local president and local secretary-treasurer will be re- quired to certify that the delegate has been in continuous good standing for the appropriate time period and such certification shall be understood to require personal examination by the two local officers of the relevant facts regarding each delegate’s continuous good-standing.

No member shall be eligible for nomination or election to any International office, or to the International Execu- tive Board, unless he/she shall have been in continuous good standing in his/her local union for at least two (2) years immediately preceding his/her nomination, except that a member of a newly-chartered local which has not been in existence for two (2) years (and whose mem- bership was not formed from previously existing locals or from individuals who generally were members of TWU immediately previous to formation of the new local), shall be eligible for nomination and election if he/she has been in continuous good standing in his/her local union from the date of its charter.

All nominations for an International elective position will be prepared to certify that they have been in continuous good standing for the relevant time period, and that if they did not pay dues during any of the 24 months prior to nomination, the failure was exonerated in accord with Article XVII Section 4 of the TWU Constitution.

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Each candidate is entitled to have an observer at the polls on the day of election at his/her own expense and also at the counting of the ballots. In the case of a mail ballot election, each observer must be given similar opportunity to observe each of the essential steps in the election.

Should there be an unopposed candidate duly nominated for convention delegate or alternate, such candidate shall be considered elected without the necessity of an election.

Nominations and elections may be held at the same meeting, unless the local by-laws provide otherwise, but ample time must be allowed so that each member in good standing has the opportunity to make nominations.

The convention will also determine the date or dates to be selected for an International elective position should be prepared to certify that they have been in continuous good standing for the relevant time period, and that if they did not pay dues during any of the 24 months prior to nomination, the failure was exonerated in accord with Article XVII Section 4 of the TWU Constitution.

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Should there be an unopposed candidate duly nominated for convention delegate or alternate, such candidate shall be considered elected without the necessity of an election. Writing on the ballots shall not be counted.

All election records including ballots should be preserved at least until December 31, 2018.

The election of delegates must be concluded in time for delegate credentials to be received by the International Secretary-Treasurer no later than August 25, 2017 except with the approval of the International Executive Council. The local union officers shall notify the International Secre- tary-Treasurer, giving the name, home address, member- ship card number and date of last dues payment of each delegate.

The International Secretary-Treasurer shall furnish each Local Union with credential blanks for delegate and alternates in triplicate, which must be attested as required on the blanks. One (1) duplicate shall be retained by the delegate and the other filed with the local union. The orig- inal shall be delivered to the local financial secretary-trea- surer, and by him/her forwarded to the International Secretary-Treasurer, and no credential shall be accepted by the International Secretary-Treasurer later than August 25, 2017 except with the approval of the International Execu- tive Council. Each credential must be signed by the local president and local financial secretary-treasurer and must bear the seal of the local.

When any delegate’s credentials are to be contested, notice of such contest shall be sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer not later than September 8, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions to be considered by the International Convention shall be sent to the International Secre- tary-Treasurer and be in his/hers hands no later than September 4, 2017. Resolutions from a local union, or a member of a local union who is considered by the convention, shall require approval by the executive board or by the membership of the local union before delivery to the International Secretary-Treasurer. The International Secre- tary-Treasurer shall submit all resolutions to the chairman of the appropriate committee. Proposed changes to the Constitution shall be submitted in the form of a resolution.

COMMITTEES

Prior to the opening of the convention, the International Executive Council shall convene at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 2017 (and will continue thereafter, as necessary) at the Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada as the Credentials Committee. Appeal from its decisions may be made to the convention.

The convention shall not be constituted for business until the Credentials Committee shall have examined and reported on the credentials of all delegates present at the scheduled time of opening.

Prior to the opening of the convention, the International President shall appoint a Committee on Rules and all such committees as are necessary.

The expenses of each delegate other than members of the International Executive Board shall be borne by the delegate’s local union.

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CONVENTION CALL

to the
25th Constitutional Convention

September 25–29, 2017
Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

TWU 2017 CONVENTION

IT’S OUR TURN

CALL
The International Executive Council of the Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Transport Workers Union of America, hereby calls the 25th Constitutional Convention of our union to convene on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada to deliberate and act upon the affairs of our union. Your attention is called particularly to the following requirements which are based either on the International Constitution or on the Landrum-Griffin Law as it relates to elections and International Conventions.

