



# CONVENTION CALL

**38<sup>th</sup> IBEW®**

**International Convention**

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Vancouver, BC, Canada

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**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
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The 38<sup>th</sup> regular Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will convene at the Vancouver Convention Center in Vancouver, BC, Canada, on September 19, 2011, at 9 a.m. Our 38<sup>th</sup> International Convention (I.C.) is the single most important gathering of IBEW delegates from our two great nations. The deliberations and decisions made by you, as delegates, will set the path and direction into the future for all of our members and their families. Each local union is urged to send its fully accredited delegation to this important convention so that our deliberations and decisions will benefit from the broadest possible base of representative democracy.

## **REPRESENTATION**

**Article II, Section 7, of our Constitution states that:**

“No L.U. shall be entitled to representation at an I.C. unless its per capita to the International Union has been paid on its membership for the period six (6) calendar months prior to the first of the month in which the I.C. is held.”

**Article II, Section 8, states the following:**

“The basis of representation at the I.C. shall be as follows:

Each L.U. shall be entitled to a per capita tax vote on “A” and “BA” members; that is, one (1) vote for each member in good standing three (3) calendar months prior to the first of the month in which the I.C. is held.

Each L.U. shall be entitled to the following:

- (a) One delegate for the first 250 members, 1 delegate for each additional 250 members or majority fraction thereof:

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>
UP to 375	1
376 to 625	2
626 to 875	3
876 to 1,125	4
1,126 to 1,375	5
1,376 to 1,625	6

- (b) One more delegate for each additional 500 members:

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>
1,626 to 2,125	7
2,126 to 2,625	8
2,626 to 3,100	9

- (c) One more delegate for each additional 3,000 members - maximum 15 delegates:

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>
3,101 to 6,000	10
6,001 to 9,000	11
9,001 to 12,000	12
12,001 to 15,000	13
15,001 to 18,000	14
18,001 and over	15.”

When the local unions do not send their full quota, the delegate or delegates sent are entitled to cast the entire vote of the local on any roll call. The vote to which a local union will be entitled at the 38<sup>th</sup> IBEW International Convention will be based on the local union's membership count arising out of their May 2011 per capita report. The May 2011 per capita report must be in the hands of the I.S.T. or in the mail on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2011.

## **QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES**

**Article II, Section 10, of our Constitution reads in part:**

“No member shall be nominated as a delegate or alternate unless he is present or signifies his willingness in writing, nor shall he be eligible to be a delegate or an alternate unless in continuous good standing in his L.U. at least twenty-four (24) months immediately prior to nomination, providing his L.U. has been in existence that long. However, no such member shall be disqualified because his L.U. has been merged or amalgamated with another L.U. or L.U.'s.

The two (2) years membership requirement shall not be applicable to members of L.U.'s affiliated with System Councils, who are employed by a single employer and who transfer between L.U.'s within a System Council, provided, however, that any such member must have been a member in continuous good standing for two (2) years in at least one of the L.U.'s affiliated with the System Council involved.

Delegates and alternates shall be elected by secret ballot. Members in good standing in the L.U. shall be given at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the time, place and manner of making nominations and of the election, and may participate therein, except for those who may be expressly prohibited by approved provision of the L.U. bylaws. The election of delegates and alternates shall be decided for those receiving the most votes and ballots, and records of the election shall be retained for one (1) year."

To qualify as a delegate (from a local having six months' standing in the Brotherhood but less than 24 months), a member must have continuous good standing in the local since the date it was chartered. This means he/she must have joined the local union on or before the date the charter was closed. Article XII, Section 1, of our Constitution states that this shall be 60 days after the local is installed.

## **CREDENTIALS**

All delegates and alternates must register using the on-line processing system provided through Local Union Connections on the IBEW website. This registration system will become available on or about May 1, 2011, and can be accessed by employing the user name and password assigned to your local union for gaining entry to Local Union Connections. Implementing the rules provided by Article II of the IBEW Constitution, the membership records of delegates and alternates will then go through a validation process. Those whose membership records reflect that they have met the qualifications of a delegate or alternate will then be prompted to print their credential, have it endorsed by the appropriate local union officers as well as the election judge, impress the local union seal, and forward the completed credential to the IBEW International Office in Washington, D.C. A copy of the credential should be maintained by the delegate or alternate for presentation at registration in Vancouver. Those delegates and alternates whose membership records fail to proceed through the validation process should contact their local union or Vice President's Office to review their records. Your servicing International Representative is available and should be contacted for assistance.

