

**FOREMEN'S UNION
LOCAL 94**

**International Longshore and
Warehouse Union**



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**CONSTITUTION
BY LAWS
GENERAL RULES**

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I. L.W.U. Local 94 CONSTITUTION AS REVISED

ARTICLE I Name and Object

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Foremen's Union, Local 94, I.L.W.U. This organization may also be known as International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 94, or ILWU Local 94.

Section 2. The object of this union shall be to unite all foremen of stevedoring operations; ship, barges, dock, rail, warehouse, car, general and marine work of Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego and Port Hueneme harbors, and such additional ports as the charter covers for the purpose of securing unity of action.

Section 3. This Local shall not dissolve, disperse its funds in any manner or change its affiliations, except by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a referendum election.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The list of officers and committees to read as follows: The elective officers of the Local shall be:

- President
- Vice-President Secretary-Treasurer
- Three (3) Trustees
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- District Council Representatives

The Local shall have the following committees:

Executive Board, fifteen (15) members, plus the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Labor Relations Committee, five (5) members, plus the President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. COMPENSATION.

The compensation for each elective salaried officer and committee member shall be designated by the wages set forth in the Pacific Coast Walking Bosses and Foremen's Agreement (PCWB&FA), and the International Constitution.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. PRESIDENT.

The President shall:

- a. Be the Executive Officer and Business Manager of this Union.
- b. Preside at all meetings of the Local and Executive Board and conduct same in accordance with rules adopted.
- c. Allow only members in the meetings while conducting the business of the Local.
- d. Enforce due observance of the Constitution, By-Laws, and General Rules.
- e. See that all resolutions and motions are enforced.
- f. Sign all checks jointly with the Secretary-Treasurer for the withdrawal of necessary monies from the bank.
- g. Sign all official papers and documents ordered by the Local.
- h. Be a member of the Labor Relations Committee.

- i. Act as business agent and perform such other duties as the Local assigns him/her.
- j. Appoint the majority of all committees not otherwise provided for.
- k. Be bonded in the sum designated by the Local.
- l. Be a delegate to all caucuses and conventions. When there is more than one (1) delegate, the President will be the only paid official eligible to be a delegate.
- m. Be ex-officio member of all committees.
- n. At the expiration of his/her term, recall, removal or resignation, turn over to the Local all properties in his/her possession that belong to this Local.
- o. Serve as a member of the Political Action Committee, and serve as the Committee's Chairperson and Assistant Treasurer. As the committee's Chairperson and Assistant Treasurer, the President shall have the duty to call and conduct meetings of the committee, and to assist the Committee's Treasurer in maintaining records and filing reports as required by law.
- p. Serve as a member of the ILWU Foremen's Coast Committee.

Section 2. VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President shall:

- a. Act as the President and presiding officer in the absence of the President.
- b. Exercise all powers and privileges belonging to the President, in his/her absence.
- c. Appoint the minority of all committees not otherwise provided for.
- d. Perform such other duties as the Local may assign to him/her, and at the expiration of his/her term, recall,

removal or resignation, turn over to the Local, all property in his/her possession belonging to the Local.

Section 3. SECRETARY-TREASURER.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- a. Be the custodian of all monies, seal, books, files and all other property belonging to this Local, and shall together with the Trustees, take proper steps to safeguard same.
- b. Sign all checks jointly with the President for withdrawal of necessary monies from the bank.
- c. Be the Office Manager, and be bonded in the sum designated by the Local.
- d. Be the Recording Secretary and shall keep a correct report of all meetings of the Local, Executive Board and Labor Relations Committees.
- e. Post the minutes of the Executive Board, Labor Relations Committee and Regular Business meetings on the bulletin boards not later than thirty-six (36) hours after meetings are adjourned or as soon as practicable.
- f. Conduct all correspondence and sign and affix the seal to all official documents.
- g. Keep a statute book to record resolutions, extracts of positive proceedings taken from all committees. (Constitution and Working Rules).
- h. Keep a true and just account between the members, and all other accounts of the Local.
- i. Present to the Local at the end of each month a financial statement showing the financial and general condition of the Local.
- j. Present to the Local a list of the members delinquent in dues according to the rules adopted by the Local.
- k. Have his/her books audited every year by a Certified Public Accountant.

