

IBEW Local Union 1357

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Special Election Issue



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2022 Local Union Elections

Local Union elections are held only once every three years. This special issue has been prepared to not only inform members on the details of the election process, but to strongly encourage active participation in the election process as a whole. This issue will address many of the questions that are often asked about the election process, such as, voter and candidate eligibility, nominations, voting, unit elections, etc. Please familiarize yourself and understand the entire process. **If you are planning to run for office, the Record of Union Activities form is attached in this newsletter. Please be especially attentive to all details.**

All Local Union and Unit offices will be open for election. Office positions that will be open are, Business Manager-Financial Secretary, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Executive Board, Unit Chairman, Unit Vice Chairman, Unit Recorder, and Unit Executive Committee. Nominations for all offices will be held in December 2021 at the Unit Membership Meetings and Nominations will also be accepted via email for this election cycle. Ballots for Local Union offices will be mailed on January 14, 2022 and counted on February 18, 2022.

ELECTION PROCEDURES:

Article III, VII, XIV of the Local Union 1357 Bylaws, as well as portions of the IBEW Constitution; IBEW Basic Laws & Policies; LMRDA; and U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards Elections Guidelines, provide in-depth explanations of the procedures to be followed in conduction local union elections. They also explain the duties and responsibilities of the elected officials. However, because such Articles and documents are lengthy, only specific portions of the Local Union 1357 Bylaws, IBEW Constitution, LMRDA, and U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards that address major points of the election process most associated have been extracted. For detailed explanations, please reference the above documents.

NOMINATIONS:

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, IBEW Local Union 1357 will also accept Nominations between December 15, 2021 through December 28, 2021 via email at 2022electionjudge@gmail.com. The Nomination procedure remains unchanged for submission's via email.

For this Election no additional International Delegates will be nominated pursuant to Article II, Sec 8. of the IBEW Constitution.

Sec 6. (a) "Nomination for Officers shall be held in December 2021 and election of Officers shall be held in February 2022 and every three (3) years thereafter, as stated in Article XVI of the *IBEW Constitution*. Notice shall be mailed to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting for nominations in election years."

Sec 6. (b) "Members of one (1) Unit may nominate members of another Unit for local union office. It is not necessary that such nominees be confined to a particular Unit. A member placing the name of another member in nomination for office when the nominated member is not present, shall at the time the nomination is made, will give the Unit Recorder evidence in writing, signed by the nominee, that nominee agrees to be a candidate for a specific Local Union office. However, any member being nominated in this manner, cannot signify his/her intentions to be a candidate for more than one (1) specific Local Union office. This provision shall not apply to offices that have been combined with the approval of the International President." **(As directed by the IBEW International Office, Executive Board members shall be nominated by the members residing on the island they represent, at the scheduled nominations meeting (s) on the island they represent, and voted for by the members residing on the island they represent. However, this in no way affects the voting procedures for other Local Union offices.)**

Sec 6. (c) "Immediately after nominations, the Unit Recorder shall forward a list of the names of the candidates, signed by the Unit Recorder and the Unit Chairman, to the Recording Secretary of the Local Union."

Sec 6. (f) "No member shall be eligible for office unless he/she has been a member of the Local Union 1357 in continuous good standing for at least two (2) years immediately prior to nomination."

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(Nominations)

Excerpts from L.U. 1357 Bylaws, Article VII – Committees and Delegates

Sec. 2. “The delegates and alternates to the International Convention shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the nomination and secret ballot election procedure as set forth in these bylaws and Article II, Section 10 of the IBEW Constitution.

Sec. 3. “The President and Business Manager-Financial Secretary shall, by virtue of their offices, serve as delegates to the International Convention. No candidate for office of President and Business Manager-Financial Secretary may be nominated for a Delegate at Large seat at the Convention in addition to being nominated for the office of President and Business Manager/Financial Secretary.”

Sec. 4. “The election of delegates to the International Convention shall be held at the Local Union election preceding the Convention and at the same time as officers of the Local Union are elected.”

