

## **ARTICLE XXIII**

## **TRAVELING CARDS**

Sec. 1. Any member working in a different L.U.'s jurisdiction shall be admitted to its meeting, provided that he presents his official receipt for dues showing he is a member in good standing and he identifies himself as the rightful owner of such receipt, but he will have no voice or vote at such meeting, except as required by law.

Any member visiting a different L.U. may be admitted to its meeting at the option of the L.U., provided that he presents his official receipt for dues showing he is a member

in good standing and identifies himself as the rightful owner of such receipt, but he will have no voice or vote at such meeting.

Sec. 2. Any member desiring to transfer his membership may apply to the F.S. for a traveling card for a stated time not to exceed three (3) months. This card shall be null and void unless deposited in some L.U. or renewed by the L.U. granting it on or before the date of its expiration. No fraction of a month shall be recognized, and all cards must date from the first day of the month and expire on the last day of the month.

Sec. 3. If a member is in continuous good standing and not under charges, the F.S. shall grant the card without a vote of the L.U. upon payment of all dues in advance for the full time for which the card is granted.

Sec. 4. The L.U. issuing the card shall pay the I.S.T. the per capita for the time the card holds good. The L.U. shall be held liable for any unpaid per capita, premiums, assessments or other items due the I.O. and which the F.S. neglected to collect.

Sec. 5. Traveling cards may not be deposited in any L.U. which does not include the type of membership for which the card was issued, unless the member transfers to a type of membership covered by the L.U. In such case he shall be given credit for the last initiation fee he paid. Nor may a traveling card be deposited in a L.U. by a member of another L.U. wishing to transfer his membership, until and unless that member has been accepted by the L.U. into which he wishes to transfer. Each L.U. shall have full autonomy to accept or reject all requests for transfers. (Except as provided in Section 10.)

Sec. 6. No member shall work in the jurisdiction of another L.U. until his traveling card has been accepted, or he receives a working card, except by consent of the I.P. in

special cases, and except in cases where L.U.'s allow their members to work by agreement or understanding in the jurisdiction of each other.

Any member violating this provision is subject to assessment at the discretion of that L.U., but the assessment shall not exceed the wages earned by such member while the violation continued. However, any member violating the working rules of another L.U. shall be subject to such punishment as decided by the L.U.

Sec. 7. When a member is away and sends dues to his home L.U., the F.S. of the home L.U. shall notify the L.U. of the same branch of the trade in whose jurisdiction the member is located, giving his name, address and card number.

Sec. 8. A member not having five (5) years continuous good standing in the I.B.E.W. shall pay any difference in admission or initiation fee to the L.U. to which he applies. No L.U. shall require a member to pay any such difference at a greater rate than one dollar (\$1.00) a day for each day he works. The L.U. may require him to pass its examination.

Sec. 9. No member of the same branch of trade with five years or more continuous good standing shall be required to take any examination or pay any difference in admission fee, except when he changes his classification within the same branch, if the L.U. so decides. (This applies within a L.U. or when transferring to another L.U.) No member with five (5) years or more continuous good standing—transferring to a different branch of the trade—shall be required to pay any difference in admission fee. However, he shall pass a practical examination if the L.U. so decides.

Sec. 10. No L.U. shall refuse to accept promptly the card of and readmit any member into his home L.U. provided he has maintained his continuous good standing in the

I.B.E.W. while absent from the L.U. The L.U. where a member was originally admitted into the I.B.E.W. shall be considered his home L.U. Where a L.U. or any part thereof has been amalgamated into another L.U. that L.U. shall be considered the home L.U.

No L.U. shall be required to accept the card of a member who was admitted by the L.U. when the member has changed his classification during his absence.

No L.U. shall collect any difference in admission fee from a member who was admitted by the L.U. and who has maintained his continuous good standing in the I.B.E.W. during his absence from the L.U., except in cases where the L.U. permits a change of classification on his return to the L.U., and the L.U. has established a difference in fees between the two classifications.

Sec. 11. The member's dues shall begin the first of the month after acceptance of his card. Any dues paid in advance of this date shall be returned to him by his former L.U. less the per capita.

Sec. 12. Any member leaving the jurisdiction of a L.U. owing just debts to it shall be required to pay up to the rate of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) for each day worked and shall pay up within six (6) months of notice or be dropped from membership. The indebtedness shall be collected by the F.S. of the L.U. in which the member has deposited his card. In no case shall a new traveling card be issued to such member until his indebtedness is paid.

Sec. 13. A member admitted on a traveling card shall not vote on questions of agreement, trouble or wages, until six (6) months after his card has been accepted, nor shall he be permitted to vote in the L.U. election unless he has been a member in that L.U. sixty (60) days prior to the election.

This section shall not be applicable to members of L.U.'s affiliated with Railroad Councils or System Councils who are employed by a single employer and who transfer between L.U.'s within the council, provided, however, any such member must have been a member in continuous good standing in one of the L.U.'s affiliated with such council for six (6) months or sixty (60) days specified above.