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Richard W. Mark
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VIA EMAIL mtaibi.ibt251@gmail.com

Mr. Matthew G. Taibi
Secretary Treasurer
IBT Local Union 251
121 Brightridge Ave
East Providence RI 02914

Dear Mr. Taibi:

The Office of the Election Supervisor has approved the Local Union Election Plan for:

IBT Local Union 251

I am forwarding the approved Plan and a Local Union Plan Summary that contains all the relevant information on the nomination and election of delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) in your Local. Please check the Plan Summary to ensure that all the information is accurate.

Under the *Rules*, a copy of the Plan Summary must be posted on all Local Union bulletin boards as soon as possible, but in no event later than seven (7) days from the date that you received this letter. The Plan Summary must be posted on Office of the Election Supervisor letterhead just as it is being transmitted to you. The posting must be maintained throughout the entire nomination and election period.

Article II, § 4 of the *Rules* requires that within three (3) days of the posting, you must provide an declaration to the Election Supervisor attesting to the fact that the Plan Summary was posted as required and identifying every bulletin board site, by employer and location, where the Plan Summary was posted and the individual(s) responsible for posting and maintaining the Plan Summary at each site. ES Form 3, available on the Election Supervisor's website, www.ibtvote.org, under "Official Forms" may be used for the declaration.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or need assistance.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Mark
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Date: October 29 2015

cc: Peter Marks
pmarks@ibtvote.org
Attachments

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IBT LU 251 PLAN SUMMARY

FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE IBT CONVENTION

IBT LU 251 is entitled to elect 7 delegates and has chosen to elect 2 alternate delegate(s) to the June 2016 IBT International Convention. The expenses of the delegate(s) 7 and alternate delegate(s) 2 will be paid by the IBT LU 251.

The Election Supervisor has approved the IBT LU 251's plan for conducting nominations and elections. The important details of the plan are summarized below. This summary must remain posted until 30 days after the date of posting of the names of the elected delegates and alternates, whether chosen by white ballot or as a result of a contested election.

NOMINATION	
Where:	Teamsters Local 251, 121 Brightridge Ave, East Providence RI 02914
When:	Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10 am
Who Can Attend:	Any active member may attend any meeting.
Who Can Run:	A member must be in continuous good standing for a period of twenty-four months prior to the month of January 2016.
Who Can Nominate:	Members in good standing (full dues paid through December 2015) may nominate or second the nomination of a candidate or slate of candidates.
Nominations:	Nominations may be made or seconded orally at the nomination meeting or submitted in writing, including the signature and last four digits of the nominator's or seconder's SSN/SIN, to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than 5:00 p.m. of the day immediately prior to the meeting.
Candidate Acceptance:	A member may accept nomination in person, or if absent from the meeting, by furnishing a written acceptance, including the signature and last four digits of the candidate's SSN/SIN, to the presiding IBT LU 251 officer no later than the time the member is nominated.
Eligibility Deadline:	Dues must be paid at Teamsters Local 251 121 Brightridge Ave East Providence, RI 02914, at 5:00 pm on January 15, 2016.
Additional Info:	The IBT LU 251 will send a Nominations Notice to all members with additional instructions for participating in the nominations process.
ELECTION	
Mail Balloting:	All members should receive a ballot at their home address before March 3, 2016. Any member not receiving a ballot by that date should request a ballot by calling the IBT LU 251.
Voting Deadline:	VOTED BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED BY MAIL IN TIME FOR RECEIPT NO LATER THAN 9:00 A.M. on March 19, 2016
Eligibility Deadline:	Dues must be paid at Teamsters Local 251 121 Brightridge Ave East Providence, RI 02914, before 5:00 pm on March 18, 2016.
FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT YOUR OES REGIONAL DIRECTOR OR IBT LU 251	OES REGIONAL DIRECTOR Peter Marks 116 Nagle St, Harrisburg ,PA, 17104 Phone(717) 232-2094 pmarks@ibtvote.org

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IBT LU 251 RESUMEN DEL PLAN DEL SINDICATO LOCAL

PARA LA ELECCIÓN DE DELEGADOS Y DE DELEGADOS SUPLENTE A LA CONVENCION DE LA IBT

El Sindicato Local IBT LU 251 IBT, tiene derecho a elegir 7 su delegado o delegados y ha escogido elegir 2 el delegado suplente o los delegados suplentes para la Convención Internacional de IBT a llevarse a cabo en junio de 2016. El Sindicato Local pagará todos los gastos del delegado o delegados y IBT LU 251 del delegado suplente o delegados suplentes.

El Supervisor de la Elección ha aprobado el Plan del Sindicato Local para llevar a cabo la presentación de candidaturas y la realización de elecciones. A continuación se resumen los detalles importantes del plan. Este resumen debe continuar publicado hasta 30 días después de haberse publicado los nombres de los delegados y suplentes electos, ya sea que fueran electos por medio del voto en blanco o como resultado de una elección impugnada.