Excerpts from Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1957, as amended – Prohibition Against Certain Persons Holding Office

SEC. 504. (a) No person who is or has been a member of the Communist Party or who has been convicted of, or served any part of a prison term resulting from his conviction of, robbery, bribery, extortion, embezzlement, grand larceny, burglary, arson, violation of narcotics laws, murder, rape, assault with intent to kill, assault which inflicts grievous bodily injury, or a violation of Title II or III of this Act, **any felony involving abuse or misuse of such person's position or employment in a labor organization or employee benefit plan to seek or obtain an illegal gain at the expense of the members of the labor organization or the beneficiaries of the employee benefit plan, or conspiracy to commit any such crimes or attempt to commit any such crimes, or a crime in which any of the foregoing crimes is an element, shall serve or be permitted to serve** ... (2) as an officer, director, trustee, member of any executive board or similar governing body, business agent, manager, organizer, employee, or representative in any capacity of any labor organization.”

Members interested in running for office may contact the Union Office to confirm membership status.

“A” Membership

Reference: IBEW Legal Department

IBEW Local Union 1357 has “A” and BA” types of membership. Any member shall be eligible for Local Union office as long as he/she has been a member of IBEW Local Union 1357 in continuous good standing for at least two (2) years immediately prior to nomination. However, any member elected to the office of Business Manager/Financial Secretary must be an “A” member prior to assuming office.

Election Board

Excerpts from L.U. 1357 Bylaws, Article III-Officers-Elections-Duties

Sec. 7. (c) “After nominations have closed, the President shall appoint an Election Judge and as many Tellers that are required who shall serve as an Election Board to conduct the election. No candidate for office shall be eligible to serve on the board.”

Sec. 7. (d) “After nominations have been made and those nominated are found to be qualified, the Election Judge shall have ballots prepared, listing in alphabetical order, the names of all candidates for each respective office, beginning with President and continuing in the order named in the *IBEW Constitution*. The ballots shall not contain any numbers or marks identifying the voter. If the Local Union retains an impartial outside balloting company to assist and/or conduct the mail ballot election, the Election Judge may, with approval of the Local Union, authorize tabulation and/or counting the ballots.”

Voting

Excerpts from L.U. 1357 Bylaws, Article III-Officers-Elections-Duties

Sec. 7. (h) “The Election Judge shall mail or cause to be mailed to all eligible voters, an official ballot and two (2) envelopes. One (1) envelope shall be smaller than the other and shall have the words OFFICIAL BALLOT stamped or printed on it. The larger envelope shall be preaddressed to the Election Board and shall contain a space in the upper left-hand corner where the member shall place his/her name and address.”

Sec. 7. (i) “Upon receiving the ballot, the member shall mark the ballot and enclose it in the smaller envelope marked OFFICIAL BALLOT. This envelope shall be placed in the larger preaddressed envelope and mailed to the Election Board.”

Sec. 7. (j) “Write-in votes shall not be permitted.”

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Sec. 7. (k) "No envelope received later than the time and date set by the Executive Board in the notice of election shall be opened or counted by the Election Board. The Election Judge may extend the time for the receipt of ballots in the event of an extraordinary event beyond the control of the Local Union."

Sec. 7. (p) "The election shall be decided for the candidate receiving the most votes for a specific office. In the event of a tie vote, a run-off election of the two candidates shall be conducted."

Sec. 7. (q) "When a run-off election is necessary, such run-off election shall be held 21 days after the regular election is held."

Unit Offices

Excerpts from L.U. 1357 Bylaws, Article XIV-Units

Sec. 1. "Unit officers shall be members of their respective Units. Each Unit shall have the following officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recorder, and an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman and four (4) elective members."

Sec. 2. "Unit officers shall be nominated at the regular meeting of each Unit in December and elected in February of the year the Local Union elects officers. Only members of each such Unit in good standing are eligible to nominate and vote for the Unit's officers."

Sec. 3. "No member shall be a candidate for more than one (1) Unit office. If nominated for more than (1) office, the member shall immediately declare for which office he/she will be a candidate. No member shall be nominated for Unit office unless they are present or signify their willingness in writing to be a candidate."

Sec. 4. "A member must have at least six (6) months' continuous standing in their Unit immediately prior to nomination to be eligible for office in their Unit, provided the Unit has been in existence for six (6) months or more."

Sec. 5. "One (1) Judge and as many Tellers as are required shall be appointed by the Unit Chairman to conduct the election. No candidate for any office shall be eligible for Election Judge or Teller. Any candidate may be present or have an IBEW member designated by the candidate as an observer present during the voting and at the counting of ballots."

