National MEBA Convention with the MEBA'sFuture2010 team.

I am currently serving as Representative of the Washington State Ferries, the largest bargaining unit in the MEBA. I was first elected to this position by the WSF membership in 2006 and re-elected in 2009. As Representative I have been the lead negotiator for the WSF licensed and unlicensed contracts, as well as the new King County Passenger-only Contract. I have cut legal costs while continuing to settle some 60 grievances and win arbitration awards for the membership.

I have also worked hard to bring a coalition of 13 unions together for legislative and collective bargaining strength and solidarity. I represent MEBA on the Martin Luther King County Labor Council and have served as delegate each of the last five years to the Washington State Labor Council Conventions. Both of these Councils have served as great opportunities to cultivate labor and legislative relationships, which have helped to strengthen MEBA's leadership both in the labor community and in the state capitol.

My labor education at the University of Oregon and the National Labor College includes Grievance Handling, Arbitration Preparation and Presentation, Collective Bargaining and Communication Skills for Union Activists.

I started my sailing career in 1988 on factory trawlers in Alaska and have been a MEBA member for 11 years.

As Seattle Patrolman I will continue my proven track record of working hard to improve the lives of the membership and their families every day. Also, I will work to run the Seattle Hall as effectively and efficiently as possible, always remembering whom we are elected to serve, you the member.

Whether you are from the Deep Sea, the Ready Reserve Fleet, the Tug/Barge, the Ferry Boats, MSC, the Army Corps, POID or CBJ, every member of the MEBA'sFuture2010 team will work hard for you each and every day. That is the commitment you will have when you vote for Don Keefe and for MEBA'sFuture2010.

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**Nathan Williams**

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I am **Nathan Williams** and I ask for your vote and support for patrolman in Seattle. I graduated from Kings Point in 2001 with a Marine Engineering Systems degree. I joined the MEBA because I believe it has first class officers and quality representation. I have sailed

out of the hall and have made my career on many different contracts; working the crude tankers of Alaska, relief jobs for the Alaska Marine Highway, car carriers, Waterman’s military sealift program, NOAA, Matson, Horizon, APL.

I currently sail as 1<sup>st</sup> on one of OSG’s new product tankers. I have been a group one member since 2006. I started out as a single sailor and now know the enjoyment of having a wife and daughter but at the same time also know the hardships of being away while pursuing a seagoing career. I know how difficult it is to ship out of the hall away from home while spending 6 weeks waiting for a job.

Having been from one end of MEBA’s contracted fleet to another and back again, I fully realize and understand how our various contracts have evolved and that all MEBA members need and deserve good representation and honest leadership. I believe that the union representatives work for the membership not the other

way around. Union officials should maintain open communication and transparency at all levels. Union officials must commit to the members who elect them and they must reside or relocate to the area they are going to serve.

As patrolman, I am devoted to resolving the issues and disputes where they originate – on the ship. I will be your direct link between yourself and the MEBA administration and I am resolute to always keep this direct line of communication open and available to you – you deserve nothing less.

It is in this sense that I truly believe in the goals and objectives of the **MEBA UNITED** team. Seattle is a very important MEBA hall that serves a cross section of our membership including Deep Sea, Washington State Ferries, POID, Alaska Marine Highway as well as others. **Dave Nashiff** and I will work as a team to make the Seattle Hall a resource that our membership can take pride in.

Please support the entire **MEBA UNITED** team and for more information, visit: [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org).

Thank you for your vote and support.  
Your fraternal brother,  
Nate

**CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL M.E.B.A. CONVENTION**

**Richard Adams (See statement on page 17)**

**Patrick D. Anderson (See statement on page 19)**



**David A. Cake**

Hi, my name is **Dave Cake** and I ask for your vote for Delegate to the MEBA National Convention.

I am a 1982 graduate of Calhoun MEBA Engineering School, Group 75-A. Throughout my shipboard career, I have sailed on just about every type of vessel under MEBA contract. I

have a Chief Engineer’s Steam & Motor license, and for the last ten years have worked for Keystone Shipping aboard the MARAD RRF vessel M/V Cape Rise as the permanent First Assistant Engineer. I also fill in when needed as relief Chief on the Rise, and Chief or First on other Keystone Government Fleet ships. During my time aboard, the Cape Rise has been very actively involved in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II and Operation Enduring Freedom.

