

ARTICLE XIV

RAILROAD COUNCIL CHARTERS

Sec. 1. Railroad System Councils shall be formed and composed of Railroad L.U.'s of the I.B.E.W., as conditions require and as decided by the I.P.

Sec. 2. Each council must be chartered by the I.P. The I.S.T. shall grant such charters when authorized by the I.P. The type of work and the territory or jurisdiction covered by a charter must be defined in the approved bylaws. The I.P. has the right and power to divide or change the territory or jurisdiction covered by such charter when in his judgment such should be done to advance the interests of the I.B.E.W. on railroads.

Rules for Railroad Councils

Sec. 3. The method of representation in Railroad Councils shall be determined by the L.U.'s affiliated therewith. However, each delegate to the council shall be elected in the same manner as are the officers of the L.U. he represents.

Sec. 4. Such councils shall charge a per capita tax for their support and for proper handling of their business on railroads, and such per capita tax shall not be less than one dollar (\$1.00) a month from the members of Railroad L.U.'s.

Sec. 5. The secretary of each council shall furnish to its L.U.'s and to the I.S.T. a quarterly financial report showing all receipts and disbursements.

Sec. 6. Each council shall adopt bylaws and rules to meet the needs of, or to protect and advance the interests of the I.B.E.W. on railroads. Such bylaws or rules shall in no way conflict with this Constitution. Where any doubt appears this Constitution shall be supreme. All bylaws, amendments or rules, all agreements, jurisdiction, etc., of any and all kinds, shall be submitted in duplicate form to the I.P. for his approval.

Sec. 7. No such council shall put into effect, nor shall its officers, general chairman or representative put into effect or allow to be put into effect, any bylaw, amendment, rule, or agreement of any kind without first securing approval of the I.P. All these shall be null and void without such approval, and the I.P. has the power to correct bylaws, amendments, rules and agreements to conform to this Constitution and the policies of the I.B.E.W.

Sec. 8. Each council shall cooperate in the manner directed by the I.P. with such organizations as he may decide.

Sec. 9. When the I.P. deems it necessary to protect or advance the interests of I.B.E.W. members on railroads, or to organize or protect their jurisdiction, the I.P. is empowered to require such councils to employ a full-time general chairman, or a sufficient number of assistant general chairmen to cover the jurisdiction or territory involved.

Sec. 10. The general chairman of each such council shall be held responsible to the council and to the I.P. for results in organizing his territory, for establishing friendly relations with representatives of the railroads, and in protecting the jurisdiction of the I.B.E.W. He shall attend all meetings of the Executive Board of the council. It shall be his responsibility to keep accurate statistics—or to see that such statistics are kept—as required by the I.P., and to cooperate fully with the Research and Technical Services Department of the I.B.E.W.

Where a council has more than one general chairman, or representative, one shall be elected to be in full charge. He shall appoint any additional general chairmen, representatives or assistants, and these shall work directly under him and be subject to his authority. He may discharge them at any time. When a representative or assistant is dismissed by the general chairman in charge, he shall not be reemployed or paid by the council in any capacity during the term of office of the general chairman in charge without his consent.

Sec. 11. The officers, general chairmen, and representatives of such councils shall be guided and governed by the same rules—where such apply to them—which guide and govern the officers and representatives of the L.U.'s of the I.B.E.W.

Sec. 12. The I.P. has the power at any time to enter any situation or controversy involving a council, and his decision shall be accepted by such council and its officers, subject to appeal to the I.E.C. and I.C.