

Election and Campaign Rules for the Inlandboatmen's Union 2023

1. Constitution and By-laws

The nomination and election of IBU officers will be conducted in accordance with the IBU Constitution and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended.

2. Term of Office

The officers elected will serve a three-year term beginning Dec. 16, 2023 until Dec. 15, 2026.

3. Eligibility to Hold Office

As provided for in Constitution Article 15 Sec F

No member shall be eligible to be a candidate for any regional office unless the meet the following qualifications:

- (1) for regional office member must have been a member in continuous good standing for two (2) years prior to the nomination, with the exception of Regional Executive Committee candidates, who must have been full-book in continuous good standing for one (1) year prior to the nomination. For Convention, delegates must remain in continuous good standing for two (2) years prior to the opening day of the convention. (Please refer to the Constitution Article 15 Sec F for further information.)

For National office Article 12 Section D Members must have been a member in continuous good standing for three (3) years at the time of the nomination (Please refer to the Constitution Article we Sec D for further information)

4. Nomination Meeting

(Per Constitution, Article 14 Sec. A # 1 & 2)

All nomination meetings will be held during the first 15 days of September at the regional membership meetings.

Nominations may be made verbally or in writing and the nominee is required to have a written acceptance stating which position they are accepting at the close of the meeting.

No candidate shall be allowed to be nominated for more than one (1) office, except that a Patrolman/Business Agent may be nominated for and hold the Office of Chairman, Vice Chair or Executive Committee, while serving as a Patrolman/Business Agent.

5. Candidate Eligibility Determinations

(Per Article 14 Section F)

Candidates for National office shall have their eligibility determined by the Ballot Committee of the region of which they are a member.

Article 14 Sec G (1)

The duties of the ballot committee shall be: Determine eligibility of all regional candidates for all offices within the first week after nominations are closed and forward all candidates eligibility records, position for which they were nominated and nomination acceptance letters sent to the office of the Secretary/Treasurer for confirmation.

6. Distribution of Campaign Materials

(Per Article 14 Sec B #10)

All campaign literature that is to be mailed out, using the Union mailing list shall be sent to the National office. The campaign literature must be sealed and have postage affixed. All literature must be mailed through a mailing bureau. The candidates will reimburse the Union for all applicable costs for mailing, and processing of the literature.

(Per Article 14 Sec B #11)

All candidates may submit a one-page campaign piece to be emailed to the members. It must be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer for dispersal to the region's emails on file. Campaign email will be electronically sent to the members on the first business day following the day ballots are mailed or at any other time during the election period as designated by the candidate.

7. Campaign Restrictions

Federal law prohibits the use of any union or employer funds to promote the candidacy of any person in a union officer election. This prohibition applies to cash, facilities, equipment, office supplies, copiers, fax, phones

and of employer whether or not they employ IBU members. Union officers may not campaign on time paid for by the union. Federal law also provides that candidates must be treated equally regarding the opportunity to campaign and that all members may support the candidates of their choice without being subject to penalty, discipline or reprisal of any kind.

8. Voter Eligibility

(Per Article 14 Sect I # 3)

All persons, who are full-book members of the union at the time of mailing the ballots or become full-book members before October 5th, shall receive a ballot.

9. Observers

(Per Article 14 Section B # 6)

Any candidate or person designated by them shall be permitted to name at least one observer at the candidate's own expense to be present at the preparation and mailing of the ballots. However, said observer shall not be allowed to touch or handle any ballots or envelopes, or in any way interfere with the work of the ballot committee. If the observer persists, after a warning, they shall be required to leave the premises in order to let the committee continue its work.

10. Election Process

(Per Constitution, Article 14 Section I # 4 & Section J # 1)

Ballots will be mailed to members on October 16 for a 60-day balloting period. Ballots will be counted on December 15th.

11. Recounts

(Per Constitution, Article 14 Section N # 1 & 3)

If any candidate for National Office requests a recount, he or she shall then submit a request in writing to the President not later than seven (7) days following the certification of the results of the national election. He or she must state their reasons for requesting the recount.

If any candidate for a Regional Office requests a recount, he or she shall then submit a request in writing to the Judge of the Regional Ballot Committee not later than seven (7) days following the certification of the results of the regional election. He or she shall state their reasons for requesting the recount.

12. Protests

(Per Constitution, Article 14 Section B # 8)

Any member desiring to challenge the election upon any grounds whatsoever shall file a written statement of his or her challenge with the President, stating the facts which they believe sustain the challenge and naming witnesses or identifying the documents which they believe would support such facts. Upon receipt of challenge, the President shall order a hearing before the Executive Council of the Union neither less than fifteen-day nor more than thirty days after receipt of such challenge. To be valid any such challenge must be received by the President of the Union within fifteen days after the certification of the results of the election.

13. Regional Ballot Judges & Ballot Committees

(Per Constitution, Article 14 Section G)

A Regional Ballot Judge shall be elected from each region who shall be a full-book member and not a candidate for any office or convention delegate. The Judge shall supervise the counting of the ballots, decide the eligibility of any challenged ballots and certify the result of the election to the President. A Ballot committee of three (3) or more and three (3) or more alternates who shall be full-book members and not a candidate for any office or convention delegate.

The above rules are not all inclusive. Additional election rules maybe found in the IBU Constitutions.

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