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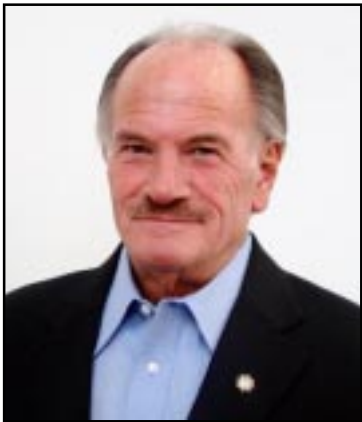
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Candidates for SUP Office

for the 2009-2010 term

President/Secretary-Treasurer

Gunnar Lundeberg



Though struggle against a variety of adversities is a permanent condition of our survival as an organization, unity is the key to the strength and viability of the SUP.

The Union has met the challenges of the past two years. Wages and benefits were improved under all contracts and pension benefits were increased for current and future retirees. The Pension Plan remains strong despite the recession.

The Sailors' Union is prepared to make progress through the turbulent passages that lie ahead.

Vote YES on the proposed Constitutional amendments.

Vice President/Asst. Secty.-Treas.

Dave Connolly



Unlike much of working class America in the past two years the SUP has added jobs, and despite some of the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression we have maintained or improved our benefits, boosted our political standing, dealt with internal financial pressures, and steadily increased wages. In times of trouble only the strong survive. The work ahead will include bargaining with at least three companies, several military bids, and the constant struggle to improve wages, benefits, and working conditions. Urge all hands to vote in favor of all ballot propositions, each of which will further strengthen our Union.

Wilmington Branch Agent

Robert Burns



(No statement submitted)

Paul Calais



In my time in office I started a union history day on the last Friday of every month. In order to teach our new members that the SUP stands for pride/quality and that an injury to one is still an injury to all. Brothers, there are many new members that are of a different breed and mind set than us. If we want to keep

our union independent, we must work together to maintain the quality of our membership and the work we do. It's your work that makes us strong. The struggle is ours. Yours in struggle,

Vern Johansen



Brothers & Sisters:
I ask for your vote for Wilmington Branch Agent.

I bring 30 years of experience working under the SUP agreements. I can offer knowledge of union operations and the SUP Welfare & Pension Plans.

I will treat each member and their families with respect and courtesy. I

will work diligently to resolve any dispute or grievance.

I will perform the duties of this office in accordance with the constitution and uphold the will of the membership. Thank you and Happy Holidays

Seattle Branch Agent

Vince O'Halloran



Shipping is good in the SUP. You may not get the berth you want or the run you'd like, but, if you are eligible to vote in this election and are willing to travel to a different branch, you'll get a ship. Not

so for many other Americans in our great nation who are out of work. We are not!

Vote for the dues increase! Don't gamble with your livelihood! In order to be represented on the ships, in the courtroom, and most of all, at the bargaining table, the Union must remain funded.

Vote for the dues increase!

San Francisco Business Agent

William "Bill" Berger



If re-elected San Francisco Business Agent, I will continue my open door policy to the members.

I have sailed in all types of ships during and after the war. I have been with the Union since 1943.

Vote YES on all the Constitutional amendments.

Mike Worth



I first shipped in 1975 since then I've acquired 30 qualifying years. I've sailed for Matson, Chevron, Prudential Grace, West Coast Shipping, States Lines, APL, PFE, Waters Marine, Mobil Oil, Cal Marine and

Foss. I am currently with the Bar Pilots. I've sailed in all ratings, deck and engine, and I understand the different problems in all departments. I've served on numerous committees at Headquarters and have been delegate for most of our contracts. I have always worked in the Union's best interest.

Honolulu Branch Agent

John Benson



Aloha Brothers and Sisters, my name is John Benson, also known to many as "L.J."

I have been in the Union since 1995, sailing out of Honolulu my Home Port and Birth Place. I have worked aboard

the Matson vessels domestic and foreign, LMSR's, Chevron and the USAV "Worthy" and the Paint & Rigging gang as an AB and Boatswain. I have served as a Delegate numerous times and firmly believe in protecting our jobs. Thank you for your support.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Michael Dirksen



I joined the Sailors' Union of the Pacific in 1984. I have sailed on all types of ships, from tankers and C-5's to containerships. I have sailed as messman, wiper, ordinary seaman, AB and Bosun. I have been delegate on many of these ships. I know the agreement

for both Matson and APL very well. I will do my best to improve the living conditions and pay aboard all vessels. Also, I will do everything I can to raise our pension and medical benefits so that we can all retire with the dignity and the money we deserve.