- l. Submit his/her books and bills to the Trustees, and furnish a report at any time the Local may request one.
- m. Order no disbursements under the Seal of the Local unless authorized by the Local.
- n. Not retain more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the cash drawer at any time unless authorized by the Local and shall deposit all money received for the Local in the bank or banks designated by the Local at least once a month.
- o. Keep his/her office open from time to time as designated by the Local.
- p. Perform such other duties as the Local may assign to him/her, and at the expiration of his/her term, recall, removal or resignation, shall turn over to the Local all monies, books, records, seal and other property belonging to the Local.
- q. Serve as a member of the Political Action Committee and serve as the Committee's Treasurer, with the duty of maintaining records and filing reports as required by law.
- r. Serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the ILWU Foremen's Coast Committee in the event Local 94 is the largest Foremen's Local.

Section 4. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall:

- a. Take charge of the door to the meeting room, and examine identification cards of the members seeking admittance and keep a correct attendance record.
- b. Not admit anyone under the influence, and will assist the Presiding Officer in maintaining order and will remove upon the order of the Presiding Officer any member disturbing the meeting.

- c. Maintain order in the meeting hall, especially during the business periods.

Section 5. TRUSTEES.

- a. The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) members in good standing.
- b. They shall, together with the Secretary-Treasurer, be the custodians of all monies, seal, books, files and all other property belonging to the Local and shall take proper steps to safeguard same.
- c. The Board of Trustees may attend and participate in the discussions of all committees.
- d. At least one (1) Trustee shall attend all Executive Board meetings.
- e. They shall be paid as designated by the Local when working with the auditor.
- f. No elective salaried officer or elective salaried employee shall be a member of the Board of Trustees.
- g. The Trustees shall hold no official position, or act as a delegate to conventions or caucuses.
- h. They shall be bonded in the sum designated by the Local.

Section 6. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

- a. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and fifteen (15) rank and file members.
- b. The Executive Board shall be the advisory board of the Local. They shall have the power to adopt such measures as are deemed necessary, from time to time for the good and welfare of the Local, subject to the approval of the membership.

- c. The Executive Board shall attend to all important matters pertaining to the Local, occurring between meetings if not otherwise provided by the Constitution and By-Laws.
- d. The Executive Board shall have the authority to call Special meetings when they deem it necessary.
- e. The Executive Board shall be the Grievance and Rules Committees.
- f. A majority shall constitute a quorum (ten members).

Section 7. LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

- a. The Labor Relations Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and five (5) rank and file members. The Committee shall include one Area Representative from the port of San Diego and one from the Port of Port Hueneme. The Area Representatives from the Ports of San Diego and Port Hueneme shall be selected from among the registered foremen in their home ports and shall receive reasonable notice and opportunity to participate in Committee discussions and actions concerning their home ports only. All meetings and actions of the Committee shall be reflected in a single set of minutes.
- b. The Labor Relations Committee shall execute their duties as set forth in Section 17 of the Pacific Coast Walking Bosses and Foremen's Agreement (PCWB&FA).
- c. The Labor Relations Committee shall negotiate the Local Port Supplement.
- d. The Labor Relations Committee shall perform such other duties as the Local may assign to them.

Section 8. ELECTION BOARD.

- a. The Election Board shall consist of pensioners who are retired in good standing from Local 94.

- b. The duties of the Election Board shall be to observe and monitor the conduct of elections, and to cooperate and assist with the third-party election firm retained by the Local to conduct elections in accordance with the rules of the Local.
- c. In coordination with the third-party election firm, they shall have charge of the Ballot Box and Ballots, machines (if voting machines are used), until completion of their tally, and after the ballots have been tallied, they shall be returned to the ballot box, sealed, and placed in the care of the Secretary-Treasurer.
- d. The Board shall submit the results of their tally to the Secretary- Treasurer, who shall announce the results at the next regular meeting of the Local following the election. Thereafter, the seal of the ballot box may be broken and any member desirous of inspecting the ballots as cast shall have the privilege of doing so in the presence of the Election Board.
- e. The Election Board shall allow no one to vote unless said member is in good standing.
- f. When a member wishes to vote he/she shall be a member in good standing and have their current mailing address on file with the Secretary-Treasurer in order to receive a ballot which must be returned in compliance with the election notice.
- g. The Election Board shall be paid as designated by the Local.
- h. No candidate for an elective salaried position shall serve on the Election Board.

Section 9. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

- a. This Committee shall be elected at a regular or special meeting when needed.

