



Memorandum

To: AEC

From: Chris Aylward
National President

Date: January 14, 2021

Subject: **Regional Convention Delegate Entitlement for Area Councils and Regional Committees**

Following the postponement of the 2020 Regional Conventions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AEC held a series of discussions over the summer and fall concerning the delegate entitlement to the rescheduled Regional Conventions. In determining delegate entitlement, the AEC confirmed that:

1. Regional Committees and Area Councils who met their Constitutional requirements to qualify for delegate entitlement in 2019 must maintain their Constitutional requirements in 2020/2021 in order to preserve their delegate entitlement to the rescheduled Regional Conventions.
2. Any Regional Committee or Area Council that did not qualify for delegate entitlement in 2019 and had since met their Constitutional requirements remained ineligible to be delegated to the rescheduled Regional Conventions.

This decision was communicated to the membership via the Regional Convention callout. Some Regional Committees and Area Councils questioned this decision, as pandemic-related restrictions had made it very difficult for these groups to meet in a meaningful manner and maintain their Constitutional requirements.

The AEC reconsidered this decision in December 2020. As consensus was not reached, I was asked to provide a ruling on this matter.

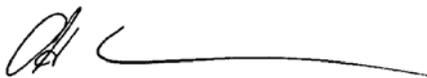
I have considered this question and determined that:

1. Area Councils and Regional Committees who had met their Constitutional requirements and qualified for delegate entitlement in 2019, and were then unable to maintain their Constitutional requirements in 2020, shall remain entitled to be delegated to their rescheduled 2021 Regional Convention. As these Regional Conventions were postponed from 2020, and delegate entitlement for all union bodies to these conventions remains as determined in 2019, those Area Councils

and Regional Committees that had qualified in 2019 for delegate entitlement should be able to maintain their delegate entitlement to the 2021 rescheduled Regional Convention.

2. Had an Area Council or Regional Committee not met their Constitutional requirements in 2019 and been ineligible for delegate entitlement, that ineligibility remains in effect for the rescheduled Regional Convention.
3. Should an Area Council or Regional Committee been ineligible in 2019, and then subsequently meet their Constitutional requirements in 2020, they remain ineligible to be delegated to their Regional Convention.
4. The confirmation of Area Council and Regional Committee delegates, as well as any changes to their named delegates, shall be done per the instructions and timelines contained in the appropriate Regional Convention call-out.
5. This ruling is to serve as an addendum to the Regional Convention call-out. I would ask that this decision be made known to Area Councils and Regional Committees so that any updates to their delegate registration be done in a timely manner. Any new delegate registration from an Area Council or Regional Committee that is required as a result of this ruling shall not be considered as a late delegate.

In solidarity,



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