

OFFICIAL CONVENTION CALL

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF AFFILIATED LOCAL UNIONS, JOINT COUNCILS, STATE CONFERENCES, BLET GENERAL COMMITTEES OF ADJUSTMENT, BMWED SYSTEM FEDERATIONS AND TEAMSTERS CANADA

In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 1 of the International Constitution,¹ you are hereby notified that the 29th International Convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (the “Convention”) will convene in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, on June 27, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Paris Las Vegas, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Regional and At-Large Vice President positions; nominating candidates for International Trustee positions; and nominating candidates for the offices of President of Teamsters Canada, General Secretary-Treasurer, and General President; considering amendments to the International Constitution; and transacting such other business as the Convention may lawfully consider in accordance with the Convention Rules, the **Rules for the 2015-2016 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election (“2016 Rules”)**, and the **Final Agreement and Order (“Final Agreement”)** entered in *United States v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters, et al.*, U.S.D.C., SDNY No. 88-Civ.-4486 (LAP) (Feb. 14, 2015).

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION. In accordance with Article III, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 5 of the International Constitution, each Local Union having one thousand (1,000) members or less shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, and one (1) delegate for each additional seven hundred fifty (750) members or major fraction thereof, but in no case shall a delegate have more than one (1) vote, even though he or she may also be a delegate from the International Union or from more than one subordinate body. For the determination of delegate entitlement, the term “Local Union” includes all IBT Local Unions and the following IBT subordinate entities within the IBT Graphic Communications Conference and the IBT Rail Conference:

CONFERENCE OR DIVISION	ENTITY
Graphic Communications Conference (“GCC”)	All GCC local unions with 125 or more members.
GCC	GCC local unions with less than 125 members shall be consolidated by the IBT geographic region in which their headquarters are located, and vote as though they constituted a single local union within the region.
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (“BLET”)	All BLET General Committee of Adjustment (“GCAs”) with 100 or more members.
BLET	BLET GCAs with less than 100 members shall be consolidated by the IBT geographic region in which their headquarters are located, and vote as though they constituted a single local union within the region.
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division (“BMWED”)	All BMWED System Federation (“SFs”) with 100 or more members
BMWED	BMWED SFs with less than 100 members shall be consolidated by the IBT geographic region in which their headquarters are located, and

vote as though they constituted a single local union within the region.

Teamsters Canada
Rail Conference (“TCRC”)

The BMWED and BLET Divisions within the TCRC will each be treated as a single local union.

No proxy vote will be allowed. Only delegates certified by the Election Supervisor will be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers.

Each Local Union shall be required to send all of the delegates to which it is entitled to the Convention, unless the General Secretary-Treasurer and Election Supervisor have attested to the financial inability of the Local Union to send a full delegation and thereafter the Local Union’s membership has voted to send less than a full complement of delegates. However, a delegate may seek financial assistance in order to attend the Convention, subject to Article III of the **2016 Rules**. The failure of any Local Union to send its full complement of delegates shall not constitute a basis for challenging the credentials or seating of those delegates sent so long as the Local Union has complied with Article II, Section (4)(b)(9) and Article III, Section 3(a) of the Rules.

In accordance with Article III, Section 5(c) of the International Constitution, International Officers shall be entitled to all the privileges of regularly credentialed delegates by virtue of their position. However, in that capacity, such delegates will not be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers at the Convention unless they have been nominated and duly elected as Convention delegates by a Local Union under the **2016 Rules**.

In accordance with Article III, Section 5(d) of the International Constitution, Joint Councils and State Conferences are entitled to one (1) delegate each. However, such delegates will not be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers at the Convention unless they have been nominated and duly elected as Convention delegates by a Local Union under the **2016 Rules**.

In accordance with the Merger Agreement between the IBT and Graphic Communications International Union (the “GCC Merger Agreement”), the GCC President shall be a delegate to the Convention; however, he will not be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers unless he is nominated and duly elected as a Convention delegate by a Local Union under the **2016 Rules**. Also, in accordance with the GCC Merger Agreement, any members of the GCC General Board and any delegates to the GCC convention who are not otherwise delegates or alternate delegates to the Convention shall be invited as guests at the Convention.

In accordance with the Merger Agreement between the IBT and BMWED (the “BMWED Merger Agreement”), the BMWED National President shall be a delegate to the Convention; however, he will not be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers unless he is otherwise nominated and duly elected as a Convention delegate by a BMWED System Federation under the **2016 Rules**. Also, in accordance with the BMWED Merger Agreement, any officers of the BMWED National Division who are not otherwise delegates or alternate delegates to the Convention shall be invited as guests at the Convention.

¹All references to the IBT Constitution are to those sections in effect under the Final Agreement.

REQUISITES FOR REPRESENTATION. In accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the International Constitution:

(a). Except as provided in (c), no Local Union shall be entitled to representation in the Convention that has not been chartered, affiliated, and in good standing for a total of six (6) months prior to the opening of the Convention.