Section 10. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

- a. The Local shall establish and maintain a Political Action Committee that may endorse candidates and measures and make lawful expenditures in state or local political campaigns. This committee shall be known as the ILWU Foremen's Union Local 94 Political Action Committee. This Committee shall consist of the Local President, the Local Secretary- Treasurer and three other members appointed from the Executive Board. The Local President shall serve as the committee's Chairperson and assistant Treasurer. The Local Secretary-Treasurer will serve as the committee's Treasurer.
- b. The Committee shall establish and maintain a fund that is segregated from all other funds of the Local. The Committee's funds shall be collected as follows. All fines collected from members shall be promptly transferred to the Committee, unless and until the Committee determines to temporarily suspend such transfers. If the committee determines that additional funds are necessary, the Committee can propose to the Executive Board that additional sources of revenue be collected, which proposal must be approved by a majority vote of the membership before being implemented. Additionally, the Committee may solicit and accept voluntary contributions from members over and above their dues, assessments or fines. Provided such contributions are lawful and are solicited in compliance with law.
- c. This fund may be used to endorse candidates and measures and to make contributions and/or independent expenditures to state or local political parties, candidates, ballot measures and political committees in compliance with the law. Decisions about which candidates and measures to endorse, and what expenditures to make in support of or in opposition to candidates or measures shall be made upon

approval of a majority of those members voting in a membership meeting, except if the committee determines that an urgent decision is necessary on expenditures from this Fund, the Committee may seek approval for such expenditure from the Executive Board, which shall determine whether to approve or reject the Committee's proposal itself without a full membership vote, or to require full membership approval. This fund may not make expenditures in federal elections. The Committee shall make decisions regarding its expenditures independent of and separately from the ILWU International Political Action fund, and from any other Political Action Committee controlled by any other ILWU Local or entity.

- d. The Committee shall retain a third-party campaign finance reporting firm to file reports with government agencies concerning its receipts and expenditures, and to maintain records and accounts necessary to that function. The Committee may designate a person from such a firm to act as second Assistant Treasurer to the Committee, provided the Committee retains control and oversight of the firm's activities, and the firm's transactions on behalf of the Committee are readily accessible to and provided on request to the Committee, the Trustees and the Locals' accountant and auditor. Fees charged by this firm, and also any other legal or accountant's fees pertaining to the Committee's activities may be paid by funds in the Committee's separately segregated fund, or in the Local's general fund or legal fund, as directed by the Committee, in conjunction with the Trustees.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS.

- a. Nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Board, Trustees, Sergeant-at-Arms, Standing Committees and all other elective positions as the Local designates, shall be open from the regular meeting of the Local in January to thirty-six (36) hours after the regular meeting in February of each year.
- b. A member desiring to have his/her name placed on the ballot or seeking to nominate another member in good standing must secure nominating papers in person or online from the Secretary-Treasurer. However, no member shall be a candidate for more than one of the following offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Trustee, and Sergeant-at-Arms.
- c. In order to have his/her name placed on the ballot, each candidate must have been in good standing and an active foreman in the industry, or working for Local 94 for the previous twelve (12) months. This is not applicable to members injured in the industry during the previous twelve (12) months.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

- a. The yearly Election of Officers and Committees shall take place by mail. Ballots shall be mailed no later than the tenth (10th) day after the official close of nominations.
- b. An election notice with voting instructions shall be mailed to all members no later than (15) days prior to the close of nominations.
- c. The following shall be elected by a majority of all votes cast for that position: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

- d. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, a “run off” election shall be held by mail. Ballots shall be mailed no later than the tenth (10th) day after the election results, and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.
- e. The candidates for all committees shall be elected by those receiving the highest number of votes cast for them.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. MAIL BALLOT.

- a. All members shall be mailed a ballot to their current mailing address on file with the Secretary- Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

- a. The Installation of Officers and Committee members shall take place at the April membership meeting.
- b. Oath of Office: I (name) do solemnly promise, on my honor, that I will perform the duties of my office faithfully and impartially to the best of my ability until my successor is duly elected and installed.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. VACANCY OF SALARIED OFFICE.

- a. When a vacancy in office is caused through death, recall, resignation, or any other cause, nominations for the vacant office vacant shall take place at the next regular meeting of

the Local and a referendum election shall be held by mail pursuant to Article V, Section 1, unless otherwise determined by the membership.

Section 2.

- a. Any elective salaried officer, employee, or committee member who absents himself/herself three (3) consecutive times without sufficient cause from duties and meetings assigned to him/her or whose conduct is detrimental to the organization, shall have his/her position declared vacant by the Presiding Officer and shall not hold any position in the Local for one (1) year.
- b. Upon a signed petition of twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing, any elective salaried position shall be subject to a recall election.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. DUES, FINES, AND ASSESSMENTS.

