

Official Notice-Nominations and Elections

Local 728 IBEW

(With changes due to COVID-19 Virus)

In accordance with Article XVII, Section 9, of the International Constitution, the local union executive board held two special called meetings on March 30, 2020 and on June 15, 2020 at 10:00 am to discuss and vote on options for the upcoming elections due to the issues concerning the COVID-19 virus. As a result, it was voted to change the timeline for the elections as outlined in the letter sent to the membership on April 6, 2020 and in the posting on our website www.ibew728.org.

Therefore, for the purpose of this election ONLY, eligible members will not be required to request an absentee ballot, instead each member qualified to vote will automatically be sent an absentee ballot along with one preaddressed stamped envelope, one secret ballot envelope, an official ballot and ballot instructions to their current address on file with the local union. In addition, members who meet the qualification(s) for running for office as outlined in the By-Laws and IBEW Constitution will be allowed to self-nominate themselves for ONE (1) of the offices listed below by self-nominating in person.

*****Please Note: Members running for office may also self-nominate themselves as a delegate to the International Convention, except for the office of Business Manager/Financial Secretary who by virtue of the office is an automatic delegate.**

All self-nominations must be in person August 3, 2020 at 7pm in the West Palm Beach Hall. All nominees shall be recorded in the local union meeting minutes, turned over to the election judge and screened for eligibility in accordance with the IBEW Constitution and local union By-Laws before being listed on the official ballot.

We are kindly requesting that only members running for office attend the meeting.

Nominations will be for the offices as listed in the IBEW constitution whose term of office shall be 3 years

**President
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Business Manager/Financial Secretary
Executive Board
Delegate to International Convention**

To self-nominate, a member must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous good standing in Local 728. Good standing means that the member is current in the payment of dues and has been for 2 years immediately preceding nominations.

In accordance with the Local Union by-laws, Article XX, Section CC no apprentice is eligible to be nominated for or to hold office in the Local Union.

An election judge and tellers shall be appointed by the President after the nomination period is closed. None of those appointed may be a candidate for any office.

Absentee ballots received in the post office box after 3pm September 9, 2020, will not be counted. All members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the above-specified date and ballots shall be counted beginning at 3:30pm on September 9, 2020. The ballots will be counted, and the results certified. A complete listing of the results shall be posted on all union bulletin boards (or other appropriate places) by the close of business on the day following the election.

Each candidate shall be entitled to an observer at the post office for ballot pick-up and at the polling place and during the counting of the ballots. Observers may not interfere with the orderly procedure of the election. There shall be no campaigning or electioneering at the poles or within 50 feet from the entrance to the polling place. No postings, except for instructions, shall be present at the polling place.

In the event a runoff election is required, the same shall be held on September 30, 2020, (21 days after the election). The same rules shall apply to the runoff election as were applicable to the regular elections.

All officers shall be installed and shall begin their 3-year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on October 5th, 2020.

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted is urged to contact the election judge within a few days after the ballots are counted. Further protest of the election may be filed in writing to the International Vice President of the district within 30 days following the election. The decision of the Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW. In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President, the member may submit their protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Roger Moore
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