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LOCAL LODGE OFFICERS  
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Designation of Officers

1 SEC. 1. Officers of a L.L. shall consist of a  
2 president, vice president, recording secretary,  
3 secretary-treasurer, conductor-sentinel, and a board  
4 of trustees consisting of 3 members.

Terms of Officers and Vacancies in Office

5 SEC. 2. Officers of a newly organized L.L. shall  
6 hold office until the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in January following  
7 their election. Thereafter, L.Ls. shall provide in  
8 their bylaws that terms of office for all officers shall  
9 be for a period of 3 years.

10 A member elected as president of a L.L. and who  
11 concurrently holds a position as a business represen-  
12 tative shall be elected for a term of 3 years.

13 Any vacancy occurring in the office of president  
14 because of death, resignation, or incapacity or other  
15 cause shall be filled for the unexpired term by the  
16 vice president. All other vacancies shall be filled for  
17 the unexpired term in such form or manner as is  
18 prescribed by the L.L. and set forth in its bylaws,  
19 after approval by the I.P.

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### Qualifications for Office

1 SEC. 3. Any member in good standing in a L.L.  
2 who is not barred from holding union office by  
3 applicable civil law or ineligible therefore as provided  
4 in this Sec. or elsewhere in this Constitution is  
5 qualified for election to L.L. office, provided that such  
6 member also meets the requirements of the L.L.  
7 bylaws.

8 Except at the first regular election of officers, or  
9 as further provided hereunder, all candidates for  
10 elective office must be members of the L.L. for at  
11 least 1 year at the time of nomination, and free  
12 from delinquency of any nature to a L.L., D.L., or the  
13 G.L., and shall be working at the trade as  
14 defined in Sec. 4, Art. II, for 6 months prior thereto  
15 in order to qualify for nomination and election. In  
16 addition, all L.L. officers and editors of L.L. publi-  
17 cations must qualify under Sec. 5, Art. I.

18 Any member transferred as a result of action by  
19 the I.P. or E.C. in consolidation of L.Ls. or transfer  
20 of jurisdiction to another L.L., who has been a  
21 member of the I.A.M. for 1 year, shall not be  
22 required to be a member of the L.L. to which  
23 transferred for at least 1 year, as herein provided,  
24 to be eligible to hold elected office in said L.L.

25 Any member whose dues are subject to withhold-  
26 ing by an employer for payment to the L.L., pursu-  
27 ant to his/her authorization therefore as provided in a  
28 collective bargaining agreement, shall not be de-  
29 clared ineligible to vote or be a candidate for office  
30 in the L.L. by reason of any alleged delay or default  
31 in the payment of such withheld dues provided,  
32 however, that such member is not otherwise delin-  
33 quent in payment of dues.

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1 L.Ls. may, through their bylaws, provided approval  
2 has been granted by the I.P., require a  
3 member to attend up to 50% of the regular lodge  
4 meetings held during the 12-month period ending the  
5 date of close of nominations in order to qualify as an  
6 officer or delegate. Members who are confined  
7 because of verified illness, on vacation, on  
8 official I.A.M. business approved by the L.L., D.L.,  
9 or G.L., working for an employer on regular or  
10 travel assignment, or on reserved military leave at  
11 the time the L.L. meeting is held, shall be excused  
12 from attending L.L. meetings.

13 L.Ls. may, through their bylaws, require all officers  
14 to pay full dues, whether or not they hold a retirement  
15 or exemption card.

### **Nomination and Election of Officers**

16 SEC. 4. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in November (or 1<sup>st</sup>  
17 meeting in September at the option of the L.L.)  
18 every three years, each L.L. shall nominate a  
19 president, vice president, recording secretary,  
20 secretary-treasurer, conductor-sentinel, and 3 mem-  
21 bers of the board of trustees (provided such  
22 officers' terms of office have expired). A member  
23 may only be nominated and run for 1 office.

24 Not less than 60 days prior to the time when the  
25 elections specified in this Sec. are to be held, notice  
26 of the time and place, of both the nominations and  
27 election, together with an application for an absentee  
28 ballot, shall by letter or by authorized  
29 publication or by other dependable regularly used  
30 means of communication, be mailed to each  
31 member qualified to vote at his/her last known home

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1 address. The notice must specify who is entitled to  
2 receive an absentee ballot. The requirement to send  
3 such notices by mail does not apply to L.Ls. in  
4 Canada.

5 At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in December (or 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in  
6 October at the option of the L.L.) every 3 years,  
7 each L.L. shall elect the aforesaid officers by secret  
8 ballot vote of its members in good standing, following  
9 the procedure required for such voting as set forth in  
10 Art. III. No member shall be entitled to hold more  
11 than 1 office at the same time.

12 The L.L. may by majority vote decide in advance  
13 and give notice that the candidates who receive the  
14 highest vote for their respective offices shall be  
15 declared elected. In all other cases, a majority of all  
16 votes cast shall be required for election.

17 Absentee ballots shall be issued and voted in  
18 accordance with the provisions set forth in Sec. 3,  
19 Art. II, in compliance with the following provisions:  
20 (1) the written request for an absentee ballot must be  
21 received by the R.S. not later than 30 days before the  
22 election; (2) the request must contain the members  
23 full, current address; (3) if the records of the L.L.  
24 indicate that the applicant is eligible to vote in the  
25 election, the R.S. and S.T. shall, within 5 days of the  
26 close of nominations, mail the absentee ballot; (4) if,  
27 in the judgment of the R.S. and S.T., the member is  
28 not entitled to vote by absentee ballot, the member  
29 will be so notified, in writing, within 10 days of the  
30 receipt of the request for an absentee ballot.

31 Ballots cast for candidates not nominated in  
32 conformity with these provisions (write-ins) shall not  
33 be tabulated.

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1 Balloting shall take place in the L.L. room where  
2 regular L.L. meetings are held, excepting in those  
3 L.Ls. where circumstances require some other  
4 arrangement, the L.L. may, through its bylaws,  
5 provide other methods, subject to the approval of the  
6 I.P. When, in the I.P.'s sole judgment, extraordinary  
7 circumstances so require, the I.P. may review and  
8 modify L.L. election procedures as necessary to  
9 provide the membership of a L.L., not working in a  
10 central geographic location, the ability to participate  
11 in such election.

12 In the conduct of all elections, the president shall,  
13 at least 60 days prior to the election, appoint at least 3  
14 tellers to assist in conducting the election in a fair and  
15 impartial manner. Each candidate for office shall be  
16 entitled, upon written request, to appoint 1 observer  
17 who shall be permitted to be present at the  
18 polls and at the counting of the ballots.

19 The R.S. of the L.L., or such other officer as  
20 may be designated by the L.L., shall preserve for  
21 1 year the ballots and all other records pertaining  
22 to the election.

23 Selection by the L.L. of optional alternative dates  
24 in this Sec. does not alter the constitutional require-  
25 ment providing that the installation of L.L. officers  
26 shall take place at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the L.L. in  
27 January, as required by Sec. 5 of this Art.

### Installations

28 SEC. 5. The installation of officers shall take  
29 place at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the L.L. in January,  
30 unless otherwise approved by the I.P. The ceremony  
31 of installation shall be conducted by an officer or  
32 representative of the I.A.M.