

September 23, 2008

To: All Members of Local 587

From: Recording Secretary Paul J. Bachtel

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE BYLAWS
ARTICLE XII, Sections 1 - 17**

Submitted by Bruce Tiebout

In accordance with Article XV, Section 2 pertaining to bylaw proposals, the following bylaw proposal will be published in the *News Review*, and will be voted upon at through the November cycle of Union meetings.

ARTICLE XII

GENERAL ELECTION - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

OLD:

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Section 7. All elections shall be held in compliance with the Constitution and General Laws of the Amalgamated Transit Union, as amended, and in compliance with the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (Landrum-Griffin Act of 1959), as amended.

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Section 9. No officer of the Local shall hold office in any organization that is in conflict with the Constitution and General Laws of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

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