Arthur Garrett



To My Fellow Sailors' Union of the Pacific Brothers & Sisters,

If elected as Honolulu Branch Agent I will do my best to serve the members and retirees of the Union. I will also uphold the Union's standards with integrity, fairness and hard work. I will fight for our member's rights aboard vessels and various Union jobs. In this time of economic hardship, I am dedicated to keeping our seamanship and work ethic going strong.

Art Kardinal



(No statement submitted)

David Kaupiko



I am David Nui Kaupiko, Jr., and as you already know, I am running for Honolulu Port Agent. For weeks I have listened to sailors talk about who they want for Port Agent!! Some of us want this job for the wrong reasons!! I want it for all the right reasons. The

reason to fight for YOU and to do the best job I can for YOU, So cast your vote my brothers and sisters for me David Nui Kaupiko, Jr. Thank you very much.

Patrick Weisbarth



As your branch agent my pledge to you is the same. To run the daily affairs of the hall in the most efficient manner possible, to defend our contract with the utmost tenacity, to make sure the pensioners are attended to with any assistance they may require, to voice our concerns to federal, state and local politicians, and endeavor in community service in the name of the SUP.

My goals are still the same as well. To assist any worker who seeks empowerment through the labor movement and to explore new work opportunities for our members.

BE SURE TO VOTE!

SUP Building Corporation/SIUNA Convention Delegates

Norman Christianson



(No statement submitted)

Paul Fuentes



(No statement submitted)

Trev Motlow

(No photo or statement submitted)

Terry O'Neill

(No photo or statement submitted)

Liam Casement



We have been the best and most democratic union in the world and I am dedicated to upholding the finest standards and traditions of this great body of working merchant sailors. Since I began working under SUP contracts, I have sailed for Chevron, Matson, Patriot and the San Francisco Bar Pilots. This year

will mark ten years with the Pilots, with the last eight on the station boats offshore. If you elect me to serve our union in either or both of these positions, I will do so with the aim of carrying on the best of the SUP.

SUP ELECTION INFORMATION

In accordance with the SUP Constitution, the entire secret mail-ballot and election shall be conducted by an Impartial Balloting Agent selected by the membership at Headquarters. The Committee on Election has recommended and the membership has concurred that Pacific Election Services, Inc. be selected as the Impartial Balloting Agent.

As per Article VIII of the SUP Constitution, members in good standing with Class "A" and "B" seniority may vote in all Union elections. Members with Class "C" seniority who have ninety (90) days seatime within the preceding year and have been in good standing for that year, shall be eligible to vote in all Union elections.

SUP members on pension are allowed to cast ballots for Union officers and proposed Constitutional Amendments except to vote on any dues raise and/or assessments. Pensioners are not eligible to vote on proposed Shipping Rule changes.

If for any reason a member in good standing does not receive his/her ballot, he/she may make a written application to Pacific Election Services, Inc. The request shall include a statement that the member has neither received a ballot nor voted in the election and the address to which the ballot is to be sent. If you do not receive a ballot, write to:

Robbin A. Johnson
Pacific Election Services, Inc.
1650 Stanmore Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

All hands are reminded to have a valid mailing address on file at Headquarters as ballots will NOT be mailed to a Union hall.

VOTE
It's your Union!

SUP Committee on Constitution

The proposed Constitutional amendments recommended by the Committee were approved by the SUP membership in the July/August 2009 meetings at Headquarters and the Branches and will be placed on the 2009-2010 ballot.

Report and Recommendations Committee on Constitution

**SUP Headquarters
San Francisco
June 22, 2009**

The Committee on Constitution convened as per Article XXVIII to review proposed amendments to the SUP Constitution and the Shipping Rules and to make recommendations to the membership. The Committee was comprised of three members from Headquarters and one from each of the Branches.

In attendance were: Brendan Bohannon, Seattle Branch; Bob Burns, Wilmington Branch; Monte Kalama, Honolulu Branch; Kaj Kristensen, Headquarters; Art Thanash, Headquarters; Mike Worth, Headquarters; Terry O'Neill, Alternate; Gunnar Lundeberg, ex officio; and Dave Connolly, secretary.

The Committee considered 13 separate resolutions for amendments to the SUP Constitution and nine resolutions to revise the SUP Shipping Rules, although many of the resolutions contained multiple proposals. Every proposal was given full consideration and there was a thorough and vigorous debate of the issues.

