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F. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

2. Nominations for Local Association Table Officers shall commence at the regular monthly meeting in October and shall close at the regular monthly meeting in November. Nominations from the floor will be called for. Other nominations must be in writing to the Union Office signed by the nominator. At the November meeting all candidates will be asked if they will stand. Those not present must, if they wish to stand, have given their acceptance in writing prior to the meeting to be considered as candidates. Following the November meeting, the candidate(s), whether the position they are running for is being contested or not, must submit their platforms or programs to the Local Trustees for publication. The candidate(s) platforms plus a notice of election will be made available to the membership at least fourteen (14) days prior to the election date.

The election meeting shall be the first two-hour general membership meeting following the November meeting. At the election meeting candidates shall sustain their platforms and answer questions. Elections shall then take place by secret ballot vote.

F. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

3. The two Local Association Trustees shall be responsible for the fair conduct of the balloting in all Local Association elections. In the event that a Trustee is running for office and is therefore not available to act as a returning officer, the Local Association shall appoint a returning officer accordingly. No member running for office shall be eligible to act as a returning officer in that election. Each candidate will be allowed one (1) scrutineer at the ballot count. The results of the balloting will be announced as soon as possible after the election.

F. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

5. Each of the Divisions shall hold a December election to be held by ballot at a December election meeting of all members within the Division for the purpose of electing one member who shall be Division Executive Representative to serve as a member of the Local Association Executive, and a member who shall be a Division Steward to serve as a member of the Grievance Committee. The quorum for each Division's December election meeting shall be fifteen (15) of the members within that Division. In the event that a Division Steward, Division Executive Representative or Division representative to a committee is recalled or resigns, a By-election to fill the vacancy will take place at a meeting of the members within the Division, following two weeks notice.

Within two months after a contract is signed, each division shall elect a member from the division to be Contract Representative.

H. VACANCIES IN LOCAL ASSOCIATION TABLE OFFICERS POSITIONS:

2. By-elections shall be called by the Trustees when an office becomes vacant unless such office becomes vacant within two months of the opening of annual elections in which case the office shall remain vacant until the annual elections are held. By-elections shall be held by secret ballot vote at any Local Association membership meeting where the membership has received two weeks written notice.

K. DUES AND FINANCES:

2. The Local Association shall have the right to levy on its members for special purposes, one assessment per year of a maximum of five (5) dollars, which must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the members at a Local Association membership meeting, provided notice of the vote has been given at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

(Further assessments require approval by a referendum vote.)

I. RECALL:

3. Any Table Officer, Local Association Representative to the Provincial or any other member elected at a membership meeting to represent the membership of the Local Association may be recalled by secret ballot of the Local Association membership, according to the following procedures:

(a) as is

(b) The secret ballot for recall shall be held at that same membership meeting. The ballot shall be carried out by the Trustees in the usual manner.

L. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS:

Any collective agreement must be approved by a majority of votes cast in a secret ballot of the membership in the bargaining unit concerned. The ballot shall be held in conjunction with a series of meetings to discuss the collective agreement, held at times and places such as to give all members concerned an opportunity to attend before they vote.