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NEWS MEDIA ACCESS RULES 29th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Pursuant to Article I of the *Rules for the 2015-2016 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election, ("2016 Election Rules")*, the Election Supervisor issues the following rules relating to news media access to the 29th International Convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (the "Convention"). The Convention will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 27th through July 1, 2016. These rules govern access to the Convention floor during all business sessions, including those at which Convention delegates will nominate candidates for IBT International Union Office. These rules also govern access to the delegate voting area and vicinity when the Election Supervisor conducts nomination voting for International Officer candidates. Rules similar to these were issued for prior IBT International Conventions.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Credentialed representatives of the news media will have access to the Convention floor subject to the limits stated in section III. Credentialed representatives of the news media will have access to the delegate voting areas when the Election Supervisor conducts nomination voting for International Officers subject to the limits stated in section IV. Representatives of the news media will not have access to meetings or deliberations of any Convention committees.
- B. Representatives of the news media must request and receive Convention credentials from the IBT Communications Department to gain entry to any Convention session or voting area as allowed by these rules. The IBT Communications Department Convention Office will be located in the Versailles 4 Room of the Paris Hotel and will be open during the regular hours of the Convention. If the IBT does not issue news media credentials generally, or refuses to issue a credential to any particular news media representative, application may be made to the Election Supervisor who may exercise discretion, on a non-discriminatory basis, to order the IBT to issue such credentials.

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III. ACCESS TO BUSINESS SESSIONS

- A. When the Convention is in session, a special section of the Convention floor will be reserved for all credentialed representatives of the news media. They may enter and leave at will. Entry to, and exit from, the Convention floor will be through specific access points designated by the Election Supervisor. Representatives of the news media will not be permitted on the Convention floor other than in the designated news media section.
- B. Stage lighting will be provided during all business sessions. Additional artificial lighting devices of any type, such as flash, strobes, lighting stands and the like, will *not* be permitted on the Convention floor.
- C. The IBT will make available to all news media a broadcast quality audio-video program feed of all convention proceedings with titles that will be produced by an independent producer on contract with the IBT. A sufficient number of audio and video hookups will be provided in the news media section of the Convention center for this purpose.
- D. All representatives of the news media will also have the right to record convention proceedings with their own audio and/or video recording equipment from the designated news media section. It is anticipated that the IBT will be able to accommodate all representatives of the news media requesting such access. The Election Supervisor may exercise discretion to require a pooling arrangement.

IV. ACCESS TO VOTING AREAS

- A. On the days when the Election Supervisor is conducting nomination voting for International Officers, he will designate an area nearby, but outside of, the voting areas for credentialed representatives of the news media. Any credentialed representative of the news media who wants access to the press space nearby the voting areas should present themselves at the Office of the Election Supervisor's designated space at Bally's at 4:45 p.m. each day.
- B. On days when the Election Supervisor is conducting nomination voting, credentialed representatives of the news media may have access to the press space adjacent to the voting areas from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- C. News media observers, including any equipment operators, who interfere with or otherwise hinder the voting process will be removed from the voting area.

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V. PRESS ROOM

Palace No. 6, Bally's, North Tower-Casino Level, will be the press room for all credentialed news media representatives.

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