Sec. 6. "Voting shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each Unit office shall be declared elected."

Inspecting the Membership List

Excerpts from the U.S. Department of Labor-Office of Labor-Management Standards-Conducting Labor Union Officer Elections

Chapter 7. "The right to inspect the membership list is limited to one time within 30 days before the election or 30 days before the mailing of ballots in a mail ballot election." ***The membership list will be available for inspection at the Union Office December 15, 2021 thru January 13, 2022, between normal business hours. Oahu candidates must call the Union Office at least 3 days in advance to arrange to inspect the membership list. Neighbor island candidates must call for appointment.***

Distributing Campaign Literature

Excerpts from U.S. Department of Labor-Office of Labor-Management Standards-Conducting Labor Union Officer Elections

Chapter 6. "A union must comply with all reasonable request by a candidate for distribution of campaign literature at the candidate's expense." ***Any candidate for office may be present or have an IBEW member as an observer present at the addressing and mailing of his/her campaign literature. The cost for services rendered are: Labels and Printing - \$.49 per sheet, 30 labels per sheet; Labor-based on actual time at the current Staff Assistant hourly rate of pay; Mileage Expense for Requested Post Office Mailing based on the current IRS standard mileage rate. Candidates must call the Union Office at least 3 days in advance to arrange for distribution and must deliver their campaign literature to the Union Office ready for mailing. Candidates will be billed upon completion of mailing. Payment is due immediately upon receipt of invoice.***

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Election Schedule

Ballots for Local Union elections shall be mailed to members on **Friday, January 14, 2022**, and counted on **Friday, February 18, 2022, at approximately 10:00 a.m.**, at the IBEW Local Union 1357 office, located at 1103 9th Avenue, Suite 200, Honolulu, Oahu, 2nd floor. **(Marked ballots must be received at the depository, via U.S. mail, by Thursday, February 17, 2022)**

Run-off Election: Should a tie vote occur, the Run-off Election will be held on **Friday, March 11, 2022**, at the IBEW Local Union 1357 office located at 1103 9th Avenue, Suite 200, Honolulu, Oahu, 2nd floor.

All elected officials shall assume office upon their swearing in, at the first meeting of their elected office, in March 2022.

Campaign Do's and Don'ts

Excerpts from U.S. Department of Labor-Office of Labor-Management Standard's-Conducting Local Union Officer Elections

Union & Employer Funds – Requirements

- A union or employer may not contribute money or anything of value (such as the use of facilities, equipment, or supplies) to promote the candidacy of any individual in a union officer election.
 - 1) ANY union
 - 2) ANY employer
- Any expenditure of union or employer funds on behalf of a candidate violates federal law even if:
 - 1) The amount is small
 - 2) Union officials or the employer do not know about or approve of the use
- Prohibition of funds includes cash, use of facilities, equipment, supplies, time, etc.
- A union newspaper may not be used to promote the candidacy of current officers.

Prohibition of DIRECT Expenditures

- Campaigning on time paid for by the union and/or employer
- Use of employees to prepare campaign literature while on work time
- Use of union/employer equipment such as telephones, fax machines, and copiers
- Use of union/employer supplies such as stamps, paper, and envelopes

Prohibition of INDIRECT Expenditures

- Use of union/employer property or facilities, including vehicles
- Printing articles that support or criticize a candidate in a newspaper
- Use of union letterhead or Logo
- Giving free or discounted services to a candidate customer such as printing, photocopying, etc.

Do...

Take vacation time or a leave of absence to campaign during work hours. Use your personal vehicle to transport campaign material, equipment, etc.

LOCAL UNION OFFICES AND DELEGATE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

***President / International Convention Delegate (1)**

Vice President (1)

Recording Secretary (1)

***Business Manager / Financial Secretary / International Convention Delegate (1)**

Treasurer (1)

Oahu Board Members (3)

Hawaii Board Member (1)

Maui Board Member (1)

Kauai Board Member (1)

Saipan Board Member (1)

****By virtue of their offices, the President and Business Manager/Financial Secretary are automatically Delegates to the International Convention.***

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UNIT OFFICES TO BE FILLED

Unit 1
Honolulu, Oahu
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 2
Maui
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 3
Hilo, Hawaii
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 4
Kauai
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 5
Kona, Hawaii
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 6
Kamuela, Hawaii
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 7
Molokai
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 8
Windward, Oahu
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 9
Leeward, Oahu
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

Unit 10
Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation, Inc.
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Recorder
Executive Committee
Members (4)

ATTENTION MILITARY MEMBERS

If you will be going out on military leave and wish to preserve your rights as an IBEW member, please call the Union Office at 941-7761 or 1-800-994-4239 to request an application for a Military Service Card.