NOMINACIÓN	
Dónde:	Teamsters Local 251, 121 Brightridge Ave, East Providence RI 02914
Cuándo:	El sábado, enero 16, 2016 a las 10 am
Quiénes pueden asistir:	Cualquier miembro activo puede asistir a cualquier asamblea
Quiénes pueden ser candidatos:	Un miembro que tenga una buena reputación durante un período continuo de veinticuatro (24) meses previo al mes de enero, 2016.
Quiénes pueden nominar:	Los miembros con buena reputación (que tengan la totalidad de las cuotas pagadas al diciembre, 2015) pueden nominar o pueden secundar la nominación de un candidato o de una lista de candidatosmay nominate.
Nominaciones:	Las nominaciones pueden ser realizadas o secundadas de forma oral en la asamblea de las nominaciones o presentarse por escrito, incluyendo la firma y los últimos cuatro dígitos del Número de Seguro Social Estadounidense/Número de Seguro Social Canadiense, al Secretario-Tesorero a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del día inmediato previo a la asamblea.
Aceptación del candidato:	Un miembro puede aceptar su nominación en persona o, si está ausente en la asamblea, al proporcionar una aceptación por escrito, incluyendo la firma y los últimos cuatro dígitos del Número de Seguro Social Estadounidense/Número de Seguro Social Canadiense, al funcionario del Sindicato Local que presida a más tardar en el momento en que sea nominado.
Elegibilidad del plazo:	Las cuotas deben ser pagadas en Teamsters Local 251 121 Brightridge Ave East Providence, RI 02914, a más tardar antes de las 5:00 pm del viernes, enero 15, 2016.
Additional Info:	El Sindicato Local enviará una Notificación de Nominaciones a todos los miembros con instrucciones adicionales para que participen en el proceso de nominaciones.
ELECCIÓN	
Votación por correo:	Todos los miembros deberían recibir la boleta electoral en su domicilio particular antes del jueves, marzo 3, 2016. Cualquier miembro que no reciba una boleta de votación en la fecha indicada, deberá solicitar una boleta de votación llamando al Sindicato IBT LU 251Local.
Plazo de votación:	LA BOLETA DE VOTACIÓN DEBERÁ SER DEVUELTA POR CORREO CON EL TIEMPO SUFICIENTE PARA SER RECIBIDA A MÁS TARDAR A LAS 9:00 A.M. DEL sábado, marzo 19, 2016
Elegibilidad del plazo:	Las cuotas deberán pagarse en Teamsters Local 251 121 Brightridge Ave East Providence, RI 02914, antes de las 5:00 pm del viernes, marzo 18, 2016.
PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN CONTACTE A SU DIRECTOR LOCAL IBT LU 251 O REGIONAL:	Peter Marks 116 Nagle St, Harrisburg ,PA, 17104 Phone(717) 232-2094 pmarks@ibtvote.org

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**SÍNTESE DO PLANO ELEITORAL DO SINDICATO LOCAL
PARA A ELEIÇÃO DOS DELEGADOS E DELEGADOS SUPLENTE PARA A CONVENÇÃO DA IBT**

Este é um resumo do Plano do Sindicato Local 251 da IBT para conduzir as indicações e eleições dos delegados para a Convenção Internacional da IBT 2016. Este Plano foi aprovado pelo Supervisor de Eleição.

O Sindicato Local foi autorizado a eleger 7 delegados e determinado a eleger 2 delegados suplentes. As despesas de todos os delegados e de todos os delegados suplentes serão pagas pelo Sindicato Local 251.

INDICAÇÕES

A reunião para indicações acontecerá no sábado, dia 16 de janeiro de 2016, às 10:00, no Sindicato Local Teamsters 251, localizado na 121 Brightside Ave., East Providence, RI 02914. Qualquer associado pode comparecer à reunião para indicações.

Somente os associados com boa reputação podem indicar ou apoiar um candidato para delegado ou delegado suplente. Para ser qualificado a participar das indicações, as contribuições em atraso devem ser pagas no Sindicato Local Teamsters 251, localizado na 121 Brightside Ave., East Providence, RI 02914, antes das 17:00 da sexta-feira, dia 15 de janeiro de 2016.

Para ser indicado, um associado deve apresentar uma boa reputação ininterrupta pelo período de 24 meses que antecede o mês de janeiro de 2016.

