

ARTICLE I

NAME AND CONSTITUTION

Sec. 1. This organization shall be known as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, with jurisdiction over all electrical workers in the United States and Canada as defined in Article XXVI of this Constitution, including all workers in public utilities and electrical manufacturing plants, and shall consist of an unlimited number of local unions acknowledging its jurisdiction and subject to its laws and usages, and it shall not be dissolved while there are five (5) dissenting local unions.

Sec. 2. This organization, in the merging together of all electrical workers in the United States and in Canada, fully recognizes the sovereignty of each of our great nations and the advancement of industry compatible with the laws of each country and the objects of this Constitution.

Sec. 3. This Constitution, and all acts and proceedings which, in the future and in due course may be enacted, shall be absolutely binding on all L.U.'s officers and members. The initials "L.U.'s" as used throughout this Constitution shall include Railroad Councils, System Councils and other subordinate bodies where applicable.

Sec. 4. The following abbreviations, when used herein, and in reports and other documents, shall mean:

I.B.E.W.—International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers.

I.E.C.—International Executive Council.

I.P.—International President.

I.V.P.—International Vice President.

I.S.T.—International Secretary-Treasurer.

I.R.—International Representative.

I.C.—International Convention.

I.O.—International Office.

L.U.—Local Union.

R.S.—Recording Secretary.

F.S.—Financial Secretary.

Sec. 5. Words used in this Constitution in the masculine gender shall include the feminine.