

ATTENTION PEDICAB OWNERS

Important meeting Tuesday, January 17, 2006

**NYC PEDICAB OWNERS ASSOCIATION (NYCPOA)
FORMATION OF MEMBERSHIP
ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***BECOME A MEMBER NOW - AND VOTE
if you have one or more insured pedicabs***

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- ***LEGAL DEFENSE AGAINST IMPOUNDING OF PEDICABS BY POLICE***
- ***CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BAN BILL AND FOR PROPER REGULATION***
- ***PRIDE IN BEING A STANDARD-SETTER FOR OUR INDUSTRY***
- ***CONTACTS AND ADVICE FROM OTHERS IN THE ASSOCIATION***
- ***REFERRALS FOR JOBS AND ADVERTISING CONTRACTS***
- ***NYCPOA SEAL OR STICKER FOR EACH OF YOUR PEDICABS***

At recent meetings, participants have unanimously agreed on standards for membership, organizational structure and most aspects of democratic decision-making. Please read the following. Procedures for nominating/voting for the board are on the back of this sheet.

Membership requirements

To vote for the board you must bring the following to the election night meeting or make other arrangements with the election committee (see reverse).

- ***Proof of current liability insurance for your pedicab(s) – at least \$300,000. Certificate should show name, # of cabs, and dates of coverage.***
- ***A phone # and/or e-mail address***
- ***Gov't-issued photo I.D. and Tax I.D.# or Social Security #***
- ***Business certificate (or you may sign agreement to provide it within 60 days).***
- ***Dues - \$150 for 1st cab (cash, check or money order to NYCPOA). Fleet owners will sign vouchers for dues on additional cabs, \$20 - \$50, payable in 60 days (see "Proportional voting, dues")***
- ***You must agree in writing to support the goals of the organization and comply with the code of professional standards for pedicab owners (viewable at NYCpedicabAssociation.org).***



Organizational structure and decision-making

• **Board of Directors** consisting of 7 members, will be elected – proportionally, by the members - to an initial 6-month term. The board will select officers, incorporate as a non-profit trade association, collect dues, sanction members if necessary to uphold standards, and act in the interest of the membership. At least one board member will be an independent, (own just 1 pedicab), to represent the many independents in the city. Each board member will have one vote. Board meetings will be open to the membership, but only board members may vote. The board will determine its own decision-making (quorum, majority etc.). Board positions will be unpaid unless the membership votes otherwise.

• **Proportional voting and dues.** When the membership votes, a quorum of 75% of the membership will be required, and a 2/3 majority will be needed on decisions. Each owner's votes will be proportional to the # of pedicabs (and the amount of dues paid to the association) from each company.

Every member will pay \$150/yr in dues for their first (or only) cab, and get 3 "p-votes". Fleet owners will pay additional dues at \$20-50/yr for each insured pedicab beyond the first (depends on budget, determined by the board) and will get one p-vote for each additional cab. (These additional dues will be payable within 60 days.) There will be a cap on votes per member of 30 (and on dues for a max. 28 cabs) to prevent huge fleets from dominating. Members may vote by proxy (if you can't attend, any voting member may represent you - one proxy per member).

• **By-Laws.** The board of directors will develop by-laws for the NYCPOA to submit for a vote by the membership within 60 days.

Nominations for the board.

Both members and non-members may serve on the board, but only prospective members who meet membership requirements may nominate. Nominate yourself or anyone you think is qualified who has confirmed their interest. Nominate at the start of the 1/17 meeting, or e-mail/phone the **election committee (JamesFunJob@aol.com. or call James at 917 648 1473 or Craig at 917 443-3600)**. Please provide nominees' contact info. Nominees may submit a short description of their qualifications to the committee for distribution at the meeting. You may post nominations and bios on our website (**NYCPedicabAssociation.org**) and on **yahogroups.com (the NYCPOA group)** by e-mailing the secretary, gregg_secretary@nycpedicabassociation.org.

Election: Tues. Jan. 17 2006, 7:30pm, Landmark Tavern, 46 St & 11 Ave.

To participate in the election you must bring your insurance certificate, proof of tax ID, and business license (if you have it), as well as \$150 (min.) in dues (see **Membership requirements**), to the election night meeting. You must submit a completed membership form and agree to support the NYCPOA's goals and comply with the owners' code.

At the meeting members will register, nominees and members may speak, and ballots will be collected by the election committee. **Absentee ballots (and documents and dues) will be received for 48 hours after election night (thru Jan. 19, 2006).** If you cannot attend the election night meeting you must send a proxy (another prospective member who will meet the requirements to vote) with copies of your documents and dues. Otherwise, get them to the election committee (see **Nominations**) by 8:00pm 1/19/06. Once the election committee has your documents and dues, you can vote by sending an e-mail to the election committee.

The 7 nominees who receive the highest vote counts will form the board. The results of the election will be posted on the yahogroups.com and NYCPOA website on Jan. 20.