- a. All fines, assessments or other indebtedness must be paid before dues will be accepted.
- b. Dues are due and payable before the first (1st) day of each month. Any member working at least one (1) day during the month is required to pay their monthly dues and assessments. A member is in good standing only when his/her dues, assessments or other indebtedness are paid on or before the delinquent date, or as determined by the Local.
- c. Any member who is off work due to injury or illness is only required to pay pro rata and any assessments that are charged to the membership during the month(s) that they are off work, and they will have an equal amount of time as they were off to pay back their debt.

- d. Members six (6) months or more in arrears shall have their names read and be expelled from the Local at the first (1st) regular meeting following their delinquency. They shall only be readmitted as members of this Local in the same manner as other applicants who desire to join this Local, applications not to be considered for twelve (12) months.
- e. A member one (1) month in arrears is subject to a fine, in accordance with the rules of the Local.
- f. Any member who has permitted his/her dues, fines, assessments or any other indebtedness to run for more than one (1) month, but less than six (6) months, can be reinstated upon payment of all back dues, fines, assessments or other indebtedness.
- g. All members using the dues check off system shall never be delinquent in their dues.
- h. All members fifteen (15) days delinquent in any fine or assessment, shall be cited before the Executive Board.
- i. Death Assessments will be payable at the same time that dues are paid. Upon the death of a member in good standing, the beneficiary, as designated by the late member's ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan Beneficiary Designation Form on file with the Benefit Plan Office, will receive twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) which will be paid out of the Death and Burial Fund. This benefit is subject to applicable tax liabilities and submission of all required forms. No member is exempt from paying the Death Assessment due to sickness, accident, or injury.
- j. Each active member shall be required to pay into the Death and Burial Fund twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month.
- k. Upon the retirement of a member, they shall not be required to pay the Death Assessment.
- l. The Death and Burial payment shall only be made upon the Death of the member.

- m. In order to be eligible for payment of the twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) death benefit, the member must be an active member or retire on or after April 1, 2023 and must have fully paid his/her death and burial assessment on or before the date of his/her retirement. In order to be eligible for the prior payment of the ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) death benefit, the member must be an active member or retire on or after April 1, 2016 and must have fully paid his/her death and burial assessment on or before the date of his/her retirement. Members who retire before April 1, 2016, are eligible to receive the prior benefit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), provided they were an active member or retired on or after April 1, 2006
- n. In the event a member dies owing any dues, fines, or assessments, all indebtedness shall be deducted from the death and burial benefit due.

ARTICLE X

Section 1. REINSTATING MEMBERS AND WITHDRAWALS.

- a. Members wishing a withdrawal card must be paid up to date with their dues, fines, assessments, or other indebtedness for the current month and must intend to quit all work under our jurisdiction.
- b. Those holding withdrawal cards who do any work under the jurisdiction of Local No. 94, shall be liable to all dues and fines, and assessments from the date of issue of withdrawal card.
- c. Those holding withdrawal cards, less than one (1) year old, and wishing to resume membership again in the Local, may do so by paying all back dues, fines and assessments that

may have occurred during the time that said withdrawal card had been issued, if conditions in the industry warrant reinstatement.

- d. Those holding withdrawal cards and wishing again to resume membership in the Local may do so by paying six (6) months back dues and assessments, provided, however, that the withdrawal has been out twelve (12) months or more, and during the twelve (12) months or more, the holder has not performed any work under the jurisdiction of Local No. 94.
- e. All withdrawal cards for re-instatement must be submitted to the Executive Board in accordance with the rules of the Local.
- f. No member shall be given a withdrawal card unless he has been an active member in the Local for the past twelve (12) months.
- g. Withdrawals shall not be issued three (3) months prior to date for termination of the Foremen's Agreement.
- h. Withdrawals shall not be honored until six (6) months after termination of any strike or lockout.
- i. Leave of absence not exceeding thirty (30) days may be granted by the Secretary-Treasurer. For longer period of time, must be approved by the Labor Relations Committee.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1. CHARGES AND PENALTIES.