The following are the proposed amendments and proposed shipping rule:

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1

Article VI, Section 1. Dues and Initiation Fee

Are you in favor of increasing the quarterly dues by \$50.00 (or less than \$17.00 per month) from \$150.00 per quarter to \$200.00 per quarter, effective March 1, 2010?

Amendment #2

Article VI, Section 1. Dues and Initiation Fee

Are you in favor of increasing the initiation fee from \$800.00 to \$1600.00 except if paid in full before March 1, 2010?

Amendment #3

Article XII, Section 1 Term of Officers

Are you in favor of reducing costs by increasing the terms of office of officials from two to three years, effective March 1, 2010?

Amendment #4

Article XIX, Section 5 Offenses and Punishment

Are you in favor of increasing the fine of \$50.00 to \$500.00 for drunkenness or bringing the Union into ill repute, effective March 1, 2010?

Amendment #5

Article XIX, Section 13 Offenses and Punishment

Are you in favor of increasing the fines for missing ship from \$200.00 for the first offense to \$1000.00, from \$400.00 for the second offense to \$2000.00, and from a reasonable penalty as determined by a Trial Committee for the third offense to not less than \$4000.00, effective March 1, 2010?

PROPOSED SHIPPING RULE AMENDMENT

Are you in favor of expanding delegate's duties to include the visual inspection of a member's book to verify dues status?

SUP Sample Ballot

The copy of the SUP ballot for the biennial election of officers for the 2010-2012 term of office and Constitutional and Shipping Rule Amendments printed below is a **SAMPLE BALLOT ONLY**. Do not mark this ballot; mark only the official ballot

you receive from the Pacific Election Services, Inc. Please note also that this sample ballot is a copy of the ballot being sent to active members. Pensioners will receive a ballot without the propositions dealing with the dues increase, etc., since the SUP

Constitution precludes pensioners from voting on these matters.

All members are urged to vote so that the ballot results will be representative of the wishes of the entire membership.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SAILORS' UNION OF THE PACIFIC
GENERAL ELECTION
DECEMBER 1, 2009 TO
JANUARY 31, 2010

VOTER: Remove this stub before returning your ballot.

PRESIDENT/ SECRETARY-TREASURER	Vote for One	38
GUNNAR LUNDEBERG	+	37
VICE PRESIDENT/ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER	Vote for One	35
DAVID J. CONNOLLY	+	34
SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS AGENT	Vote for One	29
WILLIAM BERGER	+	28
MICHAEL E. WORTH	+	27
SEATTLE BRANCH AGENT	Vote for One	25
VINCE A. O'HALLORAN	+	24
WILMINGTON BRANCH AGENT	Vote for One	21
ROBERT J. BURNS	+	19
PAUL L. CALAIS	+	18
VERNESS J. JOHANSEN	+	17
HONOLULU BRANCH AGENT	Vote for One	14
JOHN D. BENSON	+	13
MICHAEL L. DIRKSEN	+	12
ARTHUR L. GARRETT	+	11
ARTHUR C. KARDINAL	+	10
DAVID N. KAUPIKO, JR.	+	9
PATRICK M. WEISBARTH	+	8
TURN CARD OVER CONTINUE VOTING		7

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
SAILORS' UNION OF THE PACIFIC
GENERAL ELECTION
DECEMBER 1, 2009 TO
JANUARY 31, 2010

VOTER: Remove this stub before returning your ballot.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS		38
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1	YES + NO +	37
Are you in favor of increasing the quarterly dues by \$50.00 (or less than \$17.00 per month) from \$150.00 per quarter to \$200.00 per quarter, effective March 1, 2010?		35
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2	YES + NO +	31
Are you in favor of increasing the initiation fee from \$800.00 to \$1600.00 except if paid in full before March 1, 2010?		29
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3	YES + NO +	26
Are you in favor of reducing costs by increasing the terms of office of officials from two to three years, effective March 1, 2010?		24
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #4	YES + NO +	21
Are you in favor of increasing the fine of \$50.00 to \$500.00 for drunkenness or bringing the Union into ill repute, effective March 1, 2010?		19
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #5	YES + NO +	16
Are you in favor of increasing the fines for missing ship from \$200.00 for the first offense to \$1000.00, from \$400.00 for the second offense to \$2000.00, and from a reasonable penalty as determined by a Trial Committee for the third offense to not less than \$4000.00, effective March 1, 2010?		14
SHIPPING RULE AMENDMENT	YES + NO +	8
Are you in favor of expanding delegate's duties to include the visual inspection of a member's book to verify dues status?		7

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