



Important MEBA Election Information

D-1, PCD MEBA NOTICE OF 2004 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the By-Laws of District No. 1-PCD, MEBA, an election for District-wide offices and jobs will be held this year. Ballots will be mailed to all members September 1, 2004, and must be returned to the designated depository by November 30, 2004.

The period during which nominations shall be made will commence on June 7, 2004. To be timely, nominations must contain the information specified in Article 10, Section 1 of the District No. 1-PCD, MEBA By-Laws and must be received by July 9, 2004. Only nominations received during this period will be accepted and forwarded to the Credentials Committee.

ELECTED OFFICES AND JOBS

Branch Offices will be maintained in the following ports consistent with the provisions of District No.1-PCD, MEBA, By-Laws: New York, Baltimore, New Orleans, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle. Also, the By-Laws provide that Branch Agents and Headquarters Officers shall be ex-officio delegates to National Conventions. Eleven additional Representatives as Delegates to the National MEBA Convention (for a total of twenty delegates, including ex-officio delegates) shall appear on the ballot in the referendum election of 2004 of District No.1-PCD, MEBA.

Representatives to the National Convention, as indicated below, shall appear on the ballot in the referendum election in 2004.

As was the case in the most recent District election, the following offices for election shall appear on the ballot in the referendum election in 2004 of District No.1-PCD:

HEADQUARTERS

President, Representative to National MEBA Convention and National Vice President.

Secretary-Treasurer and Representative to National MEBA Convention.

PORT OF NEW YORK

Branch Agent, Vice President, Atlantic Coast and Representative to National MEBA Convention.

Patrolman.

PORT OF BALTIMORE

Branch Agent and Representative to National MEBA Convention.

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

Branch Agent, Vice President, Gulf Coast, and Representative to National MEBA Convention.

Patrolman.

PORT OF HOUSTON

Branch Agent and Representative to National MEBA Convention.

Patrolman.

PORT OF LOS ANGELES

Branch Agent and Representative to National MEBA Convention.

Patrolman.

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO

Branch Agent, Executive Vice President, and Representative to National MEBA Convention.

Patrolman.

PORT OF SEATTLE

Branch Agent and Representative to National MEBA Convention.

Patrolman.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL MEBA CONVENTION

Eleven (11) additional Representatives as Delegates to the National MEBA Convention shall appear on the ballot.

IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The American Arbitration Association shall conduct the election and act as impartial administrator of the District No. 1-PCD election of 2004 of Officers, Branch Agents, Patrolmen, and Delegates.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS:

Any member may submit his or her name for nomination for a District office, job, or additional convention representative by delivery in person, courier or any such service that provides a certified time of receipt to both parties, a letter or nomination form addressed to the Credentials Committee, c/o the District President, District No. 1-PCD, MEBA, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001. The letter or form shall be dated and contain the following information:

1. The full name of the candidate and, if he/she wishes, any special name to appear on the ballot.
2. His/her home address and mailing address.
3. The number of his/her last dues receipt and the name of the Branch where he/she last paid his/her dues.
4. The title of the office or other job for which he/she is a candidate, including the name of the Branch in the event the position sought is that of Branch Agent or Patrolman.
5. Evidence of employment for appropriate years.
6. The letter must also have attached to it a certificate in the following form signed and dated by the proposed nominee:

I hereby certify that I am not now, nor for the five (5) years last past, have I been either a member of the Communist Party or convicted of, or served any part of a prison term resulting from conviction of robbery, bribery, extortion, embezzlement, grand larceny, burglary, arson, violation of narcotics laws, murder, rape, assault with intent to kill, assault which inflicts grievous bodily injury, or violation of title II or III of the Landrum-Griffin Act, or conspiracy to commit any such crimes.

(Signature of Member)

Dated: _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATION FORMS

2004 Election Nomination Forms are available at all MEBA offices. A member is eligible for nomination to and election as a full time and paid elective official provided he or she is at the time of nomination and election a member in good standing and [1] has been a member of the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association or of an organization which has duly affiliated with the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and District No. 1-PCD, MEBA for one year immediately preceding the date of closing of nominations; [2] has either 180 days of employment, including days of vacation, employed with a company covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Union in each of any two full calendar years of three calendar years immediately preceding the closing date of nominations or equal time served as full-time and paid elected or appointed official of the National Association or District No. 1-PCD, MEBA or any organization which has duly affiliated with the National Association or equal time served in the employ or on behalf of one or more of any District's Plans.

Eligibility will be determined by the Credentials Committee in July, 2004. The election will be conducted by the American Arbitration Association as Impartial Administrator.

ELECTION NOTICES

A special issue of the *Marine Officer* will be published in August 2004. Each candidate for office may submit a passport-type photograph along with a campaign statement of up to 400 words. Although not required, candidates are encouraged to provide their statements and photos in electronic format on a disc included in their package to the Credentials Committee. Digital photographs should be at least 300 d.p.i. The statement should be designed to promote, educate and inform MEBA members about a candidate's qualifications and background. In order to be printed in the *Marine Officer* special issue, each candidate's statement and/or photograph must be submitted with the nomination. Statements and/or photographs are not a requirement for nomination.

Policies and platforms may be included but personal attacks on candidates for any office will not be accepted for publication.

Any questions regarding nominations or elections must be submitted in writing to District No. 1-PCD, MEBA, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001-1570.