

To: All Members of Local 587

From: Recording Secretary Paul J. Bachtel

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE BYLAWS
ARTICLE XII, Section 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
(Nominations Bylaw Change)

Submitted by Executive Board Officer Chris Daniels for the election review committee

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 the October cycle of meetings.

ARTICLE XII – Election of Officers

Current Language

Section 1. The election of officers for Local 587 shall be held in the month of June and three (3) years thereafter on a payday on or before the 25th day of the month. The regular three (3) year election of Local officers shall be by the primary system. Nominations shall be held at the meetings of the Local in the month of April. The primary election shall be held on the first payday of the month in May and the final election on the first payday of the month in June. Ballots shall be counted as provided in Article XII, Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10. Balloting must be held at polling places specified by motion at the nominations meeting in the Local in April.

(a) The Executive Board will determine the appropriate hours of balloting for each designated polling place so as to accommodate the members to the greatest degree feasible. They shall also determine the number of tellers to be appointed to each

designated polling place. The tellers' duties shall be to see that the election is conducted in a fair and honest manner.

(b) There shall be an Election Committee, consisting of three (3) members plus two (2) alternates, reporting to the Recording Secretary. Its duties would include election security, vote tabulation, and production and distribution of the voters pamphlet,

(c) Nine (9) days before the primary election in May and nine (9) days before the final election in June, members may vote at the union office. The ballot box will be sealed as provided in Article XII, Section 9 until the last polls close.

(d) Counting of ballots shall be supervised by the Recording Secretary and at least one member of the Elections Committee in the presence of the membership.

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Section 4. If under Section 3, no member is eligible then all members in good standing will be declared eligible.

Section 5. Members to be eligible to vote for officers at any regular or special election must be members in good standing.

Section 6. The Financial Secretary/Treasurer will keep a strict record of attendance at meetings.

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.

Section 8. All ballots must be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of each teller to see that the ballot boxes are sealed when the election is closed and that each teller writes his/her name across the seal which shall bear the seal of the Local and immediately deliver non pre-polling ballot boxes to the location specified for counting the votes where counting will begin when the last polls close.

Section 10. No officer of Local 587 shall hold office in any organization that is in conflict with the Constitution and General Laws.

Section 11. No member shall accept the nomination for more than one office, excepting in cases where the two offices may be held at the same time.

Section 12. The name of the member making the nomination shall be made a matter of record.

Section 13. Printed instructions shall be furnished to all tellers.

Proposed New Language

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Section 12. No member can appear on the ballot for more than one position. The acceptance of any nomination declines all prior nominations. Once a candidate has accepted a nomination and subsequently declines that position, that candidate may not be nominated for that position in that election cycle.

Section 13. Members may self-nominate in person throughout the meeting cycle. All write-in nominations must be received by a date and time determined by the election committee. Written self-nominations are subject to verification by the election committee.

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