- a. Charges against a member must be filed in writing with the President or Secretary-Treasurer who shall read same at the next regular meeting of the Local, and there a Trial Committee will be elected. The following are the proper procedures for forming a trial committee:

1. The trial committee shall consist of five (5) rank-and-file members in good standing that are not on any committees or Officers of the Local.
 2. The Election Board shall randomly pull the names of the rank-and-file members in good standing until five (5) members accept nomination to serve on the trial committee. Members may decline nomination.
 3. Any member who has objection to a member or members that have accepted nomination to serve on the trial committee shall come forward and announce to the membership their reason for their position and the membership shall have the final say to remove the member or members.
 4. A motion from the floor shall be made to accept the trial committee, and the trial committee shall announce the date at which a hearing will be held, the time not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the announcement. However, the time for trial may, for good cause, be continued from time to time for a total period not exceeding sixty (60) days beyond the original trial date. The trial committee will present their findings to the Officers with a recommendation for the punishment of the offense, if any, which will be submitted to the membership for a vote.
- b. The Trial Committee shall announce the date at which a hearing will be held.
 - c. If an accusation is brought by one (1) member against another member, the Trial Committee shall investigate the charges and after due trial, present their findings to the Local with a recommendation for the punishment for the offense.
 - d. The accused member shall have a copy of the charges, so he/she can prepare his/her defense.

- e. Charges against members must be limited to offense against the Local or Unionism in general.
- f. Any member who destroys any property belonging to the Local, which may be in the Local's care shall be subject to punishment as the Local may direct.

ARTICLE XII

Section 1.

METHOD OF AMENDING CONSTITUTION.

- a. In order to amend the Constitution in any manner said amendment shall be read at two (2) regular meetings of the Local. The amendment shall be incorporated in the Constitution only after receiving a majority vote at referendum election conducted in accordance with the rules laid down for elections.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1.

CLARIFICATION.

- a. Anything in this Constitution not specifically mentioned shall be governed by the Constitution of the International.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS

Section 1.

- a. The regular meetings (Business) of this local shall be held the first (1st) Wednesday of the month, or as designated by the Membership.

Section 2.

- a.. Twenty-five (25) percent of the total members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the regular meeting.

Section 3.

- a. One-half (1/2) of the total members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at a special meeting. Special meetings shall consider only such matters as they are specifically called for, and any action taken at this meeting shall be concurred in by the membership at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE II

DUES, ASSESSMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Section 1.

- a. The monthly dues of the Local shall be regulated by a referendum vote to the membership.

- b. Whenever a change is to be made in the payment of monthly dues or assessments, the same shall be presented in writing and posted in the hall, to be read at two (2) regular meetings before any action can be taken.
- c. Any change must be carried by a majority vote cast at a referendum election and at no time shall the suspension of by-laws be used to regulate the monthly dues.
- d. The net costs to the Local of the I.L.W.U. Convention and/or Caucus, and any costs to the Local for contract administration purposes, as they occur from year to year, shall be assessed to the membership of the Local as they occur on a pro-rata basis. These assessments shall be determined by the President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Board of Trustees.

Section 2.

- a. The monthly dues shall be placed in the General Fund.

Section 3.

- a. Any member who retires from the Local in good standing, shall be made a lifetime member of the Local.
- b. Any member in good standing who has to retire because of disabling injuries, or illness, shall be made a lifetime member of the Local.

Section 4.

- a. Disbursements from the General Fund shall be for assessments levied against the Local by the I.L.W.U., provided that the members of the Local shall previously have been given the privilege of a representative or referendum vote of the assessments so levied. Upon receipt of official notification that an assessment is due and payable, this notice shall be submitted at the next regular meeting. A

majority vote in favor of such an assessment shall constitute an order by the Local for the withdrawal and payment of the required sum.

ARTICLE III

LOCAL FUNDS

Section 1.

- a. This Local shall have the following named funds, administered by the President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Board of Trustees: (1) General Fund; (2) Death and Burial Fund; (3) Political Action Fund, (4) Legal, (5) Strike, and (6) Escrow.
- b. The funds named in subsection (a) may be kept in multiple separate accounts, to avoid the amount of money held in any account exceeding the amount guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).
- c. No transfers of monies from any fund unless designated in the Constitution or By-Laws shall be made until the membership of this Local at two (2) consecutive regular meetings cast a majority vote in favor of the request.
- d. Unless provided otherwise in the Constitution or these By-Laws, no withdrawals or transfers of monies from any fund shall be made except on the signatures of the President and Secretary-Treasurer upon orders of the membership of this Local.

ARTICLE IV

RESIGNATIONS

Section 1.

- a. All resignations must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer or President who shall present them to the next regular meeting for final action.

ARTICLE V

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section 1.

