

ARTICLE II

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sec. 1. The I.B.E.W. shall meet in regular convention every five (5) years on the third Monday in September, at such place as shall be decided upon by the I.E.C.

Sec. 2. The I.E.C. has power to change the date on which an I.C. is to convene, but any change made shall not be for more than ninety (90) days before or after the original date fixed.

Sec. 3. Upon petition filed with the I.S.T. by any twenty-eight (28) L.U.'s in good standing—not more than four (4) L.U.'s from any one I.E.C. district—the question of holding a special I.C. shall be submitted to a referendum; but petitions for a vote must specify the place, time, and date at which this special I.C. is proposed to be held, and the questions must be specified by each of the twenty-eight (28) L.U.'s in good standing before any referendum shall be taken. No special I.C. shall be called except in this manner.

The result of the referendum shall be published in full in the I.B.E.W. official JOURNAL. If a majority vote in favor of a special I.C., the I.S.T. shall issue the call.

Sec. 4. The I.P. shall appoint the following committees, consisting of eleven (11) delegates elected to the I.C., one from each I.V.P. district. The I.P. shall appoint one of the committee members as Chairman and one as Secretary:

1. I.P.'s Report.
2. I.S.T.'s Report.
3. I.E.C.'s Report.
4. Law.
5. Resolutions.
6. Appeals.
7. Any special committees deemed necessary.

These committees shall meet prior to the opening of the I.C. The compensation of members of these committees shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day and reimbursement for actual expenses. This shall cease the day the I.C. opens.

Sec. 5. The I.S.T. prior to the I.C. shall deposit sufficient funds in the convention city to be used to defray expenses of the I.C.

Sec. 6. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of one-third of the delegates seated. Immediately after the I.C. is opened, the I.E.C. shall report on credentials and rules. The order of business of the I.C. shall proceed in accordance with the rules adopted by the Convention. The business of the I.C. shall include the following:

1. Call to Order.
2. Presentation of Credentials.
3. Report on Credentials and Rules.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Communications and Bills.
6. Resolutions, etc.
7. Reports of Committees.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. Nomination and Election of Officers.
10. New Business.
11. Adjournment.

Sec. 7. 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.

Sec. 8. 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:

<i>Membership</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>
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:

<i>Membership</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>
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:

<i>Membership</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>
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

Delegates representing only "BA" membership shall not be entitled to discuss, or vote on, matters affecting Article XI.

Sec. 9. 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.

Sec. 10. 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.

Where the L.U. Bylaws specify, prior to election to a particular elective office, that one of the functions of said elective office shall include service as a delegate to the I.C. or other body, special election of the officer holding such office to be a delegate is not necessary. In the event a vacancy should occur in the said elective office and it is

filled pursuant to Article XVI, Section 16, prior to May in the Convention year, the L.U. shall elect a replacement delegate. The person appointed to fill the particular elective office shall be a candidate for election as a delegate. If, however, the vacancy is filled between May in the Convention year and the holding of the I.C., the person appointed to the vacancy in the elective office shall serve as delegate, except that, as provided by law, such delegate may not vote in any election for International Officers.

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.

Sec. 11. Credentials of the delegate and alternate shall be in the hands of the I.S.T. or in the mail at least sixty (60) days prior to the I.C. Failing to comply with this, the delegate or alternate shall receive no mileage or other payments. (The Credentials Committee shall pass upon whether such delegate or alternate shall be seated.)

Sec. 12. Any International or L.U. officer, or any member, who willfully commits fraud in connection with obtaining or furnishing credentials for delegates to the I.C.—or who is connected with any fraud in voting during the I.C.—shall be tried by the I.E.C. The I.E.C. shall render decision and decide the penalty.

Sec. 13. The I.C. shall elect two (2) delegates to conventions of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations; two (2) delegates to the Building and Construction Trades Department; two (2) delegates to

the Metal Trades Department; one (1) delegate to the Union Label and Service Trades Department; one (1) delegate to the Maritime Trades Department; one (1) delegate to the Industrial Union Department; and two (2) delegates to the Canadian Labour Congress.

The I.P. shall appoint all other delegates to any conventions at which the I.B.E.W. is entitled to representation. He may appoint a substitute for any delegate who does not desire, or is unable, to attend any convention to which he is elected. All such delegates shall serve a term of five (5) years and be compensated at fifty dollars (\$50.00) a day for time spent in attending, and traveling to and from the convention, and be reimbursed for actual expenses.