



## MEA NEWSLETTER - July 2008

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**SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**  
**MEA General Membership Meeting and**  
**2008 Candidate Forum and Vote on**  
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### **Save the Date: MEA 08-09 First Quarter General Membership Meeting followed by the 2008 Candidate Forum and PAC Recommendations**

**Date/Time:** Monday, September 8 – Member reception with refreshments starting at 5pm, Membership Meeting at 6pm with PAC Meeting to follow. Tentative Agenda includes:

- **MEA Board Nominations**
- **Preliminary Budget Survey Results**
- **Year End Financial Report**
- **Hear from the Candidates**
- **Review Ballot Initiatives**

**Location:** Latino/Hispanic Room B at the SF Main Library – 100 Larkin Street at Grove

**Note:** Because the Library is closed on Monday nights, you should plan to arrive prior to 6pm if possible. If you arrive after 6pm you can gain access at the far right door of the Grove Street entrance or by calling the security office at 415-557-4357.

### **MEA Elections Underway: Board Nomination Process**

Per the MEA By-Laws, Section 6.2, the Associations' Nominating Committee has prepared the following slate of nominees for the elective offices of the Association. This list must be distributed at least thirty (30) days prior to the first quarter general membership meeting of the fiscal year (September 8, 2008). Additional nominations for alternative slates may be made from the floor by members of the Association during the first quarter general membership meeting of the fiscal year. To be eligible for election such nominations must be accompanied by a petition of support signed by at least 50 active members. Elections shall take place at the second quarter general membership meeting of the fiscal year and officers shall be installed at that same meeting.

#### Report of the 2008 MEA Nominating Committee

<p><b><u>PRESIDENT</u></b>            Eileen Hirst            Chief of Staff            SF Sheriff's Department</p>	<p><b><u>VICE PRESIDENT</u></b>            David German            Deputy Director            Department of Technology</p>
<p><b><u>SECRETARY</u></b>            Cheryl Austin            Director, Health Info/            Telecommunications Services            Laguna Honda Hospital</p>	<p><b><u>TREASURER</u></b>            Mary Fitzpatrick            Director, Financial Systems and Reporting            Office of the Controller</p>

<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS</u></b>
Neal Taniguchi Manager, Administration & Support Services Department of Building Inspection	Rafael Centeno Assistant Deputy Director Airport Commission
Jean Mariani Assistant Sheriff SF Sheriff's Department	Sharyn Saslafsky Special Projects Manager SF PUC
Matt Smyth Superintendent Department of Public Works	Bob Thomas Director, Employee Relations Laguna Honda Hospital
Jacques Khorozian Criminal Calendar Coordinator SF Superior Court	

MEA Nominating Committee: Carl Friedman, Clare Murphy and John Noguchi  
Signed original report on file at the MEA Offices

### **MEA Management Training: Equipment Program Resumes**

Based upon the unprecedented success of the MEA Equipment Program introduced in 07-08, the program will be continued – with modifications – in 08-09. Because the funding was largely the result of a significant surplus in the MEA Management Training Fund, in 08-09, equipment submissions will initially be processed up to a \$100,000 limit. It is anticipated that remaining surplus will cover \$50,000 and \$50,000 will be allocated from the 08-09 Management Training Funds of \$200,000. Requests will be processed on a first come, first served basis with **priority given to those MEA represented managers who did not access the equipment program in 07-08.** Please contact Raquel Silva at the MEA office with questions.

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Requests through MEA</u></b>	<b><u>Individuals making requests</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Allocated</u></b>	<b><u>Total IMS participants</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Allocated for IMS</u></b>	<b><u>Total from Fund</u></b>
2002-2003	N/A	93	\$57,365	151	\$45,125	\$102,490
2003-2004	N/A	104	\$58,729	104	\$32,200	\$90,929
2004-2005	140	86	\$47,376	74	\$24,690	\$72,066
2005-2006	133	82	\$48,931	66	\$23,970	\$72,901
2006-2007	265	133	\$116,380	57	\$20,235	\$136,615
2007-2008	525	401	\$367,954	119	\$43,175	\$411,129

**NOTE: CCSF 07-08 FY closed effective 7/18/08 – Any Management Training Fund reimbursements submitted after that date will be credited against your 08-09 allocation regardless of when the expenses were incurred.**

**Flexible Spending Claim Deadline:** All claims for your FSA must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2008. You will forfeit any money left in your FSA after the end of the claim filing period. There are no exceptions to this rule. Claims under the Miscellaneous Reimbursement Account must be made by the same deadline. Forms for submission are available directly from EBS.

MEA Mission Statement: To enhance the quality of life for all San Franciscans and visitors by promoting sound government practices, supporting professional excellence for our City's managers, and maintaining the highest ethical standards in the delivery of service to the public.