REPRESENTATION
Each local union shall be entitled to the following number of delegates to our International Convention: One delegate for the first 300 members or less in the local union and one additional delegate for each additional 300 members or majority fraction thereof.

Each delegate to the International Convention shall have one vote, except that this does not apply where all or substantially all of the membership of the newly-chartered local union has been members of TWU, in which case the local is entitled to send one or more additional delegates to the convention.

Any local union, which on the seventh day prior to the opening of the convention is in arrears to the International union for per capita or assessment, shall not be entitled to representation at the convention unless exonerated for good cause by the International Executive Council.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES
The Landrum-Griffin Law precludes the seating of any delegate who is not elected by secret ballot in the same manner as are local officers.

A duly elected local president does not have to be special elected as a delegate because one of the duties of the local presidency to which he/she was elected by secret ballot is to serve as convention delegate. Similarly, where a local’s by-laws provide that one or more local officers, in addition to the president, is ex-officio a convention delegate, the member duly elected to that office (subsequent to the adoption of such by-law provision) is a qualified delegate without further election.

Members of the International Executive Board are ex-officio delegates to the convention. As International Executive Board members, they will be entitled to speak on any matter and to serve on committees. But, no International Executive Board Member will be permitted to nominate a candidate for the offices, or to cast any vote on the convention floor unless he/she has been elected as a delegate from a local, including as an ex-officio delegate.

The following procedures are in many respects essential and in all respects advisable.

Each local executive board may decide, for good cause, to send fewer than its full quota of delegates to the convention, but such decisions require the approval of the International Convention. A local must give written notice to the International Secretary-Treasurer so that, if denied, the local will have adequate time to elect its full quota of delegate.

The U.S. Secretary of Labor has advised that the decision of any local executive board to send fewer than its full quota of delegates to the convention must be approved by a majority of the membership of the Local voting at a membership meeting. Unless so approved by the membership, the decision of the local executive board would be null and void under the Landrum-Griffin Law as interpreted by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Even where the membership does approve, the application to the International Executive Committee under Section 2(b) of Article XI must be supported by persuasive facts.

Any local of less than 300 members which wishes to elect as its alternate delegate a member of another local, pursuant to Section 4(b) of Article XI of the Constitution, should follow the appropriate procedure with the office of the International Secretary-Treasurer.

The rules and regulations which govern the election of convention delegates must be carefully adhered to. You may review the U.S. Department of Labor publication “Election of Union Officers,” online at http://bit.ly/2edkGym.

Each local should set up an Election Committee in the manner prescribed in the local by-laws. No candidate for delegate or alternate should be appointed to or serve on the Election Committee.

NOMINATIONS
As soon as convenient, after the International Secretary-Treasurer informs the local of the number of delegates to which it is entitled, the local must give notice to its members of

(a) the number of delegates and alternate vacancies to be filled,
(b) the time and place of nominations and how made, whether by petition, orally from the floor, or otherwise.

While the law does not require that the notice of nominations be mailed to each member’s home, the law does require that the notice “be reasonably calculated to inform all members of the offices to be filled ... as well as the time, place, and form for submitting nominations.” The notice must be timed to give the members a reasonable opportunity to make nominations.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DELEGATE AND POSITION AND ELECTIVE POSITIONS: NOMINATION AND ELECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE POSITIONS
No member shall be elected as a delegate to the convention who has not been in continuous good standing for at least twelve (12) months immediately preceding nomination. No member of a local union which has been in existence for less than twelve (12) months prior to the convention shall be elected as a delegate thereto unless he/she shall have been in continuous good standing from the time that he/she joined such local union in the case of a new local union whose membership is composed of individuals who were not previously members of TWU because the bargaining unit in which they worked was not represented by TWU. In the case of a new local union which has been in existence for less than twelve (12) months prior to the convention and which has been transformed from previously existing locals or from individuals who generally were members of TWU immediately previous to formation of the new local, no member of such local shall be elected as a delegate to the convention who has not been in continuous good standing for at least twelve (12) months immediately preceding nomination.

During the period of time that a candidate for a delegate position must have been in good standing for each month in that period, the failure to pay dues on a timely basis due to layoff, illness or injury on duty will be excused, but only if, the member in question has requested exoneration for the month in question and obtained approval in accord with the procedures set forth in Article XVII Section 4 of the TWU Constitution.

As to each convention delegate from a given local, the