I have been married to my wife Nancy for 14 years. We have three children and live in Virginia Beach, VA.

The MEBA National Convention is a very important institution where members can participate through elected delegates in the evolution and advancement of our union. While I do believe some change is needed and justified, **I am firm in my belief, and dedicated to**

**preserving the heritage and the very foundation upon which our union was founded.** From a number of independent locals in the beginning, to the united national union of today, we must continue to ensure a vibrant and thriving MEBA for tomorrow’s member. As your convention delegate, my goal is to help restore your faith in the MEBA, and further the agenda of the membership at our National Convention, instead of it simply being a mere ceremonial event.

I would also urge you to vote for and support **Mike Jewell** and the entire **MEBA UNITED** team this election. Mike and I have been close personal friends since high school, and I can assure you that Mike’s integrity and passion to see MEBA thrive is unrelenting. Mike and I share many of the same opinions and beliefs in our union, our profession, and our industry. You won’t be disappointed in Mike’s ability to lead, his commitment to MEBA, and his steadfast moral compass. For more information, visit: [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org).

I would greatly appreciate your confidence in me and the opportunity to represent you, the working members of our historic brotherhood at our National Convention in March 2011.

Fraternally Yours,  
David A. Cake

No Photo  
Submitted

## Bill Campbell

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am respectfully asking for your vote for Delegate to the National Convention. I graduated from the Calhoon MEBA Engineering School in 1984. I then sailed for seventeen years on various deep sea vessels. The last six sailing as Chief Engineer and I currently hold a Chief Engineers License of Steam, Motor and Gas Turbine. Since January 2002, it has been with pride and honor for me to have served as your Boston MEBA representative. The Boston Union Hall is the most cost efficient in the nation. Consistently bringing in the most dues revenue and leading in recruitment of new applicants. During my tenure as representative, I have gained thorough experience

in contract negotiations, organizing, grievance and arbitration procedures, unfair labor practice filings, and state and federal legislative initiatives procedures and practices. I have achieved strong legislative ties to state and federal government officials through various political organizations. These relationships are key to organizing, recruitment, and contract resolutions. I am proud of the achievements of our current president, Don Keefe. In the last three years, your union has come a long way. The MEBA is now on solid financial ground. MEBA Wages, Pension, Medical & Training benefits are the envy of the industry. I fully support the MEBA's Future 2010 team. Vote for Your Future and the highly qualified candidates running in this election with Don Keefe and the MEBA's Future 2010 Team! Please visit [MEBA'sFUTURE2010.com](http://MEBA'sFUTURE2010.com) for more information.

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## Kevin M. Cross (See statement on page 23)



## Timothy J. Dayton

I am a 1976 graduate of Kings Point and hold an Unlimited Masters License Oceans and First Class Pilotage for all of the Great Lakes. I also have a Master's Degree in Accounting and Financial Information Systems from Cleveland State University and graduating in March of 1989. I have been sailing on the Great Lakes since graduation and as Master since 1986.

Since 1992, I've been a permanent Master with Interlake Steamship and am currently on the M/V Paul R. Tregurtha which was recently featured in Discovery Channel's "Mighty Ships" series.

I sincerely ask for your support and vote for Convention Delegate as I hope to provide needed Great Lakes and honest unionwide representation. I am very concerned about the direction of MEBA since we have seen what has become of the promises made and contract language that was forced upon the Interlake Officers in 2003. It is unbelievable that while we have asked for assistance and direction, we have not found any support on any level. It is a sad reality that apparently the membership and the contracts are not given a priority.

We need a MEBA administration where all negotiations are transparent and include direct input from the membership. We need an administration that openly and honestly communicates with the entire membership. The Pension Plan issue with Interlake Steamship is just one example of the mounting issues that have been allowed to develop. This issue affects every MEBA member for if inactions and misrepresentations such as these are not challenged, the sad reality is that union leadership will be emboldened to conduct business in this manner whenever it chooses to. Please go to [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org) to read my full statement concerning the broken promises and lack of administration support over the Interlake Steamship contract.

