



ALL PORTS BULLETIN

From: M.E.B.A. Headquarters
Date: December 5, 2016
Subject: Notice of National M.E.B.A. Election

The National M.E.B.A. will hold its 112th National Convention on March 20, 2017. Pursuant to the National M.E.B.A. Constitution, an election of National Officers and National Executive Committee Members of the N.M.E.B.A will be held at this Convention.

The National M.E.B.A. is an administrative umbrella organization of M.E.B.A. Districts. Currently there is only one District under the N.M.E.B.A. (District No. 1-PCD, M.E.B.A.). The District holds and controls all the assets of the M.E.B.A. membership whereas the National holds the charter with the AFL-CIO. From 1875 until the mid-1960s, National Conventions were held every year. For the next 35 years, Conventions were scaled back to once every two years with National Officers being elected every four. This system worked well with multiple Districts. But after 2000, only one District remained within the National so Conventions were then aligned to take place shortly after the District election every three years. Convention Delegates at the upcoming Convention will likely consider putting the National Convention schedule in alignment with the newly approved four-year District cycle.

The Convention Delegates elected during the 2016 District election will meet on March 20, 2017 at the Calhoon M.E.B.A. Engineering School to conduct the business of the N.M.E.B.A. These Delegates will also elect a new National Executive Committee (NEC). The NEC consists of a National President, National Secretary-Treasurer, National Vice President and two NEC Members. Any member in good standing may submit their name or the name of another member in good standing for nomination to the NEC aside from the National Vice President position. As stipulated in the M.E.B.A. Constitution, the National Vice President is not voted on by Delegates in order to guarantee that a District President is part of the NEC. Therefore the National Vice President position is reserved for the winner of the District No. 1 election for President. The District President can either remain as National V.P., or more likely, run for National President. Should the District President then be elected as National President at the Convention, a vacancy would occur in the office of National Vice President and an appointment would have to be made to fill the void.

To be timely, nominations must be received at National Headquarters *during the month of February 2017*. Nominations received after February 28, 2017 (or before February 1, 2017) will not be considered valid nominations. Nominations must contain the information specified in Article Five, Section 4(b) of the National M.E.B.A. Constitution. Nomination qualifications and procedures are outlined in the Constitution, particularly in Article Five, Sections 1-9 as well as in Article Seven.