

Countdown To The Convention

As we approach our 66th Quadrennial Convention, you will find that this issue of the Official Bulletin contains a substantial amount of Convention-related information.

Answers to many of the most frequently asked questions immediately follow this Message and additional convention information is contained on the subsequent pages. In addition, all delegates are advised to review Articles Three through Five of the International Constitution in order to better familiarize themselves with Convention procedures.

Preparations for the Convention have been taking place in the General Office for many months, but before the delegate credential packages can be mailed, all local unions intending to send delegates to the Convention must fulfill two key requirements.

First, the General Office must have received all Quarterly Reports, up to and including the 1st Quarter Report for 2009. Although Article Nineteen, Section 7 of the International Constitution allows for that report to be filed as late as April 30th, we cannot complete our calculation of your average membership size between conventions until the 1st Quarter Report is received. Once the calculation is made, the number of delegate votes your local union is entitled to can be determined and the appropriate number of credential packages can be assembled.

Second, each local union must have purchased at least twice the number of 2009 per capita stamps as the numbers reported on the 1st Quarter Report for 2009. Article Three, Section 5 of the International Constitution requires that local unions must purchase per capita stamps for all quarters up to and including the quarter that precedes the Convention. Since the 2nd Quarter Report for 2009 is not due until July 30th, the numbers reported on the 1st Quarter Report are doubled and used as an estimate in order to calculate good standing.

Once these two requirements have been met, the delegate credential packages will be sent. Each package contains the credentials as well as a host of additional information, including airline reservation and hotel information. Delegates are encouraged to return their credentials to the General Office as soon as possible. Only when credentials are received in the General Office, will delegates be able to make airline reservations on the IA Master Airline Account and be eligible for committee assignments.

When making reservations, delegates are reminded that District Conventions (see pages 6 & 7) precede the International Convention.



IN GOOD STANDING

In accordance with Article Thirteen, Section 1 of the International Constitution and Bylaws, a local union that is not in good standing with their District is deemed not in good standing with the Alliance and therefore not eligible to attend the International Convention. Local union officers are advised to verify with their District Secretary that the local is in good standing.

For all the information on the hotel, guest room rate and reservations for the Mid-Summer General Executive Board meeting and the 66th Quadrennial Convention, please turn to page 9 of this issue.