Qualquer associado tem o direito de apresentar uma indicação, apoio ou aceitação, por escrito, antes da reunião para indicações. As indicações ou os apoios feitos por escrito devem ser recebidos pelo Secretário-Tesoureiro até as 17:00 da sexta-feira, dia 15 de janeiro de 2016, para qualquer candidato a ser indicado. Um associado pode aceitar a indicação pessoalmente ou, se estiver ausente da reunião, pode fornecer uma aceitação por escrito para o responsável que preside o Sindicato Local até o momento em que o associado é indicado. A aceitação por escrito pode ser fornecida por outro associado presente na reunião, que deve apresentá-la no momento em que o membro é indicado. As instruções completas sobre as indicações por escrito estão disponíveis no Comunicação sobre Indicações que você receberá do seu sindicato local.

ELEIÇÃO

A eleição será conduzida por cédula via correspondência. Todos os associados receberão a cédula em seu endereço residencial antes da quinta-feira, dia 3 de março de 2016. Qualquer associado qualificado que não receber uma cédula até essa data, deverá entrar em contato com o Sindicato Local imediatamente. SUA CÉDULA COM O VOTO DEVE SER ENVIADA DE VOLTA PARA O SINDICATO PELO CORREIO ATÉ AS 9:00 da sexta-feira, dia 18 de março de 2016.

Informações adicionais sobre o processo de eleição podem ser obtidas com o Secretário-Tesoureiro do Sindicato Local ou com o Supervisor de Eleição pelo telefone 844-428-8683, ou ainda com o Diretor Regional do Escritório do Supervisor de Eleição:

Peter Marks
116 Nagle Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104
717-232-2094 (comercial)
609-412-1276 (celular)
pmarks@ibtvote.org

Esta Síntese do Plano Eleitoral deve permanecer publicada até 30 dias após a data de publicação dos resultados da reunião para indicações se a reunião resultar em uma votação em cédula, ou até 30 dias após a data de publicação do formulário de contagem de votos caso ela seja contestada.

2015-2016 LOCAL UNION ELECTION PLAN

The Rules for the 2015-2016 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election ('Rules') require every local union to submit a Local Union Plan for the election of delegates and alternates to the IBT International Convention. The Local Union must use this document to submit its Election Plan. The Plan requires detailed information about how the local will perform the specific tasks and procedures that must be followed to nominate and elect IBT convention delegates and alternate delegates. Once the Local Union Plan is reviewed and approved in writing by the Election Supervisor, your local must conduct its delegate elections in the exact manner described in the approved Plan.

If you have any questions about how to complete this Local Union Plan document, you may contact your Regional Director, Peter Marks, via email at pmarks@ibtvote.org or telephone at (717) 232-2094 .

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE LOCAL UNION PLAN

Seasonal Election – June 1, 2015

Fall Election - June 30, 2015

Winter/Spring Election - September 30, 2015

Seasonal Elections: Any local union in which ten percent (10%) or more the membership is employed by a seasonal food industry. These Local Unions will be notified by the Election Supervisor of their seasonal status.

Fall Elections: Any local with a regularly scheduled local union officer election in the fall of 2015 may choose to hold a fall delegate and alternate delegate election. If you choose to elect delegates in the fall, the Local Union Plan must be submitted on or before June 30, 2015. Any local that does not submit its plan by this date shall be required to conduct delegate nominations and elections during the winter and spring of 2016.

If you choose to hold delegate and alternate elections in the fall of 2015, the delegate and alternate delegate nominations and elections must be conducted entirely separate from your officer elections. You should contact the Election Supervisor or your Regional Director at the address listed above if you have any questions regarding how to conduct separate delegate and officer nominations and elections.

Winter/Spring Election: All other local unions shall submit a Local Union Plan on or before September 30, 2015. A local union that does not submit a plan by this date will have to conduct its delegate election according to a plan imposed by the Election

Supervisor. The cost of planning and conducting the election will be the responsibility of the local union.

Any local may seek modification of, or exemption from, any provision of the Rules by making a written application to the Election Supervisor. A request for modification or exemption must explain the reason or need for such change and shall clearly state any alternative means that the local proposes for guaranteeing the fair and honest conduct of the nomination and election process. Modifications and exemptions will only be granted for extraordinary circumstances.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Is your local seeking a modification of, or exemption from, the Rules, that you have not previously requested and been granted?

No

Has your local union previously requested and received approval for any modifications of the Rules, or of any version of the Rules that governed delegate elections in 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 or 2011?

No

LOCAL UNION PLAN

1. Local Union Number: IBT LU 251
2. Principal Officer: Mr. Matthew G. Taibi
Title: Secretary Treasurer

LOCAL UNION DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

All elections must be conducted by mail ballot in accordance with the Rules. Ballots can be counted by hand or by mechanical device. Each local union has the option of either conducting its own delegate nomination and election or hiring an outside agency to conduct the election.

If a local chooses to conduct the nominations and elections on its own, it has two choices:

- A. Appoint an election committee (check local by-laws to see if this is required). Each candidate for office may designate one member of the local for service on the local union election committee, who shall be appointed by the President or Secretary-Treasurer.
- B. Permit the local executive board to conduct the election. Any local union officer or member who is running as a delegate or alternate delegate candidate may not serve on the local union election committee and should not conduct the nomination or election of delegates or alternate delegates.

