

# **Resolution to Amend the UAW Constitution International Executive Board Election Procedures**

I would like to propose a resolution to be approved by this membership for consideration by the delegate body of the 35<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Convention and submitted to the International Secretary-Treasurer of the UAW.

Let it be resolved that the UAW Constitution be Amended to enhance the democratic process within the UAW. These amendments are meant to place the power and authority of the Union where it rightfully belongs; in the hands of its members. We can accomplish this by passing this resolution to require the International Executive Board be chosen by direct election by the rank and file membership.

This proposal modifies the language of the UAW Constitution to require nominations for International Executive Board Officers be made at special membership meetings throughout the UAW in February of the year the Constitutional Convention is to be held.

This proposal modifies the language of the UAW Constitution to require elections for International Executive Board Officers be held in the first week of April of the year the Constitutional Convention is to be held.

This proposal modifies the language of the UAW Constitution to require run-off elections for International Executive Board Officers be held within fourteen days of the election if necessary.

This proposal modifies the language of the UAW Constitution to define who is eligible for the run-off elections for International Executive Board Officers.

This proposal adds installation of officers to the order of business of the UAW Constitutional Convention and removes nomination and election of officers from the order of business of the UAW Constitutional Convention.

Respectfully submitted for the approval of the membership of UAW Local 551.

In Solidarity,

# Original Language Constitution

Of the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America  
Adopted at the 34<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Convention June 2006  
International Executive Board

## Article 8 Conventions

**Section 2.** The business of the International Convention shall proceed in the following order unless otherwise ordered by the Convention:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report on Credentials.
3. Reading of Convention Rules.
4. Appointing Committees.
5. Communications and Bills
6. Resolutions, etc.
7. Reports of Committees.
8. Report of Officers and International Executive Board.
9. Nomination and Election of Officers and International Trustees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Adjournment.

## Article 10 Officers and Elections

**Section 1.** The elective officers of the International Union shall be one (1) International President, one (1) International Secretary-Treasurer, five (5) International Vice Presidents, who shall be elected by the convention, and such International Executive Board Members as provided in Section 21 of this Article. In the event of the death, removal, or resignation of any of the five (5) Vice Presidents at any time after July 1, 2006, the International Executive Board shall have the authority to reduce the number of Vice Presidents from five (5) to four (4). The duties of the Vice Presidents shall be to assist the International President.

**Section 2.** Within the geographical districts as determined by the International Constitution, the International Executive Board Members shall be nominated and elected in the regions as established by the International Executive Board and existing on the actual day any such election commences. Only the delegates from the Local Unions in such regions shall nominate and vote for their International Board Members. Any member is continuous good standing for one (1) year, and who has worked at least ninety (90) working days in a workplace(s) located within the region, whose Local Union is located within the region can be nominated and elected. It shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the International Executive Board to change the composition of any region within a geographical district.

**Section 4.** Nomination and election of all elective officers and Trustees shall take place in the regular order of business of the Convention and election shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates voting. Candidates shall be elected to various offices by one (1) roll-call vote. In the election of the Vice Presidents each delegate may vote for up to five (5) candidates. If there are ten (10) or more nominees for the five (5) offices and less than five (5) candidates receive a majority vote, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from the run-off election, and in each successive run-off election the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated, unless such elimination would result in reducing the number of candidates in nomination to a figure equal to the remaining vacancy or vacancies.

**Section 5.** All elections of International Officers and International Executive Board Members shall be by roll-call vote. In any election for International President, International Secretary-Treasurer, International Executive Board Member, or International Trustee where there are three (3) or more candidates and, on the first ballot no such candidate receives a majority, there shall be a run-off between the two (2) candidates who received the highest number of votes on the first ballot.

**Section 16.** Incoming elective officers of the International Union shall be obligated and installed immediately after being elected. The obligation shall be the same as that provided for Local Union officers.

# Amended Language Constitution

Of the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America  
Adopted at the 35<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Convention June 2010

## Article 8 Conventions

(This amendment includes an omission of: **Officers and** from item 9 in the order of business)

**Section 2.** The business of the International Convention shall proceed in the following order unless otherwise ordered by the Convention:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report on Credentials.
3. **Installation of Officers and International Executive Board.**
4. Reading of Convention Rules.
5. Appointing Committees.
6. Communications and Bills.
7. Resolutions, etc.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Report of Officers and International Executive Board.
10. Nomination and Election of International Trustees.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. New Business.
13. Adjournment.

## Article 10 Officers and Elections

(The proposed amendmended language is represented in bold face type.)

**Section 1.** The elective officers of the International Union shall be one (1) International President, one (1) International Secretary-Treasurer, five (5) International Vice Presidents, who shall be elected by **majority vote of the UAW membership**, and such International Executive Board Members as provided in Section 21 of this Article. In the event of the death, removal, or resignation of any of the five (5) Vice Presidents at any time after July 1, 2006, the International Executive Board shall have the authority to reduce the number of Vice Presidents from five (5) to four (4). The duties of the Vice Presidents shall be to assist the International President.

**Section 2.** Within the geographical districts as determined by the International Constitution, the International Executive Board Members shall be nominated **at a special membership meeting at each Local Union within each Region for the purpose of nomination of International Executive Board Members in the first week of February in the year which the Constitutional Convention is to be held. The Election of International Executive Board Members shall be held in the first week of April in the year which the Constitutional Convention is to be held.** Only the **members** from the Local Unions in such regions shall nominate and vote for their International Board Members. Any member in continuous good standing for one (1) year, and who has worked at least ninety (90) working days in a workplace(s) located within the region, whose Local Union is located within the region can be nominated and elected. It shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the International Executive Board to change the composition of any region within a geographical district.

**Section 4.** In the election of the Vice Presidents **members** may vote for up to five (5) candidates for **Vice-President**. If there are ten (10) or more nominees for the five (5) offices and less than five (5) candidates receive a majority vote, **there will be a run-off election within fourteen (14) days for the unfilled Vice-President(s) position(s). The number of candidates in the run-off will be twice the number of vacancies remaining. Of the candidates who did not achieve a majority on the first ballot those receiving the highest vote totals will be in the run-off election.**

**Section 5.** All elections of International Officers and International Executive Board Members shall be by **secret ballot**. In any election for International President, International Secretary-Treasurer, International Executive Board Member, or International Trustee where there are three (3) or more candidates and, on the first ballot no such candidate receives a majority, there shall be a run-off between the two (2) candidates who received the highest number of votes on the first ballot.

**Section 16.** Incoming elective officers of the International Union shall be obligated and installed **in accordance with the regular order of business in accordance with Article 8 of this constitution**. The obligation shall be the same as that provided for Local Union officers.