

# Constitutional Convention

# RULES

Detroit, Michigan July 25 - 28, 2022

# As Submitted by The Rules Committee

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# REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

# THANK YOU CHAIRPERSON

CHAIRPERSON, OFFICERS, INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS TO THIS 38<sup>TH</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JULY, 2022.

WE, THE RULES COMMITTEE, DESIGNATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UAW, MET IN OFFICIAL SESSION AT THE WESTIN HOTEL IN SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN ON, JULY 18, 2022 AND SUBSEQUENT DATES TO FORMULATE WHAT WE COLLECTIVELY BELIEVE TO BE NECESSARY AND PERTINENT FOR THIS CONVENTION.

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONVENTION RULES AND THE PROCEEDINGS OF PAST CONVENTIONS, GIVING CONSIDERATION TO THE POSITIONS EXPRESSED BY DELEGATES OF PRIOR CONVENTIONS RELATIVE TO CONVENTION PROCEDURES AND RULES.

DURING OUR EXAMINATIONS OF PAST CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS, SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE PROCEDURES RELATED TO COMMITTEE REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS' NOMINATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL EXPEDITE THE REQUIRED WORK OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

THESE RULES, WE ARE CONFIDENT, ARE FAIR, DEMOCRATIC, WORKABLE AND WILL PERMIT DELEGATES TO THIS CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA, UAW, TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN VIEWS, OBSERVE THE OPINIONS AND POSITIONS OF OTHER DELEGATES AND TO CONCLUDE IN A TRUE DEMOCRATIC FASHION THE BUSINESS OF THIS CONVENTION.

THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO PRESIDENT RAY CURRY AND HIS STAFF FOR THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO OUR COMMITTEE IN DRAFTING AND PREPARING THE RULES FORTHIS CONVENTION

YOUR COMMITTEE IS ELATED TO HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO SERVE AND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING CONVENTION PROCEDURE AND RULES:

# CONVENTION PROCEDURE

- Call to order.
- 2. At the first session, the Secretary-Treasurer

shall read the Convention Call, and after each session, shall make all announcements and read communications before adjournment.

- Reports of the Credentials Committee.
- Reports of the Rules Committee.
- Reports of all other committees (partial or completed).
- Completion of all Convention business.
- 7. Adjournment.

# **CONVENTION RULES**

# ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

The revised Robert's Rules of Order shall be the guide on all matters growing out of this Convention not herein provided.

# 2. TIME SCHEDULE (DAILY)

The Convention shall be in session in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday, July 25 – 12:00 p.m. until recess. Tuesday, July 26 – 9:00 a.m. until recess. Wednesday, July 27 – 9:00 a.m. until recess. Thursday, July 28 – 9:00 a.m. until adjournment.

### 3. NIGHT SESSIONS

A night session of the Convention shall be held on any day on which action is passed by a majority of the delegates present to hold a night session. The Convention shall determine the time to convene and recess night sessions.

# 4. RECOGNITION TO SPEAK

- A delegate desiring the floor must remain at his or her assigned seat until recognized by the Chairperson.
- Any delegate recognized by the Chairperson must state his or her name and local union number before speaking.
- c. If a delegate, while speaking, is called to order, he or she shall, at the request of the Chairperson, remain silent until the question is decided.
- d. A delegate, International Officer, and/or International Representative shall be allowed to have the floor not to exceed five minutes for debate each time he or she is recognized to speak unless his or her time of speaking is extended by the consent of the majority of the Convention delegates. (The above limitations on debate does not include submitting of reports by officers, department heads and members of the convention committees.)

e. No delegate, International Officer, and/or International Representative shall be allowed to speak twice on any issue until all who are desirous of speaking have had a chance to speak.