3. How does your local intend to conduct the delegate and alternate delegate nomination process? Outside Agency

4. If outside election agency:

- A. If your local selected an outside election agency, will the outside agency perform both the nomination and election process?

Outside agency for nomination meeting(s): Yes

Outside agency for election: Yes

- B. List the name, address, and telephone number and contact name of the outside election agency.

Matthew Fitch
Merriman River Group
5757 W Century Boulevard, Suite 700
Los Angeles CA 90045
203-675-8322

C. Has your local used this or any other outside agency to conduct previous elections?

No

5. Number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to be Elected

A. Number of delegates to be elected to the International Union Convention:

7

B. The local must pay the convention expenses of all its elected delegates. A local may only propose to send less than a full complement of delegates because of financial inability but must first demonstrate actual financial inability to the General Secretary-Treasurer and then submit the request to the Election Supervisor for approval. If your local's request to send less than the full complement is approved, the candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes in the delegate election or, in the case of uncontested elections, the candidate(s) ranked highest in the lottery shall be sent to the Convention. Is your local proposing to send less than a full complement of delegates to the Convention?

No

C. Number of alternates to be elected to International Convention:

2

D. Will your local union pay the expenses of any of its alternate delegates to attend the International Union Convention?

Yes

If Yes, for how many alternates will your local pay expenses?

2

If your local proposed to send less than a full complement of alternate delegates, the decision of which alternate delegate candidate shall be sent to the convention by the local must be based solely on which candidate receives the highest number of votes in the alternate delegate election or, in the case of uncontested elections, by lottery.

NOMINATIONS

The 2016 Rules provide that a candidate can be nominated and seconded and can accept a nomination in writing. Therefore, each local may elect to only have one nomination meeting. If your local is having a regularly scheduled officer election this fall, you may choose to conduct the delegate and alternate nomination and election this fall

The nomination period for fall delegate and alternate delegate nominations is September 1, 2015 – November 7, 2015

If you do not have a regularly scheduled local union officer election this fall, you must hold your delegate and alternate delegate nomination(s) meeting between January 4, 2016 and March 7, 2016.

There must be at least thirty (30) days between your local's last nomination meeting and the date the ballots are mailed.

6. Nomination Meeting

A. Please tell us the date, time and location for the nomination meeting(s) your Local wishes to hold:

Meeting Detail 1:

Date: 1/16/2016

Day of Week: Saturday

Time: 10 am

Location/Address: Teamsters Local 251, 121 Brightridge Ave, East Providence RI 02914

Is the date a regularly scheduled general membership meeting?

No

If the date proposed for any nomination meeting is other than the date for a regularly scheduled, periodic general membership meeting of the local, please provide an explanation.

Local 251 wishes to follow past practice and hold our election on a Saturday in March for the convenience of observers. The last Saturday in March is Easter Weekend, and inconvenient to many members. In order to hold the election on Saturday, March 19, we need to move nominations forward to allow for the 54 days between nominations and elections. We feel Saturday will allow for good participation.

The Rules require that a written nomination or second must be received by the Local Union Secretary-Treasurer no later than 5:00 PM of the day immediately prior to the day of the nomination meeting. Thus if a nomination meeting is held on a Sunday or Monday (or a day after a holiday) the union office must be open until 5:00 PM on the preceding day, i.e., Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Deadline for submission of written nominations:

Date: 1/15/2016

Day of Week: Friday

Location/Address: Teamsters Local 251, 121 Brightridge Ave, East Providence RI 02914

B. Have any of the nomination meeting locations been changed from your local's last set of delegate nomination meetings?

No

MAILING NOMINATION NOTICES

Under the Rules, your Local must mail the nomination notice at least twenty-one (21) days before the nomination meeting. The local must use the official nomination notice form prepared by the Election Supervisor's office. You can obtain a copy of the Nomination Form (Form 7) on our web site, www.ibtvote.org, or by contacting us directly or contacting your Regional Director.

There are two ways you can mail the nomination notice to your members:

- Mail the notice in a separate, first class mailing to each member (If you are having an officer election at the same time, the nomination notices for delegates and officer may be mailed together but the notices must be on separate sheets of paper and the two notices must be on different colored paper).
- Include the notice in your local union or joint council newsletter or newspaper, which is then mailed by first class mail to each member.

If you chose option number 2, there are three rules your local must follow. The rules are:

1. The first page of the newsletter or publication must state in large bold print: 'Important Delegate Nominations Information Contained on Page ___.'
2. The nomination notice must be clearly displayed in larger size print than the other information included in the newsletter or newspaper and the notice must be in bold print.
3. Your local must submit the draft nomination notice to the Regional Director for approval before you finalize and mail it to make sure the layout, print size, and nomination information are all correct.

