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**Message from Election Supervisor Richard W. Mark
to All Local Unions***

The Office of the Election Supervisor (OES) is reviewing Local Union Election Plans for approval. As plans have been approved, questions from rank-and-file members have highlighted two issues that we want to draw to the attention of all local unions. These are: (1) how to respond to member requests for copies of a submitted plan; and (2) how to respond to requests to verify eligibility to participate in IBT international convention delegate election as a nominator, seconder, or candidate.

MEMBERS CAN REQUEST, AND GET, A FREE COPY OF THE LOCAL UNION ELECTION PLAN, WITH CERTAIN ATTACHMENTS

The Rules for the 2010-2011 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election (“*Rules*”), give to members “the right to submit written comments to the Election Supervisor, with a copy to the Local Union, concerning a proposed Local Union Plan, within fifteen (15) days of the submission of the Plan to the Election Supervisor.” *Rules*, Article II, Section 4(d). Once a local union has submitted its plan to OES, local union members have the right to get a copy, at no charge, of the complete proposed plan from the local union. See *Rules*, Article II, Section 4(c). A local union must provide the following attachments to the plan in response to any member request for a copy of the plan:

- (1) current worksite and bulletin board lists;
- (2) current Local Union Bylaws or Local Union Constitution, if there is one; and
- (3) copies of local union publications published after January 1, 2009.

Some Local Unions have submitted address lists of members or officials – specifically email addresses – in response to a request for information from OES. Just as members have no general right to obtain the local union postal address

* The term “local unions” refers to all entities submitting a local union election plan to the OES, specifically all Local Unions, System Federations, and General Committees of Adjustment.

mailing list, there is no right to the list of email addresses. Thus, in responding to a request for a copy of the plan, there is NO REQUIREMENT to provide any email list that was submitted to OES and any such list should NOT be provided.

OES VERIFIES MEMBER ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IBT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE ELECTION

OES has learned that members have asked local unions to verify their eligibility to run and/or to nominate or to second nominations in the IBT International convention delegate election. While local unions may provide eligibility determinations for local officer elections, the IBT International convention delegate election is different. All eligibility verification requests for the convention delegate election should be sent to the OES, because the OES has sole authority and responsibility to determine eligibility to participate in those delegate elections. See *Rules*, Article VI, Section 4 (an eligibility request “shall be made to the Election Supervisor and shall not be sent to the Union”). Any local union that receives an eligibility verification request should immediately forward the request to the OES and/or should inform the member to send an eligibility verification request directly to OES. All eligibility verification requests must be made in writing to the OES via U.S. mail, facsimile or e-mail, and should include the member’s local union, home address, telephone number and last 4digits of his/her social security or social insurance number.



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