

ARTICLE VIII

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Sec. 1. The duties of the I.E.C. shall be:

To meet quarterly; to employ a certified public accountant who shall audit all the books and accounts of the International Officers, on an annual basis, at the end of the fiscal year; to act on all applications for pension, disability, or retirement benefits; to determine all proposed constitutional amendments submitted for referendum vote; and to attend to all business properly brought before it.

Sec. 2. The members of the I.E.C. may vote and transact business by correspondence with the I.S.T., and each other, but five (5) members must concur to make such action valid.

Sec. 3. The I.E.C. shall be the committee on rules and credentials at all regular or special conventions and shall submit its report as such immediately after the Convention opens.

Sec. 4. The I.E.C. shall have the power to try any L.U. or member charged with injuring the interests of the I.B.E.W. by actions in violation of the I.B.E.W. laws or the obligation of the member, and may revoke or suspend charter or membership. (Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to conflict with this power of the I.E.C.)

Sec. 5. When an appeal from any decision of the I.P. is made to the I.E.C., then the I.E.C. shall render a decision within a reasonable period of time. However, the I.E.C.

may, when it feels such is practical, act on an appeal by correspondence.

Sec. 6. Either to suspend or revoke the charter of any L.U.—or have the I.S.T. reject the per capita tax from any L.U.—that fails or refuses to observe the laws and rules of the I.B.E.W. or decisions rendered by proper I.B.E.W. authority.

Sec. 7. To take charge of, i.e., impose a trusteeship on, the affairs of any L.U. when in its judgment such is necessary to protect or advance the interests of its members and the I.B.E.W., and to suspend any local officer or member who offers interference in such cases.

Sec. 8. If at any time the I.E.C. deems a new law necessary, it shall recommend a clause or clauses for the L.U.'s to vote upon, and should a majority vote support the recommendation, it shall become a law.

Sec. 9. In case of a vacancy in the office of the I.P., the I.E.C. shall immediately convene and elect a successor to fill the office for the unexpired term.

Sec. 10. The minutes and report of each I.E.C. meeting shall be published in full in the I.B.E.W. official JOURNAL.

Sec. 11. A member of the I.E.C. shall be elected from each of the following districts, except the chairman who shall be elected at large:

First—Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.

Second—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

Third—Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia.

Fourth—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Republic of Panama.

Fifth—Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

Sixth—Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

Seventh—Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Pacific Islands.

Eighth—Canada.