7. Mailing of the Nomination Notice

- A. Will your local mail the nomination notice in as separate, first class mailing to each member at his or her last known home address?

Yes

- B. Will your local mail the nomination notice by first class mail, in a local union publication, joint council publication or newsletter?

No

- C. When will your local union mail the nomination meetings notice? (Remember, it must be at least 21 days before the nominations meeting. To determine the 21 day period, do not count the day the notices are mailed but count the day of nominations.

Date for Mailing of Nomination Notice:

12/15/2015

MAIL BALLOTING

The Rules require locals to use mail ballots to elect delegates and alternate delegates.

Timing: Ballots cannot be mailed any sooner than thirty (30) days after the last nomination meeting.

You must allow at least 24 days between the mailing of the ballot and date the local counts the ballots. To determine the 24 day period do not count the day the ballots are mailed but count the day of the election.

Your ballot count day must be a day that the post office is open for business and you are able to pick up the voted ballots mailed to you.

Fall Election Time Period: The election time period for fall delegate and alternate delegate elections is October 24, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

Winter/Spring Election Time Period: The election period for winter/spring delegate and alternate delegate elections is between February 27, 2016 and April 30, 2016.

PRINTING AND MAILING OF BALLOTS

The Election Supervisor's Office has copies of a Notice of Election and Mail Ballot Voting Instruction Form (Form 12) as part of a packet of forms. Your local may also obtain a copy from our website at www.ibtvote.org. Your Local must use this form for the ballot.

The local should try to arrange to have the ballots printed and mailed locally to allow candidates and their observers to easily observe the printing and mailing of the ballots. Your local may choose to contract with a union printer or mailer that is not locally situated and request the ballots be printed and mailed from a distant location, but only if you explain why a locally based printer and mailer is not available. The local may also contract to have one entity print and mail the ballots. The local may use printing or mailing shops which employ members of the Graphic Communications Conference of the IBT. The local may not enter into a contract with any printer or mailer that employs any members of the local. If your local wants to use a union printer and mailer and can only locate union shops employing members of your local, you may request a written waiver from this prohibition.

8. Printing of Ballots

A. Are you requesting a waiver to use a printing or mailing shop that employs members of your local?

No

B. What is the name and address of the printer who will print the ballots?

Cogens Printing Services
1 Front St
Woonsocket, RI 02895

C. Please state in miles by road how far the printer is from the local's principal office.

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D. What is the name and address of the mailer who will mail the ballot for the delegate/alternate delegate elections?

Two Bolt Mailing
1110 Central Avenue
Pawtucket RI 02861

- E. Please state in miles by road how far the mailer is from the local's principal office.

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MAILING THE BALLOTS

9. Mailing of Ballots

- A. On what date will your local mail ballots? (Remember, the mailing date must be at least thirty (30) days after the nomination meeting and twenty-four (24) days before count, for a total of at least fifty-four (54) days between the last nomination meeting and the ballot count).

The printer should be requested to provide the local union with a written official count of the exact number of ballots printed.

Date the local will mail ballots:

2/22/2016

- B. The Rules require you to post the official Notice of Election on all local union bulletin boards no later than seven (7) days after the nomination meeting. You can also print the official Notice of Election in a local union publication or newsletter or post it on the local's website, if any. The Election Supervisor has an official form for the Notice of Election. You may obtain a copy of the Election Notice, Form 11, from our website, www.ibtvote.org.

Date your local will post the Notice of Election:

1/22/2016

- C. Ballots should be picked up from the post office after 9:00 a.m. on the counting date. The ballot count should start at 10:00 a.m. Where and when does your local union propose that the mail ballots be counted?

Date and Time of Ballot Count:

3/19/2016 10:00 am

Location of Ballot Count:

Teamsters Local 251
121 Brightridge Ave
East Providence, RI 02914

We traditionally hold Saturday counts. Post Office will be advised and reminded in advance to have all mail available, and we will verify all mail has been remitted in front of observers.

Obtaining Post Office Boxes for the Ballots

In order to conduct a mail ballot, your local must rent two post office boxes, one for the return of counted ballots and one for the return of ballots that the post office is unable to deliver because the member's address is incorrect. Your local should not rent the two post office boxes at the same post office where the local union has a regular business post office box because the U.S. Postal

Service might mix up the local's business mail with the ballots.

10. Post Office Information

Please list the address of the post office or offices where the local will rent a box for voted ballots and for ballots returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable.

Voted Ballots 24 Corliss St Providence, RI 02904	Undelivered Ballots P.O. Box 185332 2514 Whitney Avenue Hamden CT 06518
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MAIL BALLOT ADMINISTRATION

In a mail ballot election, the local has several important responsibilities in addition to counting the voted ballots.