- a. Every member of the Local shall receive a printed copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, and the Dispatch and Working Rules at the time of his/her initiation. He/she shall carefully read them over, so that he/she will be prepared to perform the duties that may be passed on to him/her.

ARTICLE VI

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Section 1.

- a. Each member upon being initiated shall receive an identification card from the Secretary-Treasurer, so that at all times upon request from a fellow member, he/she shall show his/her standing in the Local.

ARTICLE VII

SUSPENSION OF THE BY-LAWS

Section 1.

- a. No article or section of the By-Laws shall be suspended unless one half (1/2) of the members in good standing are in attendance, and it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present to carry the suspension of the same except Article 2 and Article 3 of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

Section 1.

- a. No article or section of the By-Laws shall be amended unless a written statement of such amendment be posted in the Dispatch Hall and Business Office for a period of five (5) days prior to a regular meeting, and read before two (2) regular meetings of the Local. To carry such an amendment at a meeting, one half (1/2) of the members in good standing shall be present and two-thirds (2/3) of those voting shall be in favor of the proposed changes. Alternatively, amendments to these By-Laws can be amended by referendum election pursuant to the same procedure as provided in Article XII of the Constitution for amending the Constitution, provided the notice requirements set out above are complied with.

ARTICLE IX

STRIKE FUND

Section 1.

- a. This Local shall maintain a strike fund in the amounts designated by the membership. This fund shall be maintained for the purposes of carrying on the business of the Local during times of strike or lockout.
- b. In event of strikes or lockouts, all monies available in any fund of the Local, shall be the strike fund, with the exception of the Death and Burial Fund and the Political Action Fund.

Section 2.

- a. The Board of Trustees, President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall have their signatures recorded for the purpose of withdrawing money from the strike fund.

Section 3.

- a. Money can only be withdrawn from the strike fund on the vote of a specially called meeting with two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present, called for that purpose only, which in turn shall authorize by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, the Board of Trustees and the Officers to withdraw a designated amount of money.

Section 4.

- a. Strike Funds shall not under any circumstances be used for any purpose except those ordered by the specially called meeting.

Section 5.

- a. No access to our strike fund shall be granted except upon presentation of a letter signed by the Secretary-Treasurer under the seal of the Local, and counter signed by one (1) other bonded official and three (3) members of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE X

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1.

- a. Meeting called to order.
- b. Salute to the Flag.
- c. Moment of silence for members, active or retired, who have passed away.
- d. Announcement of newly retired members.
- e. Announcement of visitors present.
- f. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- g. Reading of the minutes of the Executive Board meeting(s).
- h. Initiation of new members.
- i. Sick report.
- j. Report of officers.
- k. Report of special committees.
- l. Unfinished business.
- m. New business.
- n. Financial report.
- o. Good and welfare of the Union.
- p. Adjournment.

Section 2.

- a. On motion, the regular order of business may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any time, to dispose of any urgent business.

Section 3.

- a. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing and must be sponsored by three (3) members in good standing.

Section 4.

- a. Any conversation by whispering or boisterous language, which is calculated to disturb a member while speaking, or hinder the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order.

Section 5.

- a. In all parliamentary procedures of the Local, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.

ARTICLE XI

CLARIFICATION

Section 1.

- a. Anything not specifically covered by these By-Laws shall be governed by the Constitution of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union.

GENERAL RULES

1. All active members are required to vote at all elections, regular or special, where voting is for one (1) day or more, or be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) for failure to do so except sick or injured members, or members on vacation and vacation is on file with the Secretary-Treasurer.
2. All active members are required to attend at least one (1) meeting every two (2) months or be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00). This rule does not apply to members who are sick, injured or working. No member can be excused from meetings two (2) consecutive months for any reason, except as stated above, or is on vacation. Any active member missing three (3) consecutive meetings shall be cited before the Executive Board.
3. Any member accepting nomination and election on any committee and who does not act, is subject to penalty by the body.
4. That all campaigning shall be conducted on or off the job and docks, and not be conducted during elections in the vicinity of the Union Office.
5. Penalties for infraction of the rules:
 - (a) Chiseling – Ten (10) days off.
 - (b) Ejection from a meeting for being under the influence or creating a disturbance – Two hundred fifty dollar(\$250.00) fine.

- (c) Name appearing on delinquent list – Fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine.
6. If a Union meeting is called due to the lack of a quorum, members shall be required to re-sign in. Anyone not signed in will be counted as absent and be subject to a fine in accordance with the rules of the Local.

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