

MEA NEWSLETTER

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MEA POLICIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) SET TO MEET

Wednesday, September 19, 5:30 pm in the Green Room of the War Memorial

Building (401 Van Ness at McAllister). This is the opportunity for rank and file input into MEA's endorsements in the November Mayor, District Attorney, and Sheriff elections, AND on the Ballot Measures. A: The MTA Charter Amendment, D: Library Preservation Fund Renewal, E: Requirement that the Mayor Appear at the Board of Supervisors Meeting, J: Free City Wide Wireless High-Speed Internet Network Policy. Candidates, Analysis, Speakers, Promises.

07-08 FIRST QUARTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO FOLLOW

Commences Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 pm in the Green Room

Agenda: President's Remarks
 Staff's Report
 06-07 Year End Financial Overview

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Rebecca Rhine

As I conclude my first half-year with MEA, it seems an opportune moment to express my excitement about the future of the organization and growing admiration for its members. I have had the pleasure of talking to and/or meeting with many of you on a number of topics including the MCCP, Pay for Performance, Contract Negotiations, and Retiree Health Care to name but a few. I have been impressed by the equanimity with which you operate, often in highly stressful situations that occur in extremely political settings. In coming to understand the breadth and complexity of what you do, I have begun to envision a plan for the future – a roadmap if you will – in which the Municipal Executives' Association acts as a leader in shaping the public policy debates that are so crucial to all of the citizens of San Francisco. When people talk about transportation, housing, infrastructure, water, commerce, health and safety, they are talking about the world and work of MEA members citywide. As the Stewards of these critical public services, there are no voices more knowledgeable, vital and timely than yours.

As your Board begins to formulate its vision for the future of MEA, I urge you to participate in shaping MEA's mission so that it fulfills its potential to stand for excellence, integrity and an ongoing commitment to public services as delivered by public employees. Although MEA must continue to do the bread and butter work of any

union – bargaining, contract enforcement, and running programs - I think a commitment to a broader “vision” is also important. Over the next six months, I look forward to getting started on developing and implementing a long-range, strategic plan for MEA under the direction of the MEA Board and in collaboration with MEA members citywide.

MEA EQUIPMENT PROGRAM CONTINUES

As of this moment on 8/27/07, 109 bargaining unit members have requested and received applications; 103 people have submitted them; 91 have gotten their “OK to Buy” email and 17 have actually purchased their electronic device and received their authorization for reimbursement. Remember to include your email address on your application for the swiftest response.

MEA DAY AT AT&T PARK

On Sunday, August 12, MEA members and their families enjoyed a sun drenched day at AT&T Park where the SF Giants played, and ultimately lost to the Pittsburg Pirates. While the turnout would likely have been better had Barry Bonds not hit 756 to eclipse Hank Aaron’s record the preceding Tuesday, August 7, a good time was had by all.

CONTEST...CONTEST...CONTEST...

The Washington Post asks readers to take any word, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. A few recent winners: take Graffiti, add an “i”, and you get Giraffiti – “vandalism spray-painted very, very high up”. Or, take Baseball, change the B to a V and you get Vaseball – “a game of catch played in the living room”. So try your hand at it, keep it within the bounds of good taste, send in your original entry, and maybe you’ll be picked for the \$50 prize and publication in a future Newsletter.

UPCOMING IMS SEMINARS

- Tuesday, September 18, 9am-4pm: The Art of Coaching
- Tuesday, October 2, 9am-4pm: Shedding Old Paradigms to Make Room for New Possibilities
- Tuesday, October 16, 9am-4pm: Dealing with Difficult People: Bringing out the Best in Others, Even at Their Worst

Call or email the MEA office to sign up.

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