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he Thirty-Seventh Convention of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union will be held beginning June 4, 2018 in Portland, Oregon. Representation at the Convention and voting strength of the locals/affiliates will be determined in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution. For convenience, reference sections of Article XI, applying to the Convention, found on Page 3 of The Call.

The number of votes to which each local/affiliate will be entitled at the Convention will be based on the average membership during 2017. The Constitution does not limit the number of delegates a local/affiliate may send. The official voting strength of each local/affiliate is divided among the official delegates representing the local/affiliate.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials to the Convention are enclosed. They are in triplicate. The blue copy is for the delegate to bring to the Convention to present at registration. The yellow copy must be sent to the International Office, to be received no later than May 7, 2018. The green copy is to be kept in the local's/affiliate's files.

In order to be entitled to send delegates to the Convention, each local/affiliate is required to have paid up its per capita, assessments, and any other indebtedness to the International (through May 2018) at least one month prior to the Convention.

Locals/Affiliates with a combined membership of 500 or less may consolidate for the purposes of nominating and electing delegates. Methods of election should be worked out by the locals/affiliates involved in accordance with Article XI, Section 4(a) of the International Constitution.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions or amendments to the Constitution that a local/affiliate wishes to propose for the consideration of the Convention should be received at the International Office no later than May 14, 2018. Each resolution or amendment should be separately typed, double-spaced on 8-1/2" X 11" paper. Resolutions may also be submitted electronically, either on disc or by email to resolutions@ilwu.org.

Please note: Rules adopted by previous Conventions specify that no resolution or Constitutional amendment will be accepted by the Convention unless submitted by the local's/affiliate's membership or by the local's/affiliate's delegation, and that no resolution or Constitutional amendment shall be accepted for consideration after 4:30 p.m. on the second day of the Convention, except by unanimous vote of the delegates present.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Information on hotel reservations and accommodations are enclosed with The Call. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Other questions regarding accommodations should be addressed to Alexa Jurczak, Office Manager, at the International Office. Any questions concerning Convention procedures, voting strength, or the number of delegates assigned to each local/affiliate should be addressed to William E. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer, at the International Office.

In Solidarity,

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ARTICLE XI CONVENTION

The following excerpts from Article XI of the ILWU International Constitution are reprinted here for reference.

SECTION 1. A Convention of the International shall be held every three (3) years beginning at 10 a.m. on the second Monday following Easter Sunday. However, the International Executive Board may authorize a different Convention location and starting date which shall be no earlier than March 1st nor later than June 30th of the year in which the Convention is to be held...

SECTION 2. In Order to be entitled to send delegates to the Convention and receive voice and vote, a local must have its International per capita, together with assessments and any overdue indebtedness to the International paid up one month prior to the Convention.

SECTION 3. Representation at the International Convention shall be as follows: each local shall be entitled to one vote regardless of membership up to one hundred (100) members, and one vote for each additional one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof of its paid membership averaged for the one (1) year period immediately prior to the year in which the Convention is held.

SECTION 4. Delegates to the International Convention shall be elected either by secret referendum ballot of the entire membership or by ballot at a regular meeting of the local, or where for geographical reasons meetings of the entire membership are not practical, by ballot at regular meetings of its subdivisions. Nominating procedures shall be established by the local. The credentials of delegates elected shall be signed by the president and secretary of the local, must bear the seal of the local, and certify that the delegate was elected as provided herein...

SECTION 4a. Locals within any geographical subdivision with a combined membership of 500 members or less may consolidate for the purposes of nominating and electing a Convention delegate. Any method of nominating and electing said delegate should be worked out by the said locals involved, providing other provisions of the International Constitution are adhered to. The delegate elected shall cast the full voting strength of the locals he/she represents in Convention. No proxy vote will be allowed. The delegate's wages and expenses, travel and transportation shall be borne equally by members of the locals the delegate represents.

SECTION 5. All credentials must be in the International office thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. The

President may appoint a pre-Convention committee to consist of that number of delegates to the Convention that he/she deems necessary to carry out the functions of the committee, to be selected by him/her with due regard to proportionate representation so far as possible from all areas, with the International Officers to act as ex-officio members of the committee. All work of the pre-Convention committee shall be subject to the approval of the Convention...

SECTION 6. During each Convention, at times and places designated by the International President, each occupational group or geographic area within the International may hold a caucus for the purpose of discussing its specific problems with full authority to set up such machinery as it may deem necessary and appropriate to deal with its collective bargaining problems...

SECTION 7. The Titled Officers and Coast Committeemen who are not elected delegates from their respective locals shall have a voice and vote in the Convention, except on roll call votes.

SECTION 8. Executive Board members who are not elected delegates from their respective locals shall have voice and vote in the Convention, except on roll call votes.

SECTION 9. Pensioners designated by their pension clubs shall be fraternal delegates at Conventions with voice, but no vote, on all matters before the Convention.

SECTION 10. Auxiliary members designated by their auxiliaries shall be fraternal delegates at Conventions.

SECTION 11. Each District Council shall be entitled to send one fraternal delegate to the Convention with voice, but no vote, on all matters before the Convention. The delegate costs shall be borne by the individual District Councils.

On the basis of our records to date, your local/affiliate will be entitled to _____ votes. (In accordance with Section 3 above, the voting strength is based on the average number of per capita payments on members for the 2017 calendar year. This calculation does not include per capita payments on non-members.)