We simply cannot nor should we tolerate leadership that turns its back on the rank and file. We need to restore integrity and commitment to our elected union offices. We need new direction and change in our union that will actually mean something to the average member. I sincerely ask you to support and vote for the entire MEBA UNITED Team. Mike Jewell and the MEBA UNITED are committed to the principles of union democracy and MEBA heritage. Elect MEBA UNITED; otherwise, you only have to look to the Lakes to see the rocks where this ship of labor is headed.

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## Richard D. Doherty (See statement on page 22)

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## Jeff Duncan (See statement on page 23)

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## B.M. "Mike" Dunklin (See statement on page 20)

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**Mark S. Gallagher**

My name is Mark S. Gallagher and I respectfully request your support to serve as your representative to the National MEBA Convention. I believe my past experience would be very valuable in making the National Convention a success, as I have had the privilege of serving as a delegate at three previous conventions.

I sailed from the MEBA Hall in Baltimore from 1992 – 1996. In 1996, I was hired as a full time representative at headquarters in Washington, DC. In this capacity, I work as the Contracts Compliance Officer, tracking and adjusting wages and benefits as required under the various MEBA collective bargaining agreements and perform the function of union liaison between the contracted operators and the MEBA Benefit Plans for those adjustments. Additionally, I perform research and cost analysis during contract negotiations; draft contract language and government bid proposals for approval and support the out ports by providing assistance with contract interpretation, research and enforcement.

In spite of the worst economic times we have seen in recent memory, MEBA president Don Keefe and his administration have done

a remarkable job the last three years putting MEBA on sound financial footing and operating in the black by reducing costs and cutting expenses in a fiscally prudent manner while continuing to provide the highest level of service to the membership. Additionally, president Keefe went to great lengths to restore health and vitality to the MEBA Benefit Plans, specifically, the Medical Plan, the Training Plan, and the JEC ensuring these funds remain available for their stated purposes in the future and for the benefit of the membership and their families.

President Keefe and his administration not only put MEBA's house in order but also worked diligently to expand the job base for the membership, bringing in three additional non-MSP ships to the APL fleet and one additional non-MSP ship to the MLL fleet.

As your representative to the National Convention, I will do my very best to assist in the formulation of sound democratic policy that will further strengthen the MEBA, support continued growth while protecting hard earned rights won by our MEBA brothers and sisters of years past. I sincerely and fraternally ask for your continued confidence in myself and President Keefe's administration to keep MEBA strong and secure for all members, their families, our retirees and the generations of marine officers that will follow in the years to come.



**Ben Goldrich**

My name is Ben Goldrich and I am running for Delegate to the MEBA National Convention. I have been a MEBA member since 1992 and a MEBA Representative since December 2002. I was a City and Borough of Juneau employee for 10 years and a Shop Steward for most of that time. I have worked on every City and

Borough of Juneau, Alaska Marine Highway, and Samson Tug and Barge contract since 2002. As a MEBA Representative I have had the pleasure of working with a wide spectrum of people and jobs. I think it has given me broad outlook and a common sense approach. I wanted to work for the Union because the Union worked for me. I will not forget for a minute that I am where I am today because of MEBA and I will continue to work to keep the Union strong as a National Delegate. Thank you.

**Charles E. Jerrier Jr. (See statement on page 21)**

**Wilson Aaron Johns (See statement on page 18)**

**Ernest Leep (See statement on page 22)**



**Mark J Lund**

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters,

I'm **Mark Lund** and I ask for your vote for Delegate to our National Convention. I am a 1983 graduate of Kings Point with dual degrees and dual USCG licenses. Like many of you, I am a hard working member of the MEBA family who is sailing to earn a living and looking to secure a future for my family.

