

58 year, and 5) if there are multiple business representative positions, list
59 the process for determining which business representative position
60 will be reduced.

61 SECTION 3 – QUALIFICATIONS

62 **SEC. 3.** No member shall be nominated for or elected to two (2) local
63 union offices or positions at the same time unless prior to said nomi-
64 nations such offices had been combined by action of the local union.
65 No member shall be eligible to nomination, election, or appointment,
66 nor shall they be permitted to continue to serve as an officer, business
67 manager, business representative, delegate, trustee or other represen-
68 tative of any affiliated local union unless (a) they are paying the rate
69 that keeps them a member in good standing in such local union, (b)
70 such dues and other obligations due the local union and this Associ-
71 ation must be paid before the first day of the current month and are
72 properly recorded on official receipts in their possession and/or the
73 member has signed an authorization to their employer to checkoff
74 dues and the employer has deducted the dues, or has failed to make or
75 remit the authorized deduction from available wages, which shall be
76 verified by the Financial Secretary-Treasurer at the time of nomina-
77 tion or within three (3) days thereafter and (c) they have established a
78 record of continuous good standing in the local union in which they
79 are a candidate for a period of not less than two (2) consecutive years,
80 which may include years as an apprentice-member but no longer
81 serving an apprenticeship, immediately preceding their nomination,
82 appointment or election, except where a new local union has not been
83 in existence, or where no one willing to accept nomination or appoint-
84 ment to a particular office or position has a record of continuous good
85 standing, for such period, in which case a shorter period for eligibil-
86 ity may be prescribed only if the local union includes the following
87 language in its notice of nominations: "If there are no members willing
88 to accept nomination for a particular office or position who meet the

eligibility requirement of two (2) consecutive years of continuous 89
 good standing, the local union will waive this eligibility requirement 90
 at the nominations meeting and accept nominations from members 91
 with less than two (2) consecutive years of continuous good standing 92
 for that office or position if a majority of the members in attendance 93
 vote to approve this waiver” and the membership approves the waiver; 94
 nor shall they be eligible for nomination, election or appointment or 95
 permitted to continue to serve if they are retired on pension under the 96
 provisions of the Social Security Act or Railroad Retirement Act or on 97
 a pension from this Association or any local union or council thereof 98
 or from any pension plan negotiated with employers unless distribu- 99
 tion of such pension has been mandated by the requirements of the 100
 Internal Revenue Code or other applicable law unless said retiree has 101
 suspended pension payments and said retiree has returned to active 102
 service and has worked at the trade for not less than one (1) year imme- 103
 diately prior to date of nomination. A new local union as used in this 104
 paragraph shall not include a new local union resulting from a merger, 105
 amalgamation or separation of other local unions which have been in 106
 existence for two (2) years or more. 107

The foregoing qualifications shall be required of members of local 108
 unions which have resulted from amalgamation, merger or separation 109
 of local unions except that if good standing has been continuous or 110
 unbroken then good standing membership in all local unions involved 111
 in the amalgamation, merger or separation shall be counted; however, 112
 the local union good standing of members who transfer from one local 113
 union to another after the amalgamation, merger or separation has 114
 been completed, or following transfer time limits prescribed in con- 115
 nection with the amalgamation, merger or separation, shall commence 116
 with the date of transfer. 117