

Next Meeting

Vote on proposed changes to bylaws & special election of officers!

Saturday, November 21

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Business Meeting

10:30 a.m.

Business Meeting & Special Election of Officers

Featured speaker:

11:00 a.m.

Joe Martin

Pike Place Market Foundation

Pioneer Hall
1642 43rd Ave East
Seattle (Madison Park)

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Vote on proposed by-law changes & special election of 2009-2010 officers, November 21

At the June 20 Annual Meeting, President Jeff Christensen briefly outlined a proposed plan to make changes to the Pioneer Association bylaws - changes that would reduce the number of Officers & Trustees elected each year, in an effort to improve member vs. officer ratio and make it easier for our elected officials to conduct business on behalf of the Association. At the same time, he put forth a motion requesting that the membership extend the term of current officers until a fall election, in order to allow the proposed bylaw amendments to be drafted prior to an election of new officers.

At a special meeting of the membership on November 21, the proposed bylaw changes will be put in front of the membership for a vote, followed by a special election of Officers & Trustees (see Page 3).

If you are a full Association member in good standing with voting privileges your presence at this meeting is especially requested. You may review the proposed changes in the bylaws by visiting the Association's web page at: www.wapioneers.org.

Featured presentation at November 21 Meeting:

Giving voice to those without: an advocate's perspective on Seattle

The featured speaker at our November 21 meeting will be Joe Martin. Joe is a social worker at the Pike Market Medical Clinic since it opened its doors back in 1978. Currently the only clinic co-founder still working at PMMC, Joe is also co-founder of the Downtown Emergency Service Center: perhaps the largest program in the region serving the needs of homeless persons. Prior to his work at the clinic, Joe served as an advocate at the now defunct First Avenue Service Center which was a drop-in facility for Skid Road folks, street people, and ex-cons. Because of his work homeless and destitute people, he has been politically involved with the Seattle Displacement Coalition and SHARE/WHEEL in the struggle to preserve affordable housing and related efforts to address the needs of homeless and indigent individuals. Joe will be sharing his experiences as a witness to the significant social and economics shifts that have impacted downtown Seattle.



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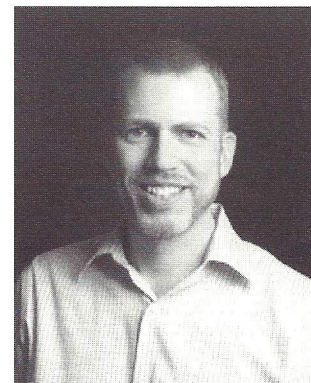
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"Times they are a'changing"
President's Message

After a long crazy ride that went a bit further than expected, it's finally time for me to say goodbye and thanks to you, the Pioneer Association membership. A departure delayed by proposed changes to our bylaws and an unusual fall election of new officers (see cover and last month's President's Message), it is bittersweet.



I've enjoyed serving you and I did my best to always...do my best. While I have to confess a part of me wishes I could look back at my 2-plus year tenure as your president and shout "I did that!", the reality is that just playing a part in keeping a membership like ours going (and fairly strong) is an accomplishment unto itself. If you do nothing more as part of a historical association than help it continue and build upon its own history, you can't feel bad about your accomplishment.

As I look ahead to our special November 21 election of new officers, I look forward to the new ideas and new energy those officers will bring with them. This year's Nominating Committee has done a great job of balancing new blood with some proven experience and I'm confident that those elected will serve our organization with dedication and grace.

As for me, I'm privileged to be able to serve next-year as Past-president for our organization and I look forward to doing all that I can to help make the transitions coming out of the current election smooth and successful. On a personal note, I also hope to do more with this newsletter, I look forward to more time directed at helping grow our website and I plan to continue to give my time and energy to making sure that the next president of the Association and his/her board members are successful.

If you're able, please **plan to attend the November 21 meeting** — we need a quorum of current voting members in order to enact the much-needed, proposed bylaw amendments. We also would appreciate your vote as we elect new Association Officers & Trustees.

We also have a great speaker planned for this fall meeting in Joe Martin. Aside from Joe's role as one of the founders of the Pike Medical Clinic and the important social work that he's done in the community (which he'll be touching on, during his presentation), he's also an accomplished musician, have for many years been the lead singer, harmonica player, and bodhran player in an Irish music group — and I'm told he's going to share some of his music with us, as well.

In the meantime, please accept my thanks for all the patience, support and kindness you've shown me as your president: it has been a pleasure to serve you.

Jeff Christensen
President, 2007-09

Slate of candidates to be presented at November 21 special election

At the November 21 meet of the membership, this year's Nominating Committee will put forth a slate of candidates for election to positions as Board Officers & Trustees of the Association. Several key positions will be decided at this election, including President, Secretary and at least two Vice-presidents (depending upon the outcome of the by-laws vote, also scheduled for this meeting). The full slate of Officers includes:

President	Junius Rochester
Vice-president, Programs	Mary Louise Hammond
Vice-president, Membership	Steven Rochester
Secretary	Carla Hendrickson
Treasurer	Sandra Selle

The Association's Board also consists of a planned total of nine Trustees, each elected to a three year term. Due to movement among offices and the proposed by-law changes, the full-slate (including those continuing in their capacity as a Trustee in what would be continuing terms) will be presented to the membership as part of the new slate. The full slate of Trustees, therefore, includes:

Term to June 2010	David Brazier Louise Jones-Brown Leonard Gayton
Term to June 2011	Joe Wert Peggy Parietti Kathy Durgan
Term to June 2012	Carol Hawkins Larry Puffert Marilyn McLauchlan
Historian	Gary Zimmerman

Serving as Past-president will be current Association President Jeff Christensen.

Please plan to attend the November 21 meeting and participate in these elections. The officers and trustees elected at this meeting will oversee such events as the 100th Anniversary of Pioneer Hall and will play an important role in all Association events and activities into 2010. Electing officers that you want representing you in affairs of the Association is an important privilege. Your vote counts!

It's never too late!
Still haven't renewed your membership?

Still haven't renewed your membership in the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington? It's never too late! If you have an annual dues notice at your home or in your briefcase, simply verify the information on the form, write your renewal check and mail it in - it's that easy! Payments made be addressed "Attn: Membership Drive" and mailed to Pioneer Hall at 1642 43rd Ave E, Seattle, WA, 98112. If you would like an application so you can sponsor a family member or pass the form along to a friend, write to the same address or contact 2009 Membership Chair Jeff Christensen at 206-390-6810.

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Changes to the Association bylaws proposed

As mentioned throughout this issue of *Pioneer Presences*, the November 21 meeting of the membership will commence with a motion to amend the current bylaws of the Association. As part of that motion, Association President Jeff Christensen will outline the proposed changes (which are also available for review in advance of the meeting, via the Intranet at www.wapioneers.org) before asking the membership to pass the motion, prior to the election of new officers. The proposed changes are intended to strengthen the organization and to create an operating model in keeping with the current size and structure of our membership. Among the proposed changes being presented (a partial list):

- Reduction of Trustees from 12 to 9 (three sets of Trustees, each serving three-year terms)
- Reduction of Vice-president positions from three to two, each with dedicated responsibilities
- A more structured and predictable method for appointing a Nominating Committee each year
- Increase in the minimum age required for establishing Emeritus status
- Changes in membership guidelines, as well as requirements for those serving as officer

Please come to the November 21 meeting as prepared as possible to review and take action upon the motion to amend. If you have questions prior to the discussion at the meeting, feel free to address them to Association President Jeff Christensen at jdcseattle@comcast.net or 206-390-6810.

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Special election & next meeting: Saturday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.