I am very concerned about the direction of our union and the lack of creditable leadership at the top. In August, you are going to see a flood of glossy flyers in your mail box with statements about experience, continuity, knowing the issues, taking the credit for no dues increase, being good negotiators, and saving the union money. But, one only has to look at the track record of deception, intimidation and total

lack of respect for the membership who are paying the bills. Take a closer look at the questionable relationships that have evolved with company management which have resulted in the loss of bargaining power for our membership. Pay attention to the lack of maritime industry and AFL-CIO labor respect that has developed towards MEBA. Notice the shortfall of any real power or influence that MEBA has on Capitol Hill or throughout the maritime regulatory agencies or within any branches of our military services. Read between the lines of the MEBA LM-2 financial statements. Question why selling off our MEBA assets is the way to get MEBA back in the black. Ask yourself why only a certain few are attempting to take all the glory and credit in the eyes of our membership.

Brothers and sisters, this time - it's time for a REAL change of direction for MEBA. It's time for a TOTAL change of leadership within MEBA. It's time to elect **Mike Jewell** and the ENTIRE **MEBA UNITED** team ([www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org)). Give Mike the

tools to succeed. Mike has assembled a truly talented team this election. Elect this talent so Mike has the resources to move MEBA forward to a place of esteem within our industry and regain the strength of our MEBA.

I appreciate your time in taking to read my statement and please think about what I have said. At some point, it will be too late to reverse the course of our MEBA ship of state. Act now and put our MEBA back on a true course to success. **Please**



### Jennifer Novinger

Hello. My name is Jennifer Novinger and I am running for Delegate to the National convention.

I have been in the MEBA since 1993, when I was hired to work for APL. This job was a POID job, which most of you know is the Professional Office Division of the MEBA. It offered more in wage and benefits than most other Colorado jobs, and when I talked about it with my father, he said it was because it was under the MEBA umbrella. (My Dad was also an MEBA member in his ATC career, as local President of PATCO.) Well, I saw a lifetime opportunity and got involved. I co-founded APL's office recognition and morale team, was elected office delegate (shop steward), and later attended negotiations as a rank-and-file member. I soon felt the calling to step up further, so in 2001 I left APL and continued with the MEBA as a union official to represent the POID members. I have negotiated several more POID contracts with major wage and benefit increases for our members. I have and continue to help the POID unit weather APL storms (relocating jobs, consolidation, and automation)

and have also taken on the day-to-day support of questions, grievance handling, and union promoting in order to keep our POID brothers and sisters feeling more comfortable in these uncertain times. I pride myself in consistently working toward cultivating a positive Labor-Management relationship and in searching out and implementing solutions that work for our members.

I have been involved in both the Colorado and Rocky Mountain labor movements, and was asked to be part of the local DNC Committee group – scoping out the Pepsi Center and Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium for the Democratic National Convention.

I have met many members in the MEBA family whenever I have been at the halls or the school over the years, and I am honored to be building the POID corner of this great organization. I respectfully request that you allow me to bring my knowledge, skills, and representation of the POID members to the convention to help move the MEBA forward toward a successful future.

Please support me by electing Jennifer Novinger for Convention delegate.



### T.E. Photopoulos

My name is Timothy Photopoulos and I am running for the position of delegate to the national MEBA. I've been a member and have been actively sailing since 2002, mostly aboard tank ships.

My goal is to help promote stewardship to the members, something I feel that has been missing for quite some time. I'd like to help effectively address issues from members out in the fleet and represent the same at the

annual convention and monthly meetings in NY/NJ. The idea is to establish this from the grassroots level so that key issues are heard and successfully dealt with – not ignored.

I respectfully request your vote. If elected, I will be readily available, and I will do my best to represent your ideas and address your concerns.



### Greg Quintana

I am **Greg Quintana** and I request your vote to serve on behalf of the membership as a representative to the National MEBA convention. I have worked for Waterman for the last five years as First Assistant Engineer on board the Maersk containership charters. Previous to that I have worked for Liberty on the bulkers, Patriot on the LMSR's, and on a few other ships which were rotary positions. I first walked through the doors of the Houston hall in 1999 and have acquired 10.5 pension years since my original application to the union. Since 2002 I have sailed out of the Tampa Hall.

and understanding of key issues affecting our union, I believe that I could best serve the membership by bringing a rank and file perspective to the national convention.

