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## Call for Nominations of Delegates to the 40th IBEW International Convention

Dear Members,

The call for nominations of delegates to the 40th IBEW International Convention is now open. The Convention will be held in Chicago, IL from August 30 to September 3, 2021. It has not yet been determined if the Convention will be held in-person or virtually.

Held every five years, the IBEW convention is a massive undertaking, bringing over 3,000 local union delegates (elected by the members of their local), officers, staff, and guests to the host city. The Convention is where the IBEW conducts the heart of its business, setting broad policy goals to guide the union over the next five years in an open, democratic forum.

Attending the International Convention as a delegate is a valuable experience for any IBEW member, and particularly for those who are in union leadership positions, or who aspire to a leadership role.

Based on our current membership of approximately 2500, Local 37 is entitled to send eight delegates to the International Convention. By virtue of their elective office, the President and Business Manager are automatic delegates to the Convention. As per Article II, Section 10 of the IBEW Constitution, when a vacancy occurs in either of these offices, the appointed replacement is not an automatic delegate and the local union must elect a replacement delegate to the Convention. Where the current IBEW Local 37 Business Manager is retiring on March 31, 2021, and his appointed replacement is not an automatic delegate, seven members will be elected to join the President. Two alternates will also be elected.

Due to restrictions and uncertainties imposed by COVID-19, the normal practice for the nomination of delegates at the April Unit Meetings has been changed. For this election only, the IBEW Local 37 Executive Board, with the permission of the International President, has approved conducting the nominations for delegates entirely by mail (including email).

Members may nominate themselves, or other Local 37 members. As per the IBEW Constitution, in order to be eligible for nomination, members must have been in continuous good standing for at least 24 months immediately prior to the nomination.

Please note that your membership may not be up-to-date if you have been on LTD, maternity leave, or on layoff in the past 24 months. **Please call (1-877-437-0037) or [email the union office, if you are unsure.](#)**

### **Nominations for delegates must be done in writing and include the following information:**

- Nominator's full name, workplace, job classification/title
- Nominee's full name, workplace, job classification/title
- Statement of acceptance from nominee (unless a self-nomination)

Again, nominees must be members in continuous good standing for at least 24 months immediately prior to nomination. The Election Judge will determine eligibility of all nominees after his/her appointment.

- **To nominate another member, please [use this form.](#)**
- **For self-nominations, please [use this form](#) ( acceptance form not required)**
- **To accept a nomination, please [use this form.](#)**

Nomination and acceptance forms must be sent to the IBEW Local 37 Recording Secretary using regular mail or email (scanned copy of completed form):

#### **Regular Mail:**

Fredericton, NB E3A 2Z6  
138 Neill Street  
c/o IBEW Local 37  
Recording Secretary  
Wanda Hierlihy

#### **Email:**

[convention@ibew37.com](mailto:convention@ibew37.com)

**Both nomination and acceptance forms must be received no later than 4:30PM on Monday, April 12, 2021.**

The election of Local 37 delegates will be conducted by secret ballot through regular mail, and as per the election procedures contained within the IBEW Local 37 Bylaws.

Ballots and detailed voting instructions will be mailed to all members by April 19, 2021. **To avoid delays in receiving your ballot, please ensure the Local 37 office has your current address.**

Completed ballots must be received by the Local 37 Election Judge at the designated post office box no later than 10:00am on May 17, 2021. The counting of ballots will immediately follow. Delegates and alternates shall be decided by those receiving the most votes.

If you have any questions, or would like copies of the forms emailed to you directly, please send an email to [convention@ibew37.com](mailto:convention@ibew37.com).

Further information will follow in the coming weeks.

In solidarity,

David Brown  
President