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The final preparatory step to launching the new Pacific Maritime Association was taken today when memberships of the Pacific American Shipowners Association and Waterfront Employers Association formally agreed to the consolidation plan approved by Directors nine days ago.

The Agreement of Consolidation, adopted today, states the purposes of the proposed new Association and lists persons to act as first Directors in its formation. Permanent Directors will be elected when PMA is a legal entity.

First in the list of purposes of PMA, set out in today's agreement, will be:

"To encourage the establishment and maintenance of fair and reasonable wages and working conditions for seamen upon American flag vessels and for longshore work and other work ashore relating to shipping and, by the establishment and maintenance of harmonious and peaceful industrial relations between employer and employee, to promote dependable and efficient steamship service in the public interest."

Other functions of PMA will include negotiation and administration of the seven major maritime union contracts and continuing work in the safety field in maritime employment.

Principal office of PMA will be in San Francisco, with area offices in each of the four major port cities.

Remaining steps to be taken are adoption of By-Laws and election of permanent Directors and officers.

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