# 5 MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- a. A motion shall not be open for discussion until the motion has been duly accepted by the Chairperson.
- b. The Chairperson shall clearly repeat to the Convention all motions and amendments duly made and seconded, and thereafter, the motion or amendment shall be subject to debate. The Chairperson shall again repeat the motion or amendment immediately prior to the vote thereon.
- c. No motion or resolution shall be voted upon until the mover or introducer has had an opportunity to speak on the motion or resolution if he or she so desires.

### TIMEKEEPERS

Two (2) timekeepers shall be appointed by the Chairperson at the opening of each session.

# 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports of committees shall be subject to concurrence or non-concurrence from the floor. In case the recommendation of the Committee is voted down, it shall be referred back to the Committee, which shall amend its report in accordance with the intent and decisions of the Convention and shall bring back its amended report at the time decided upon by the majority of the delegates present. Should the amended report of the Committee prove unsatisfactory to the Convention, then such report shall be subject either to rejection or to any amendments or substitutions decided on by the majority of the delegates present.

# 8. MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS

Whenever there is a majority and minority division on a committee, both the majority and minority shall be entitled to report to the Convention. Thereafter, the Chairperson shall entertain debate on both reports at the same time, recognizing alternate debate on minority and majority reports and anyone wishing to speak against both reports shall be in order. The votes of concurrence or non-concurrence shall be put first on the minority report, and second, on the majority report. All committee reports shall be restricted to a minority and majority report.

# RESOLUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Resolutions or Constitutional changes submitted by local unions shall be reported out of committee as the first order of business in their next report when requested by at least 136 delegates. The Chairperson will ask for a show of hands when requested.

### 10. CLOSING DEBATE

It shall require at least 45 delegates to move the previous question.

# 11. ROLL CALL VOTE

- It shall require at least 318 delegates to move a roll call vote on any question.
- When a roll call vote has been started, no adjournment shall take place until the voting is completed.
- c. When a roll call has been taken and all delegates present, have had an opportunity to record their votes, the balloting shall be declared closed.

### 12. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall at all times keep proper check on delegates and guests, see that they are seated in their proper places and that order is maintained.

# 13. APPEALS

A delegate desiring to appeal from the decision of the Chairperson must be recognized for the purpose of such appeal before any other delegates are recognized for any other purpose.

## 14. SEATING OF DELEGATES

Once a delegate is seated by the Convention, he or she becomes the property of the Convention and only by a majority vote of the Convention delegates, can he or she be removed as such.

### 15. VOTING

Except on roll call votes, all voting shall be by voice or a show of hands, but the Chairperson of the Convention may call for a standing vote when in doubt.

### 16 ALTERNATE DELEGATES

a. Alternate delegates will be permitted on the Convention floor only after having been seated by the Convention upon recommendation of the Credentials Committee.

b. Alternate delegates from the unit group shall be the only ones to replace the regular delegates from that unit. If no duly elected alternate has been elected from that unit or the number of alternates from a unit has been exhausted, an alternate from the local union may replace such delegate.

# 17. CONVENTION QUORUM

Twenty-five (25%) percent of the delegates shall constitute a Convention quorum.

# 18. NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEE

- Nominations for the office of International President, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice Presidents, and one (1) Trustee shall take place during the morning session on the third day of the Convention (Wednesday July 27, 2022).
- Following completion of nominations for each office, nominees shall be polled in reverse order of nomination for acceptance or declination. Nominees shall not be permitted to make acceptance or declination speeches.
- c. Following the nomination of officers, one (1) Trustee shall be elected via roll call vote, and any subsequent runoff election necessary shall be conducted in the same manner.

## NOMINATIONS OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Nominations of the Regional Directors shall take place during the afternoon or evening of the third day of the Convention (Wednesday, July 27, 2022).

# 20. GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest speakers invited by either the International Executive Board or the Convention shall be introduced at their convenience by the Chairperson; provided, however, that no speaker on the floor shall be interrupted.

# 21. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF RULES

These rules may be amended or suspended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present.

Approved by the Rules Committee:

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