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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES FOR THE 2010-2011 IBT INTERNATIONAL UNION  
DELEGATE AND OFFICER ELECTION AND INVITATION FOR COMMENTS**

**I. Procedure**

Proposed *Rules for the 2010-2011 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election* (the “*2011 Rules*”) are published for comment. The proposed *2011 Rules* have been transmitted to each IBT local union and to interested independent committees. Copies of the proposed *2011 Rules* may be obtained in pdf format by visiting [www.ibtvote.org](http://www.ibtvote.org) or by calling or writing the Election Supervisor’s Office to request a copy.

Members of the IBT and other interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed *2011 Rules*. Submit comments in writing to the Election Supervisor, either at the address listed above or by email to [ElectionSupervisor@ibtvote.org](mailto:ElectionSupervisor@ibtvote.org). **Written comments concerning the proposed *2011 Rules* must be received by 5:00 pm (eastern daylight time) on April 8, 2010.** Comments received by that deadline will be considered by the IBT, the Government and the Election Supervisor before the rules are issued in final form.

The Government and the IBT will ask the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York to approve the *2011 Rules*, to be effective as of May 1, 2010, with any changes agreed to by the parties following the comment period. **If the *2011 Rules* are not formally approved by that date, as of May 1, 2010 the Election Supervisor will begin administering the *2011 Rules* as proposed for approval. Members, potential candidates, independent committees and all affiliates must abide by the proposed *2011 Rules*, including compliance with all provisions concerning campaign activities, fundraising, reporting and other requirements and obligations.**

**II. Overview of Changes**

The timetable of events is updated to reflect the dates for anticipated events of the 2010-2011 IBT officer election, but otherwise the proposed *2011 Rules* are substantially the same as the *2006 Rules*. Specific changes from the *2006 Rules* include the following:

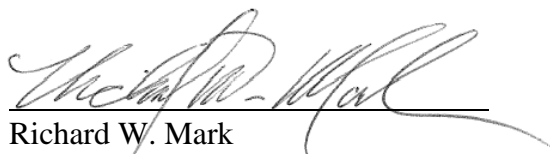
- The definition of “regional area” includes language of a May 1, 2006 rule amendment providing that for any General Committee of Adjustment (“GCA”) headquartered in an IBT region within which less than one-percent of the members assigned to that GCA are employed, the delegates, alternates

and members of that GCA shall vote in the geographic region in which the largest number of members are employed.

- Several sections of the *2011 Rules* require a submission of an identification number, (e.g., written delegate nominations (Art. II, § 5(f)), missing ballot return envelope information (Art. IV, § 6), and Accreditation Petitions (Art. X)). In the past, some rules have required full Social Security or Social Insurance Numbers and others have required only the last four digits of the number. The *2011 Rules* now uniformly require only the last four digits of the number for identification.
- Provisions relating to the number of at-large Vice Presidents to be nominated have been updated to reflect constitutional amendments from the 2006 IBT Convention. See Definition 4; Art III, § 5(a).
- A new subsection, Art. III, § 5(p), provides that after an individual has accepted nomination for International Office, the candidate may not revoke that acceptance after ballots are printed, except where, as a result of the revocation, the remaining candidate is unopposed. See IBT Constitution Art. XXII, § 4(a); *In re Klootwyk*, 2006 EAM 64 (August 31, 2006).
- Special eligibility provisions in Art. VI of the *2006 Rules* relating to members of the BLE, BMWWE and GCIU were transitional because of those entities' status as newly-merged into the IBT. Those provisions are eliminated in the *2011 Rules*, and eligibility requirements are uniform for all members throughout the IBT.
- Art. VII, § 3 requires the IBT to prepare a membership list for release to accredited or nominated candidates for their use solely in connection with campaigning. One list is generated in September of the year preceding the nomination convention. In the past, a second list was generated in May, before the convention, but was not subject to release until after nominations in connection with the general campaign. The *2011 Rules* provide that the second list will be generated in August 2011, closer in time to when the general campaign is scheduled.

- Art. VII, § 4 formerly provided that accredited candidates could obtain certified delegate lists from the IBT. The *2011 Rules* provide that the Election Supervisor will receive and respond to requests for certified delegate lists.
- The *2011 Rules* contain the candidate forum rule as ultimately adopted in the *2006 Rules*. The time period for holding the candidate forum is moved, however, from late August to early September. Art. VII, § 6(b).
- In prior elections, advisories provided that unused campaign contributions of candidates and independent committees relating to the International Officer election either had to be returned, or donated to a charity. Compliance with this policy was enforced through campaign finance disclosures. The rules explicitly required that for delegate elections. The *2011 Rules* include a provision that makes clear the requirement applies to both delegate and International Officer elections, and sets time requirements for compliance. Art. XI, § 1(b)(14).
- Art. XI, § 2 of the *2011 Rules* requires the use of the Election Supervisor's electronic Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reporting System for campaign finance disclosures, as was done in the 2006 election.
- Art. XIII, §§ 2(d), 2(i), 3(c) and 3(f) of the *2011 Rules* explicitly allows for protests and appeals to be filed via e-mail.

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