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June 12, 2015

Via Electronic Mail [REDACTED]

Re: Form of Candidate Accreditation Petition

Dear [REDACTED]:

By email dated June 9, 2015, submitted on behalf of [REDACTED], you have requested the Election Supervisor's informal opinion concerning a proposed form for the pre-convention candidate accreditation petition. [REDACTED] proposes to modify OES Form 16 (Accredited Candidate Petition – Slate of Candidates) by adding a column for the petition signer to provide a telephone number or email address. This "phone /email" column indicates that providing the requested information is "optional" for the signer, in contrast to the other columns which designate the information required for Form 16 accreditation signatures. See *Proposed 2016 Rules*, Art. X, § 2. An asterisk in the heading of the "phone /email" column leads to a footnote instructing the signer to "[p]rovide only your personal email/cell number (no union or employer emails/phones allowed). The campaign will use this contact information only for campaign communication purposes and the member can opt out of email/text communication at any time."

The format of the proposed Form 16 would not contravene the *Proposed 2016 Rules*. The proposed Form 16 contains the elements required by Art. X, § 2 of the *Proposed 2016 Rules* for accreditation petitions, which will allow OES to review the petitions and ultimately determine whether they meet the criteria for candidate accreditation. Candidates may use Form 16, as modified, to collect phone and email contact information for their own campaign purposes.

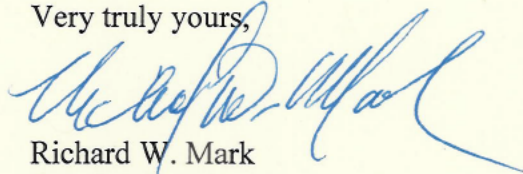
In 2005 and 2010 OES received requests to circulate Form 16 or Form 5 (Accredited Candidate Petition – Individual Candidate) modified to include a column soliciting, at the signer's option, phone and/or email address information, and determined that those proposed forms did not contravene the governing rules. The current request is no different from those considered in earlier election cycles and may similarly be used.

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Consistent with past practice, this letter will be posted on www.ibtvote.org to provide notice and guidance to other prospective candidates for International Office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Mark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Richard W. Mark
Election Supervisor