

Bylaw Proposals

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Confused by all the recent proposals to amend the Union bylaws? I would be too if it wasn't for the fact that I'm the officer responsible for processing the proposed changes. Below is report specific to proposals to amendments the Union bylaws.

In the November cycle of Union meetings the following proposals to amend the bylaws of Local 587 were addressed:

- The membership voted to approve the bylaw proposal to amend Article IV, Sections 5, 6, 7, & 8 of the bylaws of Local 587. [Language clean-up in the 'Committees/Shop Steward Committee' section.]
- The membership voted to approve the bylaw proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 3 of the bylaws of Local 587. [Language clean-up in the 'Maintenance and Distribution of Local Death Benefits' section.]
- The membership voted to reject the bylaw proposal to amend Article XI, Sections 5 & 6 of the bylaws of Local 587. [Proposal to amend Union meeting 'Rules of Order' section]
- The membership voted to reject the bylaw proposal to amend Article XII, Sections 1 - 17 of the bylaws of Local 587. [Proposal to amend General Election – Elections of Officers' section.]
- Due to a printing error the vote to amend Article XV, Section 1 of the bylaws of Local 587 was postponed and will be voted upon through the December cycle of Union meetings. [Language clean-up in the 'Bylaw Amendments' section]
- Due to a printing error the vote to amend Article XV, Section 4 of the bylaws of Local 587 was postponed and will be voted upon through the December cycle of Union meetings. [Proposal to grant the Executive Board authority to not resubmit rejected bylaw proposals for six months.]

I have again received one of the two bylaw proposals rejected through the November cycle of Union meetings. It is as follows:

- A bylaw proposal to amend Article XI, Sections 5 & 6 of the bylaws of Local 587. [Proposal to amend Union meeting 'Rules of Order' section]

I have also received three new bylaw proposals that, along with the resubmitted Article XI bylaw proposal above, will be voted upon through the January cycle of Union meetings. They are as follows:

- A bylaw proposal to amend Article XII, Sections 1 – 17. [Proposal to amend General Election – Elections of Officers' section.]
- A bylaw proposal to amend Article XIII, Sections 3 & 4. [Language clean-up in the 'General Election – Election of Delegates' section.]

- A bylaw proposal to amend Article III, Sections 1 & 2; Article IV, Section 8; Article V, Section 1; and Article VI, Sections 3 & 5. [Proposal to add a '2nd Vice President – Maintenance' to our current contingent of four full-time Union Officers with the primary responsibility to assist the President/Business Representative and Vice President/Assistant Business Representative with management of grievances and arbitrations for members from the classifications of Vehicle Maintenance; Facilities Maintenance; Rail Vehicle Maintenance; Way, Power and Signals, and Streetcar Maintainers as listed in the current King County/Metro Labor Agreement..

The text of all of the bylaw proposals should be posted on Union bulletin boards (presuming space available) and is posted on our website at <http://www.atu587.com/news-latestnews.html>.

The good news: President Norton recently appointed a bylaw committee that has been working in conjunction with members who have been submitting bylaw proposals and at the time of this writing it appears most, if not all of the proposals, will be coming to our membership meetings with a consensus of opinion in favor of passage.