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Notice of Nomination and Special Election

2015 Election

for

Atlantic Maritime Group Convention Delegates

of the

International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots, ILA/AFL-CIO

Dear Brother and Sisters:

This letter outlines the special election process by which you will elect Atlantic Maritime Group Members to serve in the open Convention Delegate slots of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P) for the 86th Biennial Convention scheduled for the summer of 2016 in Linthicum Heights, MD. This is an interim position only. The interim Delegate positions will provide Atlantic Maritime Group (AMG) representation at the 86th Biennial Convention during which time nominations will be accepted by petition and from the Convention floor for the full four year term of Convention Delegate, as well as for the positions of AMG elected Representatives and AMG Vice President.

As in all MM&P elections, the voting for interim Convention Delegate will be done by secret ballot conducted by an Impartial Balloting Agency. The term of office for the interim Convention Delegate will expire on December 31, 2016 after the completion of the regularly scheduled election of all Elected Officers, Representatives and Convention Delegates.

Union democracy requires that decisions shall be made and executed on the basis of the members' expressed desires – the right to choose. In accordance with these principals, the MM&P Convention is the supreme and overriding authority of our Organization. *Your participation is encouraged.* Self-government is self-fulfillment.

MM&P Constitution, Article IV “Conventions,” Section 3 “Representation,” Subsection c), page 14, outlines the maximum number of Convention Delegates based on membership totals. The Atlantic Maritime Group has eleven (11) delegates based on the current membership count. The By-Laws of the Atlantic Maritime Group, Article V “Convention Delegates,” Section 1 “Elected Representatives,” page 6 provides that, by virtue of office, the Vice President



and the two (2) Elected Representatives shall be Delegates to all Conventions of the Organization and Section 2 covers the election of all other Delegates and Alternate Delegates. In accordance with these provisions, at the present time it is anticipated that eight (8) interim Convention Delegate positions will be available.

Nominating petition for Atlantic Maritime Group Convention Delegates

- must be signed by three (3) Members in Good Standing of the applicable Membership Group.
- should bear the member's name and AMG ID number in addition to signature, for ease of identification and verification of good standing status.
- shall be **in writing** and delivered to the International Secretary-Treasurer at MM&P Headquarters, 700 Maritime Boulevard, Suite B, Linthicum Heights, Maryland, 21090-1953. Signed documents scanned and attached to emails, faxes, telegrams, or overnight deliveries shall be considered communications **in writing**. **All such petitions must be received prior to August 10, 2015.**

The Ballot Committee will convene at MM&P Headquarters on August 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Ballots will be mailed to all members in good standing as soon as practicable thereafter. Volunteers are needed for the Ballot Committee. Please contact Ms. Diane Chatham [email: dchatham@bridgedeck.org] telephone 410-850-8700 if you wish to serve on the Ballot Committee. Reasonable expenses, transportation and lodging at our training facility, MITAGS, in Linthicum Heights, MD will be paid for Ballot Committee volunteers as well as for Convention Delegates.

The Ballot for this Special Election shall be officially closed sixty (60) days after the date of mailing the Ballots by the Impartial Balloting Agency.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Captain Steven E. Werse
International Secretary-Treasurer