1. First, it is very important that the local maintain correct mailing addresses for its members to insure that all members receive a ballot at their home address.
2. Second, the local must have procedures in place to insure that ballots returned by the U.S. Postal Service because of incorrect addresses are re-mailed to the members at their correct addresses as quickly as possible.
3. Third, the local must keep detailed records and have procedures in place to account for the additional printed ballots which may be mailed to members who request a ballot either because they did not receive a ballot in the original mailing process or because the ballot they did receive was lost, destroyed or spoiled. (These are called 'duplicate ballots' or 're-mail ballots'.)
4. Finally, the local must provide adequate procedures for ballot security throughout the election process. Specifically,
 1. securing the ballots between the dates they are printed and they are mailed.
 2. safeguarding the extra, blank ballots between the date of printing and the date of the ballot count.
 3. safeguarding the voted and blank ballots after the count is concluded or pending the resolution of challenged ballots.

11. Mail Ballot Administration

- A. It is essential in a mail ballot election that the Local union have and maintain an accurate mailing list containing the current home address of all members.

The Election Supervisor recommends the TITAN operator at each IBT local must update the local's mailing list before preparing address labels used to mail Nomination Notices and ballots to members.

Will your local follow the recommended procedure?

No

If no, please describe the procedure your local will follow to obtain an accurate mailing list.

1. The local, and our TITAN operator will work to maintain an accurate mailing list, so that all members receive a ballot at their home address.
2. The local will follow a plan for obtaining new addresses and mailing new addresses that is detailed below.

3. Our contractor, Merriman River Group, will maintain a 24 hour, toll-free ballot request line. All requests must go through this line, and the local will refer all ballot requests to this line. By calling the line and leaving a message, an mp3 file is automatically created and automatically emailed as a file attachment to Patrick Donnelly, Merriman River Group's designated agent for processing requests. This audio file will be preserved as part of the election records. Donnelly will process ballot requests on a regular basis, and in all cases, no later than the second day, or first business day, after the request is received.

4. Ballots will be printed and mailed from a union print and mail shop in Rhode Island. While envelopes will be printed in bulk and stored at the mailing facility, ballots will be printed using a ballot on demand system on the day of the ballot mailing. As such, there will be no overnight storage of ballots required between printing and mailing. At the conclusion of the mailing process, election contractor will take possession of extra materials. Patrick Donnelly of MRG will be responsible for handling and securing these materials. Extra ballot stock will be stored in a locked box during the period between mailing, and the close of the remail process. Any remaining ballots will be delivered to the Count Site by MRG staff in sealed and signed pouch.

B. What procedures will your local follow to update mailing information of members whose nomination notices or ballots are returned undelivered? The Election Supervisor recommends:

1. Frequent visits to the P.O. Box containing undeliverable ballot packages
2. Contact with the:
 1. Member Employer
 2. Appropriate Shop Steward
 3. Appropriate Health and Welfare Groups
 4. Member

Will your local follow the recommended procedure?

No

If no, describe the procedure your local will follow:

Merriman River Group will obtain all mailing and eligibility data directly from the IBT Secretary-Treasurer's office in Washington DC. Prior to Merriman River Group obtaining the data, our local TITAN operator, Kathye Kiras, will work to ensure our mailing list is as updated as possible. Merriman River Group will provide frequent updates of all returned notices so that we can obtain better addresses prior to the nomination mailing. Such methods will include:

1. Mailing house will run an NCOA match prior to mailing the notices. Although the notice will still be sent to the address on file, we will have an existing file of suspected bad addresses and likely new addresses.
2. Merriman River Group will make frequent trips to collect undeliverable mail. As it is an observable event, a schedule of post office trips will be distributed to candidates in advance of ballot mailing.
3. Merriman River Group will provide any Forwarding Time Expired notices included with undeliverable mail.
4. Titan Operator, Kathye Kiras, will contact the Employer, Steward and Member, if possible, to locate new addresses.

5. Post Office visits are observable. Merriman River will distribute a schedule of visits after nominations but prior to the ballot mailing.
6. Observers may also be members in good standing from another local. The work involving undeliverable mail and remail is being performed geographically close to the vendor, and not geographically close to the local. It may therefore be more convenient for candidates to designate observers from a local in close proximity to the vendor. There are a number of IBT locals within 25 miles of the Post Office, including IBT 443 (6.0 miles), IBT 677 (15.6 miles), IBT 1150 (22.6 miles) and IBT 191 (25.0 miles).

The Local must respond, within two business days, to each member's requests for an additional ballot. The Election Supervisor requires:

1. A detailed record be kept of all requests for additional ballots including names, address, social security number, reason for request and date mailed.
2. The local's election records should be noted that a duplicate ballot was sent so the election officials at the count will know which, if any members were sent duplicate ballots.