(b). No IBT Local Union shall be entitled to representation in the Convention which, at the time of the Call of the Convention, is six (6) months or more in arrears in moneys due to the International Union or to any subordinate body thereof with which such Local Union is affiliated, or which, if less than six (6) months in arrears, has not paid all such arrearages in full at least three (3) days prior to the opening of the Convention, excepting those moneys due for the last month, which amounts must be paid by the beginning of the Convention. GCC Local Unions, BLET GCAs, and BMWED SFs, are entitled to representation at the Convention provided they have satisfied the per capita obligations required by their respective merger agreements with the IBT and are otherwise not more than six (6) months or more in arrears. If the circumstances warrant, the General Executive Board or the Election Supervisor may waive any of the foregoing requirements on a nondiscriminatory basis.

(c). The General Executive Board or the Election Supervisor is empowered to grant full representation to any Local Union which has been affiliated with the International Union for less than six (6) months when such Local Union was formerly an independent union or was formerly affiliated with an international union other than the International Brotherhood of Teamsters or was chartered as a result of a split-off or merger.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES. In accordance with Article III, Section 4 of the International Constitution, each subordinate body shall pay the expenses of its delegates authorized to attend the Convention, or make arrangements for such payment of expenses by agreement with other subordinate bodies.

Each GCC Local Union having 125 or more members shall pay the expenses of its delegates authorized to attend the Convention, or make arrangements for such payment of expenses by agreement with other subordinate bodies. For the GCC local unions having less than 125 members and grouped by IBT geographic region to elect Convention delegates and alternates, the expenses of those delegates shall be paid as directed by the Election Supervisor.

Each BLET GCA having 100 or more members shall pay the expenses of its delegates authorized to attend the Convention, or make arrangements for such payment of expenses by agreement with other subordinate bodies. For the BLET GCAs having less than 100 members and grouped by IBT geographic region to elect Convention delegates and alternates, the expenses of those delegates shall be paid as directed by the Election Supervisor.

Each BMWED SF having 100 or more members shall pay the expenses of its delegates authorized to attend the Convention, or make arrangements for such payment of expenses by agreement with other subordinate bodies. For the BMWED SFs having less than 100 members and grouped by IBT geographic region to elect Convention delegates and alternates, the expenses of those delegates shall be paid as directed by the Election Supervisor.

All such authorized delegates from a Local Union shall be provided with the same expenses. Expense allowances for delegates and alternates should be determined in accordance with your union's bylaws or past established practice and any rules issued by the General Secretary-Treasurer, to the extent they are consistent with the Election Supervisor's **Advisory on Delegate and Alternate Delegate Expenses** to be issued in March 2016. Delegates and alternates may not receive duplicate expenses or allowances, even if authorized. Thus, in determining the amount of expenses or allowances, the Local Union must take into

account any expenses or allowances a delegate or alternate receives from another labor organization.

DELEGATE CREDENTIALS. Credentials will be issued by the Election Supervisor and mailed or delivered by him to each certified delegate, with a copy to the General Secretary-Treasurer. The credential shall have printed thereon the delegate's name and the Local Union number, and shall be signed by the Election Supervisor.

At the Convention, each delegate must present at the time of registration his or her credential, properly signed by the Election Supervisor. In order to be seated, each delegate at the time of the Convention must be a member in good standing from a Local Union entitled to representation. Each delegate should have, if possible, a copy of his or her paid-up dues receipts for the month of May 2016 to present at the time of registration. If the delegate is unable to obtain his or her dues receipt, dues records will be verified at the Convention by the Credentials Committee and the Election Supervisor.

In addition, each delegate or alternate delegate must present at registration a government-issued picture identification (preferably a driver's license).

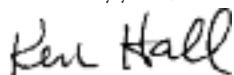
ALTERNATE DELEGATES. Each Local Union has elected alternate delegates to the Convention. Said alternate delegates have been separately nominated and elected under the **2016 Rules**, and certified by the Election Supervisor. Credentials are not provided for alternate delegates. A Local Union shall pay the expenses of its alternate delegate(s) for attendance at the Convention, as set forth in the Local Union Election Plan approved by the Election Supervisor. However, a Local Union cannot pay the expenses of any alternate delegate unless it sends and pays for expenses of its full complement of delegates. If the Local Union sends or pays the expenses of less than all of its elected alternate delegates, the highest-ranking alternate delegate(s) shall be those sent and for whom expenses are paid. A Local Union may not send to the Convention or pay the expenses of any member or guest unless it pays the expenses of all its alternate delegates regardless of the terms of the Local Union Plan.² **2016 Rules**, Article III, Section 3(c). Alternate delegates may seek financial assistance in order to attend the Convention, subject to Article III of the **2016 Rules**.

AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS. In accordance with Article III, Section 9(a) of the International Constitution, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, Local Unions, Local Union officers, members in good standing, or the general officers shall have the right to send to the General President proposed amendments or additions to the Constitution, or resolutions, which shall be submitted to the Constitution Committee when it meets.

All of the applicable provisions of Article III and Article VII, Section 5, of the International Constitution, and the provisions of Article III of the **2016 Rules**, are hereby incorporated by reference in this Official Convention Call.

Furthermore, you are hereby requested to review in detail those provisions of the International Constitution and the **2016 Rules** concerning this Convention.

Fraternally yours,



Ken Hall
General Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Richard W. Mark, Election Supervisor

² Guest badges will not be issued to employer/company representatives.