The **MEBA UNITED** Team is dedicated to carrying out the wishes of the membership based on a strengthened democratic platform for our union that will better prepare us for the future and the challenges it brings. After carefully evaluating the candidates, it is clear to me that **Mike Jewell is the best choice for MEBA President**. Mike has a solid plan that will guide the MEBA through these tough economic times and best position our union for the future. His forward thinking policies are balanced, fair and focused on the betterment of the union and its members with one singular goal – to become the premier maritime union that it was always destined to be!

For more information please visit [www.mebaunited.org](http://www.mebaunited.org).

Fraternally,

Greg Quintana

I believe our constitution has served us very well since our humble beginnings. However as the industry, legislation, and technology changes, our constitution must evolve to meet these new demands. It is essential that changes are made with careful consideration and critical debate to ensure that these changes don't leave us susceptible to corruption, waste, and theft. Based on my experience, relationships,

**Don Raffaniello (See statement on page 17)**

**Mark Taylor (See statement on page 20)**



**Ray Twitty**

Dear MEBA Brothers and Sisters

My name is **Ray Twitty** and I ask for your vote for Delegate to the MEBA National Convention.

The MEBA Pension Plan has 3% (or less) excess vested funding left in it. That should say everything that needs to be said about the need for leadership change. If you are favorably impressed with the quality of the present MEBA representation, then there is truly nothing else I can say to you. However, if you tired of the status quo, fed up with the lies and backroom deals then I say to you – **it is time for change.**

As your National Convention delegate, I will ensure that the MEBA UNITED officers you elect at the District level are also installed as our National officers. Please give Brother **Mike Jewell** all the tools he needs to right the course of our rudderless ship. **Vote MEBA**

**UNITED** for all your District offices, and please return me as your representative to the National Convention to ensure the MEBA UNITED mandate is solidified.

Three years ago, we fell one vote short of Brother Jewell being installed as National MEBA President. I want to complete that unfinished business for you. Let's give honesty, inclusive leadership by example, and strong influence for our government fleet contracts a try for a change. Let's give **Mike Jewell** and the **MEBA UNITED** slate the chance they deserve. For more information, please visit: **www.mebaunited.org.**

Proud charter member of **MEBA UNITED** and a member of MEBA for over 30 years.

Humbly and Fraternally

Ray Twitty

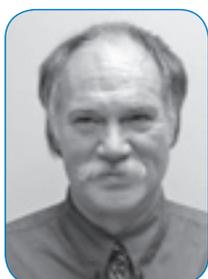


**Richard Wagner**

My name is Richard Wagner, I'm running for the position of delegate to the national convention. I graduated from the Calhoon MEBA Engineering School in the spring of 1982 and worked out of the hall in various ports across the country for the next twelve years. In 1995 I went to work for Washington State Ferries so as to be home for my children.

I'm presently working as a Chief Engineer on the M/V Wenatchee, one of their largest and most complex boats. In 2009 I was elected

to serve as Seattle's representative to the Financial Review Committee for that year. During my week in Washington DC at headquarters I learned some more of the inner working of our union. I served and continue to serve as chairman of the licensed committees during the negotiation of the 07-09, 09-11 and 11-13 licensed engineer's contracts, helping Jeff Duncan the WSF union representative to improve the contract for the membership with each contract. A vote for me is a vote for integrity, honesty and someone who will work for the membership.



**Steven Walker**

America needs a strong Merchant Marine. In order to have a strong Merchant Marine, strong Maritime unions are needed. These unions need strong leaders, leaders that will make tough decisions. We have these leaders in the M.E.B.A. with President Don Keefe, Secretary Treasurer Bill VanLoo, Executive Vice President Larry Young and Jim McCrary, Tom Suneson,

and Karol Kingery. As a delegate to the convention, I will support the important work these fine people are doing in keeping M.E.B.A on the right track to becoming the premiere maritime Union of the USA. With attacks on the Jones Act, we need to keep the same people in power to continue the fight for us. I will support the

union's leadership to help M.E.B.A continue to be the authoritative voice of the Marine Engineers.