C. Your local must safeguard the ballots between printing and mailing. At a minimum:

1. Ballots must be secured in a tamper proof location such as a locked filing cabinet or similar container.
2. In the event a cardboard box is used it must be taped shut with signatures of observers over the tape.
3. Candidates shall not have access to the ballots.

Please identify the person or persons who will be responsible for safeguarding the ballots:

Patrick Donnelly (888)450-8683 patrick@merrimanriver.com

The Local Union is required to access the unused blank ballots following the original mailing to members for the purposes of sending replacement ballots to members who request them and a remailing to members whose ballot packages are returned as undeliverable by the Post Office. The Election Supervisor recommends:

1. Ballots may be removed from storage only by the authorized custodian of the ballots.
2. Each day after the mailing process is completed the ballots must be restored using the same safeguards referred to above in section 11c, i.e., lock and key.

The Election Committee must insure that the ballots and all other election materials are stored for at least one year after the count. The Election Supervisor recommends that all election records, including voted ballots, unused ballots, challenged ballots, voted ballots, spoiled ballots, ballot envelopes, tally sheets and voter eligibility lists be packaged, taped and signed with signatures by the election committee and any observers wish to sign.

D. Will the local follow this procedure:

Yes

COUNTING THE BALLOTS

After the ballots are picked up from the post office, the ballots must be brought back to the count site in the mailing envelopes.

The Election Supervisor recommends:

1. The Election Committee alphabetize all the return envelopes.
2. The voters name should then be compared to the voter eligibility list.
3. If found to be eligible, the envelope should be placed in a container marked 'Eligible'. If the voters eligibility is in doubt the envelope should be marked 'C' for challenged and placed in a separate container labeled 'Challenged'.
4. Continue until all the return envelopes have been compared to the voter eligibility list.
5. Open all return envelopes in the eligible grouping and extract, but do not open, the Secret Ballot envelopes.
6. Preserving secrecy, open and extract the ballots from the Secret Ballot Envelopes.

12. Counting the Ballots

- A. Will the local follow this procedure?

No

If no, please describe how the local will determine eligibility.

We will be using pre-printed barcodes and an electronic ECR supplied by the International for eligibility testing instead of alphanumeric sorting and hand-checking. This system is identical to the procedure used by the Election Supervisor for the fall election. After the scanning is complete, and in all other ways, we will be following the Election Supervisor recommendations for Section 12.

- B. The Election Supervisor recommends but does not require using a mechanical device to count ballots. The Local may count ballots by hand or mechanically. Please state how your local proposes to count mail ballots

Mechanical Device

If the Local chooses to hand-count ballots, the ballot tallies and results must be counted at least two times. The Election Supervisor recommends the following steps for organizing and counting ballots by hand. First, separate the ballots into three stacks for counting, as follows:

1. the voter chose a full slate of candidates.
2. the voter chose a partial slate of candidates.
3. the voter chose only individual candidates.

Second, after sorting, count each stack of ballots in groups of fifty (50) ballots.

- C. Count the number of Return envelopes in the 'Challenged' container.

1. If counting the challenged would not affect the outcome of the election, the results may be announced and the Official Tally Sheet completed;
2. If the number of challenged ballots could affect the outcome of ANY contest, the Election Committee should immediately recess the count and contact the Election Supervisor's Regional Director without attempting to resolve challenges. The Office of the Election Supervisor is solely responsible for resolving challenged ballots.

ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE AND VOTE

Under the Rules, members of the local union who are in arrears in the payment of their dues can pay their dues arrearage in order to be eligible to participate in the election. The Election Supervisor requires that members may take part in the nomination process by paying all arrearages at any time before the regular close of business on the last business day before the nomination meeting. Also, the Election Supervisor requires that members may have their ballot counted by paying all arrearages at any time before the regular close of business on the last business day before the date of the ballot count. Please indicate the last date (day/month/year), hours of business and location such delinquent members can pay their dues arrearages and participate in the process:

13. Eligibility to Nominate and Vote

A. Last payment date of dues for nomination meeting:

1/15/2016

B. Last payment date of dues for election:

3/18/2016

C. Deadline on above dates to submit dues (ex. 5:00 PM):

5:00 pm

D. Address of the location for payment of dues:

Teamsters Local 251
121 Brightridge Ave
East Providence, RI 02914

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

14. Foreign Languages

A. Please indicate the percentage of the local union membership whose first language is not English:

15

B. If the answer to the previous question is more than zero, please identify each language and the approximate percentage of non-English speaking members of the total active union membership who understand each language.

1. Language: Portuguese Percentage: 8

2. Language: Spanish Percentage: 7

3. Language: Percentage:

4. Language: Percentage:

5. Language: Percentage:
6. Language: Percentage:
7. Language: Percentage:
8. Language: Percentage:
9. Language: Percentage:
10. Language: Percentage:

C. Does your local union print or publish its newsletter in a language other than English?

No

D. If you had a delegate election in 2005/2006 or 2010/2011, was the local union ballot printed in a language other than English?