If you are ordered to enter the military service for a period of 90 days or more, and you are a member of IBEW Local Union 1357 in good standing, you are entitled to a Military Service Card. During the period that any member holds a valid Military Service Card, such member shall not be required to pay dues or per capita tax, but shall retain all membership privileges. Please contact the Union Office prior to your departure for active duty to request a Military Service Card application.

Following are some prerequisites for Military Service Card:

- Applicants must be dues-paying members in good standing at the time they are ordered to active duty
- Member must submit a signed application for Military Service Card to the Financial Secretary c/o the Union Office prior to departure for active duty
- Application for Military Service Card must be accompanied by all enlistment agreements and active duty orders for the covered period
- Member must be ordered to perform such duty, as opposed to volunteering, and the period of duty must be at least 90 days or more
- Within 60 days of release from the military, the member shall redeposit his/her Military Service Card in the Local Union, together with a photo static copy of his/her discharge papers (form DD-214) showing the date of discharge
- Member must not have reentered or reenlisted in the military since his/her last Military Service Card was issued
- Refer to Article XII, Section 10, of the IBEW Constitution for further details.

Article XII, Section 10, of the IBEW Constitution reads, in part, "Any member holding good standing immediately prior to the first of the month in which the member enters the military service for the first time or is recalled to such military service, under the laws of the United States or Canada, shall be issued a Military Service Card by the F.S. of his L.U. on application by such member.... During the period that any member holds a valid Military Service Card, such member shall not be required to pay dues or per capita tax, but shall retain all membership privileges, including, but not limited to, eligibility to be a candidate for L.U. office or for International Convention delegate. In addition, all "A" members holding a valid Military Service Card shall maintain their continuous good standing and entitlement to all "A" members' benefits provided by the Pension Benefit Fund."

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

IBEW LU 1357 OFFICE: (808) 941-7761
 Toll Free: (800) 994-4239 Fax: (808) 944-4239

Troy Benevides Extension: 0111
 Lisa Parran Extension: 0112
 Andie Kahakui Extension: 0115
 Kauai Poaha Extension: 0118
 Tabitha Field Extension: 0119

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- 1) Go to Apple App/Google Play Store and download "LOCAL HUB"
- 2) After downloaded and installed, launch app and enter in our local number 1357 and AUTHENTICATE
- 3) Log in with your MEMBER NUMBER and initial PASSWORD is your last name in lower case.

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2021 NOMINATIONS MEETING SCHEDULE

UNIT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Unit 1 - Honolulu	Monday, December 20, 2021 6:00 PM	IBEW 1357 Executive Board Rm. 1103 9th Avenue, Suite 200 Honolulu, Hawaii
Unit 2 - Maui	Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:00 PM	Carpenters Union Hall (Kupau) 330 Hookahi Street Wailuku, Maui
Unit 3 - Hilo	Friday, December 17, 2021 5:00 PM	Local 1260 Union Hall, 535 Ocean view Drive Hilo, Hawaii
Unit 4 - Kauai	Friday, December 28, 2021 5:00 PM	ILWU Hall, 4154 Hardy Street Lihue, Kauai
Unit 5 - Kona	Tuesday, December 21, 2021 6:00 PM	Old Kona Airport Pavilion
Unit 6 - Kamuela	Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:00 PM	Thelma Parker Library Conference Room 67-1209 Mamalahoa Hwy Waimea, Hawaii 96743
Unit 7 - Molokai	Tuesday, December 21, 2021 12 Noon	Location to be announced Kaunakakai, Molokai
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	Thursday, December 16, 2021 6:30 PM	Makule Club House, Keaahala Rd, across from the Kaneohe playground
Unit 9 -Leeward, Oahu	Tuesday, December 21, 2021 6:30 PM	Chinen & Arinaga Financial Group, 95-119 Kamehameha Hwy, Ste A, Mililani, HI 96789
Unit 10 - MTC	Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:00 PM	Location to be announced

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