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Nominations and Election Notice for LWC Steering Committee and Officers

On Saturday June 12, 2010, the LWC will hold an election for its Steering Committee and Officers.

- Nominations will take place Friday June 11 during the afternoon LWC Membership Meeting session.
- The election will take place Saturday June 12 from noon to 4:00 pm. The ballot count will take place immediately after the polls close.
- The new Steering Committee and LWC Officers will be announced on Saturday June 12 in the evening at the 10th anniversary event & banquet.

OVERVIEW OF ELECTION RULES (see other side for complete sections from LWC Constitution)

- Only members present at the meeting and in good standing (paid dues in last 12 months) will be eligible to nominate, hold elected office and vote.
- Members can join the LWC or pay their LWC dues up until an hour before the election starts. Notices will be posted clearly in the meeting room.
- The Co-Chairs will resolve any disputes concerning eligibility after consulting the LWC database, which is maintained by the LWC Secretary-Treasurer and LWC Staff Organizer.
- Any LWC member seeking nomination may—at their own expense—send a mailing to the LWC membership. Said candidate will coordinate the mailing with a mailing house selected by the LWC Co-Chairs. A candidate may also send up to two emails to the LWC's email list by forwarding the text of the email to the LWC Staff Organizer.

LWC Constitution
LWC Principles & LWC Rules of Order (adopted March 18, 2006)

STEERING COMMITTEE & OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES (Articles 6 & 7, LWC Constitution)

The SC will provide leadership for the LWC between meetings and shall carry out the direction and policies set by the members.

The SC will meet quarterly and shall have the power to choose staff, project workers and consultants to help run the organization should finances permit.

In particular the SC must:

- Organize a minimum of four (4) regional or port-wide meetings a year
- Put-out, oversee and approve communications by the LWC (Flyers, pamphlets, newsletters, video etc...)
- Help LWC members from different regions communicate
- Coordinate campaigns as needed
- Recruit members in their respective areas
- Raise funds

Following the election of the SC, the autumn membership meeting shall elect eight (8) officers from among SC for the following offices: two (2) Co-Chairs North/South, two (2) General Organizers North/South, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and two (2) Sergeant-at-Arms.

Co-Chairs will preside at all meetings of the SC and at membership meetings. They shall co-ordinate the day-to-day functions of the organization. Whenever possible the co-chairs will act as the spokes-people for the organization. Together with the organizers, they shall coordinate the agenda for the SC meetings and membership meetings. They shall make other decisions between SC meetings, but shall not be empowered to decide on policies and programs for the group as a whole.

The General Organizers will oversee the affairs of the steering committees in their perspective areas. The General Organizers will assist in coordination of the agenda for quarterly meetings, and make decisions regarding the implementation of the organization's policies but shall not be empowered to decide on the policies or programs of the group as a whole. The Organizers will act as spokesperson(s) in the absence of the Co-Chairs.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all monies, and keep a correct record of standing of each member. The ST shall receive all monies paid and deposit them in the name of the Longshore Workers' Coalition. The ST will meet with the other officers of the LWC prior to each SC meeting and go over the records, receipts and financial statements necessary to review the books. He or she shall keep a record of names and addresses of all members. The Secretary-Treasurer must prepare an annual report for the autumn membership meeting.

The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings.

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall act at the request of the presiding officer at any meeting of the LWC to insure that all meetings are conducted in an orderly manner.

NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, TERM OF OFFICE (Article 8, LWC Constitution)

- Elections of the SC and Officers shall take place at the autumn membership meeting.
- Only members in good standing (paid dues) will be eligible to nominate, hold elected office and vote in the LWC.
- A member in good standing must nominate all positions.
- The SC and Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.
- Election shall be by secret ballot, no voting by mail or proxy permitted.