

Background

Discussions of the merger of Chapter 291 with Chapter 282 started in 2002. On January 16, 2004, Bob Young, then President of Chapter 282, sent a letter to the membership of Chapter 282 recommending the merger. At the annual chapter membership meeting on December 14, 2006, Cathy Hobbs, Secretary of Chapter 282, distributed to the members attending the meeting the following:

- a. Bob Young's letter dated January 16, 2004, and
- b. Executive Board notes concerning the merger.

These notes were extracted from the Executive Board minutes covering the period from April 2002 to November 2006. This information was emailed all stewards and executive board members on December 12, 2006.

At the invitation of Chapter 282 President, Bernice Friedlander, Elvis Morton, President of Chapter 291, attended the meeting of December 14, 2006 and expressed the desire of Chapter's members 291 to merge with Chapter 282. Mr. Morton answered to questions from the members of the Executive Board and members of Chapter 282 attending the annual membership meeting.

Chapter 291 (geography, size of bargaining unit, membership, convention status),

Chapter 291 includes Baltimore, Dundalk, and Salisbury in Maryland, Morgantown and Charleston in West Virginia and Falls Church, Herndon, Norfolk, and Richmond in Virginia.

The current membership of Chapter 291 is eight (8) members.

The size of the bargaining unit is approximately 110. The size of the bargaining unit by location is given in the table below.

Baltimore District, MD	BLT-DO	64
Charleston RP, WV	CHN-RP	1
Dundalk Marine Terminal RP, MD	DMT-RP	9
Herndon RP, VA	HRN-RP	2
Morgan Town RP, WV	MGN-RP	2
Norfolk International Terminal RP, VA	NIT-PR	4
Norfolk RP, VA	NFK-RP	5
Northern Virginia RP, VA	NOVA-RP	9
Richmond RP, VA	RCH-RP	8
Roanoke RP, VA	RNK-RP	2
	BLT/NY	1
	BLT-DO/CER	1
	BLT-DO/FSC	2
	NFK-RP/CER	1

Convention status of Chapter 291: Chapter 291 participates in the National Convention and it is allotted one vote.

Financial Status of Chapter 291, Pending Liabilities, Financial Filings

Ms. Christine Lambert, CPA, checked the financial books of Chapter 291. She provided a report to the Executive Board of Chapter 291. Her findings were that as of October 31, 2006 the assets of Chapter 291 were \$7,976.41. These assets constitute the monies in the bank account of Chapter 291. The total liabilities of Chapter 291 were zero (0) dollars.

Ms. Lambert signed the FY2006 Certification Chapter Audit for Chapter 291. Also, this Audit was co-signed by Mr. Elvis Morton President of Chapter 291. Ms. Lambert is a Certified Accountant with OAO Mohn & Allen, PC.

Chapter 291 President mailed to the Internal Revenue Service the tax return, Form 990 for FY06. Since the annual gross income of Chapter 291 is less than \$25,000, there is no requirement for filing Form 990. Also, Chapter 291 filed with the Department of Labor the LM4 (annual financial disclosure) for FY06