

Information Is Available For New Officers

For many local unions, the first quarter is a time in which newly elected officers begin their duties. As a result, I have noticed an increased volume of requests from local union officers seeking information. In the spirit of helping our newly elected Secretaries and Treasurers, the following is a list of publications available from the General Office that may be helpful to you:

International Constitution and Bylaws

Delegates to International Conventions approve changes to this document and therefore new editions are printed every four years. The present 65th edition was adopted July 22, 2005 and is beige in color. International Constitutions and Bylaws are available to local unions at a cost of \$2.50 per copy.

Local Union Secretary and Treasurer Handbook

This booklet is designed to familiarize officers with the necessary procedures and overall duties and responsibilities related to their positions.

Sample Constitution and Bylaws for Local Unions

The original purpose of this booklet was to assist newly chartered local unions with the development of their initial Constitution and Bylaws. However, because of its simplicity, many older local unions use this document as a starting point when re-writing their Constitution and Bylaws.

Advice To Members Of Trial Boards of Local Unions In the Conduct of Trials

This booklet should be used in conjunction with Articles Sixteen and Seventeen of the International Constitution and Bylaws. The information contained in the booklet is intended to answer many of the questions that arise before, during and after trials are completed.

Welcome To The I.A.T.S.E. Pamphlet

This pamphlet replaced the old Introduction to the I.A.T.S.E. booklet. The pamphlet contains a brief history of the IA, a description of our structure and benefits as well as a message from President Short. The pamphlet is designed to allow our local unions to place their contact information on the pamphlet and is available in English, Spanish and French. Local unions may purchase these at \$0.30 per pamphlet.

If you are a local union officer interested in receiving any of the above-mentioned publications please do not hesitate to contact the General Office.



PRICE INCREASES

As a result of the rapid increase in the value of gold, our supplier is substantially increasing prices for the 10 karat gold I.A.T.S.E. emblems. Effective April 15, 2008 the single 10k emblem price will be increased to \$114.00 and the 10k emblem with a year bar will be increased to \$123.00.

2008 SUPPLIES

Those local unions that were in compliance with their financial and reporting obligations with the International were sent their 2008 membership cards and supplies in late November of last year.

If your local union has still not received their supplies for 2008, you are advised that at this late date the 4th Quarter Report for 2006 must be submitted and the per capita stamps for all of 2007 as well as the 1st Quarter of 2008 must be purchased before your supplies can be sent.