I have worked for the Washington State Ferries for 30 years and have been a member of M.E.B.A. for 20 years. I strongly believe that we need to support the Calhoon M.E.B.A. Engineering School as it is one of the best benefits that any union could ask for. Also, I would encourage everyone to contribute to the Political Action Fund.

SUPPORT THE KEEFE SLATE!

Thank you,

Steven Walker

**Nathan Williams (See statement on page 24)**

## **ELECTION CAMPAIGN MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any requests for a list(s) of District No. Election Campaign Mailing Service Instructions

Any requests for a list(s) of District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A. membership addresses from Headquarters for the purpose of M.E.B.A. election campaign related mailings, must be made in writing.

The request should specify whether a list of the entire M.E.B.A. membership or one or more subset(s) of the membership (i.e., by bargaining unit or geographical location), is needed. Please mail your request to the following address:

District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A.  
Attention: Campaign Mailing List  
444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20001-1570

Each request for a campaign mailing list(s) request **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED** by a check in the amount of \$90.00 per list. The check should be made payable to District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A. to cover the costs of producing the mailing list and sending the list via courier to the campaign mailing service.

The campaign mailing service will be provided by Accumail, Inc., the same company used in every M.E.B.A. election since 1995. The membership list will be sent from M.E.B.A. Headquarters directly to the campaign mailing service location and the candidate will at no time have direct access to the list. Any candidate requesting a mailing list is responsible for contacting Accumail to arrange payment for the direct mail services, including postage. The mailing location is as follows:

Ms. Peg Dishong, President  
Accumail, Inc.  
3381 "H" 75th Avenue  
Landover, MD 20785  
Phone No. (301) 322-4900/Fax No. (301) 322-4904

M.E.B.A. Headquarters will produce the mailing list(s) in a timely manner upon receiving the written request and accompanying check. Once the list has been produced, the address count will be made available in order for a candidate to know how many campaign pieces to produce and mailed.

The list(s) will be forwarded to Accumail immediately when the candidate's campaign materials arrive at Accumail and Accumail requests the list from M.E.B.A. Headquarters.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact M.E.B.A. Headquarters at (202) 638-5355.

## **IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATOR AND DUPLICATE BALLOT INFORMATION**

The Impartial Administrator is American Arbitration Association (AAA) at the address listed below. In the event you do not receive a ballot or it has been lost or mutilated, a member can request a duplicate ballot in writing to the Impartial Administrator at:

Mr. Kenneth Egger  
American Arbitration Association  
230 South Broad Street, Floor 12  
Philadelphia, PA 19102-4199  
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Fax No.: (215) 985-0977  
Email: [eggerk@adr.org](mailto:eggerk@adr.org)

Please make sure you include your address to send the duplicate ballot. If the original ballot and duplicate ballot are both cast, neither ballot shall count.

All members are urged to vote in this important union officer election. According to our By-Laws, members who are not paid up on their 4th quarter dues by November 15, 2010 are not eligible to vote in the election.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact M.E.B.A. Headquarters.

## **M.E.B.A. BY-LAWS ARTICLE TEN SECTION 4(A)**

A Tallying Committee of five members and two alternates who are in attendance shall be elected at a special meeting held in the Ports of New York, New Orleans, Houston, Baltimore, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles one week prior to the December meeting of the election year [on November 29, 2010]. One member shall be elected at each of the meetings at the New York Branch, Baltimore Branch, Seattle Branch, Los Angeles Branch and Houston Branch and one alternate shall be elected at each of the meetings at the New Orleans Branch and San Francisco Branch. No officer or candidate for office or job shall be eligible for election to this Committee.

The elected Tallying Committee of five [persons] and the Impartial Administrator shall, on the morning of the regular December meeting [December 6, 2010], proceed to the depository and obtain all the ballots which shall be retained in the custody of the Tallying Committee and the Impartial Administrator until such time as the ballots are checked and counted.

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