No

E. Please provide any reasons why election materials should or should not be published in languages in addition to English, and if so, what languages.

Instructional materials should be published in Portuguese and Spanish, in addition to English, so as to further involve members who don't read or speak English as a first language.

F. Request French Election Plan Summary

No

G. Request Spanish Election Plan Summary

Yes

WORKSITE LISTS

The Rules require that a list of current and accurate worksite addresses be attached to the Local Union Plan. A worksite list must contain all places, with addresses, where any and all of the local union members work. The worksite list must be arranged alphabetically by employer name. A model form is attached to the plan.

15. Worksite Lists

Please fill out the Worksite List below.

Worksite List attached.

1. 15159_Teamsters 251 Worksite list.pdf

BULLETIN BOARDS

Certain sections of the Rules require the local union Secretary-Treasurer to post various nomination and election related materials on union bulletin boards. The term 'Union Bulletin Boards' means any bulletin board to which the international union or local union and includes bulletin boards at the office of the Union as well as bulletin boards located on employer premises.

16. Bulletin Boards

Does your local union have bulletin boards which meet the above definition?

Yes

If Yes, Please fill out the Bulletin Board List below:

Bulletin Board List attached.

1. 14167_Teamsters 251 Worksite list -1.pdf

LITERATURE TABLE

According to the Rules, each Local Union must establish a literature table and/or bulletin board in a public area of each Local Union facility for the nondiscriminatory distribution/display of campaign literature.

17. Literature Tables

Please describe the location of the literature table or public area bulletin board maintained by the local union. Please also describe the size of the literature table or bulletin board.

Local Union 251 has a locked bulletin board in the entrance foyer of the Hall office, approximately 4 feet by 3 feet. A small literature table is also present, approximately 3 1/2 feet by 2 feet.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

18. Miscellaneous Information

- A. Does your local union have current Local Union By-laws or a Constitution separate from the International Constitution?

Yes

If Yes, the Rules require a copy to be submitted to the Election Supervisor. Please attach an electronic copy HERE or submit a copy via mail. Please label the copy of your Local Union By Laws or Constitution 'Local Union [your Local Union Number] Response to Local Union Election Plan Question 18a.'

If attaching an electronic copy: Yes

1. 9902_251_bylaws.pdf

- B. Does your local union have any court or administrative decision or legal settlement agreement which governs or affects your local union's elections?

No

- C. Does your local union publish its own newspaper, newsletter, magazine, or periodical?

Yes

The Election Supervisor maintains a record of all IBT local union newsletters. Please add the Office of the Election Supervisor and your Regional Director to the distribution list of your local union newsletter. The appropriate mailing addresses are as follows:

Office of the Election Supervisor for the
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
1050 17th Street, NW, Suite 375
Washington, DC 20036

Additionally, the Rules require that the Election Supervisor review and approve the content of all IBT newsletters in the event of a contested general election. Be advised that the copy to be included in any newsletter which you propose to distribute after the close of the 2016 IBT Convention must be transmitted to the Office of the Election Supervisor for review and approval before publication.

- D. Does your local maintain a web site for communication with its membership?

Yes

If Yes, please provide the website address:

www.teamsterslocal251.org

- E. Has the local union sent email to any of its members in the past two years?

Yes

Has any officer, business agent, shop steward, employee, or representative of the local sent email concerning union-related business to any of the local's members in the past two years?

Yes

Does the local union maintain a list of email addresses of any of its members?

Yes

Does any officer, business agent, shop steward, employee, or representative of the local maintain a list of email addresses of any of the local's members?

No

If yes to any of these questions, please attach a full and complete list of all email addresses the local union has for the members for whom it has email addresses. Include in this list all email addresses of members to which

the local union or any officer, business agent, shop steward, employee, or representative of the local union sent email in the past two years. Please attach the list HERE or send a copy to the Election Supervisor via mail.

If attaching an electronic copy: Yes

1. 14484_Teamsters 251 Worksite list -1.pdf

Article II, Section 4(e) of the Rules requires the Local Union Secretary-Treasurer to do the following:

1. Within 5 days after sending the Plan to the Election Supervisor, a notice must be posted on all Local Union Bulletin Boards (on the Election Supervisor's Official Form 2, available at www.ibtvote.org) advising that the plan has been sent; and,
2. Within 3 days after the above posting, an affidavit attesting to the posting must be sent to the Election Supervisor. For your reference sample affidavits of posting are available as Official Form 3 at www.ibtvote.org.

By submission of this plan, I declare that all of the answers in this Local Union Plan and all work site lists, bulletin board lists and email lists provided are true and accurate and have been reviewed and approved by the Principal Officer of this local.

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Date: 9/29/2015