In accordance with the SUP Constitution, Article XII: Nomination, Election and Term of Officers, the Committee on Election convened at 0900 on October 15, 2021, at Headquarters.

The Committee is charged with “… preparing the ballot” and selecting an Impartial Balloting agent for membership approval. The Committee determined write-in candidates to be inappropriate and inconsistent with the SUP Constitution.

The Committee recommends that Unilect Election Service be used for this election. Unilect Election Services will print, mail, and count the ballots in accordance with the SUP constitution. The approximate cost will be $9500.00.

Also, the Committee has the duty to verify the eligibility of candidates for office. In accordance with the Section 3, 4, and 5 of Article XII, all candidates duly nominated (as per Section 2; published in the September 17, 2021, edition of the West Coast Sailors), who had returned acceptance letters (as per Section 5) were found eligible.

The following candidates accepted the nomination and will appear on the ballot:

President/Secretary-Treasurer
David Connolly

Vice President/Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Matthew Henning

San Francisco Business Agent
Roy Tufono

Seattle Branch Agent
Brendan Bohannon

Wilmington Branch Agent
Leighton Gandy
Leopoldo Martinez

Honolulu Branch Agent
Nick Mannesiotis
Patrick Weisbarth

Building Corp. Trustees
David Connolly
Paul Fuentes
Matthew Henning
Roy Tufono
Mike Worth
(Five to be elected)

SIUNA Convention Delegate
David Connolly
Leighton Gandy
Paul Fuentes
Matthew Henning
Leopoldo Martinez
Mike Worth
Roy Tufono
(Three to be elected)

In addition, this Committee reviewed the report of the Committee on Constitution which met at SUP Headquarters on July 7, 2021, to consider the proposals of the membership for Constitutional amendments. They noted that only one proposed amendment was adopted by the Committee, as amended, and ratified by the membership at the July meetings as per Article
XXVIII of the SUP Constitution. That proposal was for a dues increase as follows: “There shall be an increase in dues of the $25.00 beginning on April 1, 2022, for a total of One Hundred and Seventy-Five ($175.00) per quarter with another increase of $25.00 payable on April 1, 2023, for a total dues cost of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) per quarter, payable in advance.” The Committee on Election confirmed the proposal and directed the Impartial Balloting agent to include it with the candidates on the SUP ballot.

Its work complete the Committee adjourned

In Solidarity,

The membership will vote on the Committee’s report at the November Union meetings.

Candidates for office are entitled to submit a photograph and a statement of 100 words or less regarding Union issues for publication in a special election supplement to the West Coast Sailors that will be published in November. The statements and photos should be sent to the editor of the West Coast Sailors prior to the November 14, for inclusion in the election supplement.

Each candidate may also post campaign material on a bulletin board to be set up in each SUP hall for that purpose. The candidate shall be allotted space for on legal-size page (81/2” x 14”) on a first-come first-served basis.