Please note that the printed credentials of delegates and alternates must be in the hands of the I.S.T. or in the mail at least 60 days prior to the holding of the International Convention (July 21, 2011). Failing to comply with this, the delegate or alternate shall receive no mileage or other payments. The Credential Committee shall pass upon whether such delegate or alternate shall be seated (see Article II, Section 11, of the IBEW Constitution).

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The selection of hotels by delegates and alternates will be accomplished as part of the on-line delegate and alternate registration process and is self explanatory. Please contact your servicing International Representative should you require assistance. A listing of hotels as well as a corresponding map is enclosed for your review. Please note that several hundred IBEW

local unions will be holding elections in June 2011 and will not have the results of their delegate and alternate selection until the close of that month. As a result, the first hotel confirmation notices will be provided on July 1, 2011. After that date, hotel confirmations will be sent on a routine basis to the email addresses provided by the requesting individual.

## **DELEGATE PAYMENT**

### **Article II, Section 9 states:**

“For transportation, sleeping and living expenses en route to and while attending the I.C., the I.S.T. will pay each delegate a sum equal to ninety cents (90¢) a mile, one way, by the shortest practical route.

Each delegate remaining until the close of the Convention shall be reimbursed for expenses in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). L.U.’s may pay their delegates additional sums.”

## **DUES PAYMENTS**

Delegates are urged to pay their dues in advance through September, the month of the Convention, and to see that the dues have been properly recorded by the local union Financial Secretary on a current per capita report to the International Secretary-Treasurer. You are only authorized to serve as a delegate to the IBEW Convention if your membership is current when proceedings commence. Delegates whose dues are paid through a check-off system should contact their local union and request that their dues payment through the Convention month be recorded on a miscellaneous receipt. All delegates should be able to provide a copy of their dues receipt at registration in Vancouver.

## **SUBMISSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

To be considered, amendments to the Constitution shall be in the office of the International Secretary-Treasurer 45 days prior to the opening of the Convention. Therefore, these must be received in the International Office on or before August 5, 2011. The proposed amendments to the Constitution must be approved by the members at a regular or special meeting of the L.U. For further information, please refer to Article XXVII, Section 2, which provides:

“The I.P. shall appoint a Law Committee consisting of eleven (11) delegates elected to the I.C., at least one from each I.V.P. District. These shall meet in the I.O. fifteen (15) days prior to the opening of the I.C. This committee shall consider all proposed amendments to be submitted to the I.C., and the committee shall have a printed report ready for the first day’s session of the I.C.”

Only proposed amendments approved by L.U.s and recommendations of International Officers shall be considered. All these must be submitted to the I.S.T. forty-five (45) days prior to the opening of the I.C.

## SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions, other than amendments to the Constitution to be considered, shall be in the office of the International Secretary-Treasurer 45 days prior to the opening of the Convention. Therefore, they must be received on or before August 5, 2011.

The resolutions must have been approved by the members at a regular or special meeting of the L.U.

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

All local unions are urged to follow carefully the regulations set up in Article II, Section 10 of our Constitution in electing their delegates and alternates and to be sure their membership standing conforms to these regulations. Thus, you will avoid misunderstanding and save your delegates the embarrassment of traveling to the Convention city and being denied seating because they lack the necessary membership qualifications.

Now, more than ever, we must come together as a Brotherhood. The times in which we live threaten the social progress that made the United States and Canada nations where freedom, prosperity, and opportunity could thrive. Our solidarity must remain unassailable in the face of present dangers. We may engage in vigorous debate on the Convention floor, but we must leave Vancouver strong and united in seeking our common destiny as proud, effective advocates for our members and all working people.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance, and all good wishes.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salvatore J. Chilia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Salvatore J. Chilia  
International Secretary-Treasurer