

“ARTICLE VIII - REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Locals shall be entitled to delegates to the biennial Convention or special meetings of the Council on the basis of one (1) for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof. Regardless of the number of delegates, locals shall be entitled to vote on the basis of one (1) vote for each member. Locals entitled to more than one delegate may send fewer than their quota of delegates and the delegates present may cast the entire vote of the local on all recorded votes and elections coming before the Convention. The number of votes shall be divided equally among the delegates, with any remaining votes to be cast by the chairperson of the delegation. No fractional votes shall be permitted.

Section 2. All delegates and alternates to the biennial Convention or special meetings of the Council shall be members in good standing of their respective local unions.

Section 3. No delegates or alternates shall be allowed representation or recognition at the biennial Convention or special meetings of the Council unless their local union is a member of the Council as provided in Article IV of this constitution.

Section 4. Two or three local unions may unite in sending a delegate to the biennial Convention or special meeting of the Council provided such delegate is a member in good standing in accordance with Section 2 of this Article of one such local unions. Said delegate shall be entitled to the votes to which the local unions so represented are entitled in accordance with Section 1 of this Article. No delegate shall represent more than three locals, including their own

Section 5. All delegates to the biennial Convention or special meetings of this Council shall be elected by the respective local unions they represent, and the names of such delegates shall be certified by the president and secretary of the local union to the Secretary of the Council at the Council Headquarters office. This certification must be received at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the biennial Convention.

The Council Executive Board shall determine the date of receipt of certification for special meetings of the Council. If such certification includes two or more delegates, the certification shall designate one of the delegates as chairperson of the delegation.

Section 6. The membership of locals for the purpose of computing the number of delegates and votes to which each local is entitled at the biennial Convention shall be determined on the basis of their average monthly member per capita tax payments for the twelve-month period ending ten full calendar months before the month of said scheduled meeting; provided, however, that the membership of locals which affiliate or re-affiliate after the beginning of the above-defined twelve-month period shall be determined on the basis of their average monthly member per capita tax for the full period of their affiliation up to the month preceding that of the scheduled meeting. The Council Executive Board shall determine the membership of the locals for the purpose of computing the number of delegates and votes to which each local is entitled for special meetings of the Council.”

CREDENTIALS

In accordance with Article VI - Credentials for Delegates, of the By-Laws:

“Credentials for delegates to the biennial Convention shall be submitted to the Council Secretary at the Council Headquarters office at least sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting which the delegates are to attend. The Executive Board shall determine the date of receipt of credential for special meetings of the Council.”

RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

In accordance with Article XVII – Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws and Article III - Resolutions, of the By-Laws:

ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws shall be submitted in writing. The proposed amendments will be in resolution format and will include the proposed constitutional language. Proposals submitted by a local union shall bear the signature of the local's president and secretary.

Section 2. Proposed amendments, except those proposing to change the Council's per capita tax, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Council at the Council Headquarters office at least forty-five (45) days prior to the biennial Convention at which a vote is to be taken and no less than fourteen (14) days prior to a special meeting as determined by the Council Executive Board.

Section 3. Proposals to amend the constitution by changing the Council's per capita tax shall be submitted to the Executive Board ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the biennial Convention and no less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the special meeting. The Executive Board shall submit the proposed change in per capita tax with their recommendation and justification to all affiliated locals sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the biennial Convention.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Council shall transmit proposed amendments to the delegates and each Executive Board Member at least thirty (30) days prior to the biennial Convention and no less than seven (7) days prior to a special meeting as determined by the Council Executive Board.

Section 5. The Council Executive Board may introduce amendments, except those changing the Council's per capita tax, for consideration by the Council at any time up to the afternoon recess on the first day of the biennial Convention.

Section 6. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the delegates voting shall be necessary for adoption of proposed amendments.

Section 7. Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the International President in accordance with Article IX of the International Constitution.

ARTICLE III - RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. Members of the Council may bring matters before the biennial Convention or a special meeting of the Council by means of resolutions submitted to and approved by the local union of which they are members. Such resolutions must be signed by the president and secretary of the local union submitting them. The Council Executive Board may restrict the type and/or topic of resolutions coming before a special meeting of the Council.

Section 2. The Council Executive Board may introduce resolutions for consideration by the Council at any time up to the afternoon recess on the first day of the biennial Convention.

Section 3. Resolutions for consideration at a biennial Convention shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Council at the Council headquarters office at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the biennial Convention. Resolutions for consideration at a special meeting of the Council shall be submitted no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the special meeting.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Council shall arrange that each delegate to the biennial Convention, and each Executive Board member, shall be sent a copy of the resolutions at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the biennial Convention and no less than seven (7) days prior to a special meeting as determined by the Council Executive Board

Section 5. Resolutions from affiliated locals received by the Secretary of the Council at the Council Headquarters office later than forty-five (45) days prior to the biennial Convention or later than the date specified for a special meeting of the Council, may be dealt with at the Convention or special meeting prior to the afternoon recess on the first day if so decreed by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates at that meeting.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the International Constitution, Appendix D, this is your official notice that nomination and election of Council Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will be conducted at the Convention. The conduct of the election will be in accordance with the Elections Code, Appendix D, of the International Constitution, as supplemented by Article XIII of the Council 28 Constitution.