

CALL TO THE  
**39TH**  
CONVENTION



JUNE 17-21, 2024  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

**HONOR THE PAST, INVEST IN OUR FUTURE**

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he Thirty-Ninth Convention of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union will be held June 17-21, 2024 at the Westin Bayshore Hotel located at 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, BC V6G 2V4. Representation at the Convention and voting strength of the locals/affiliates will be determined in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution. For convenience, referenced sections of Article XI, applying to the Convention, can be found on Page 3 of the Call.

The number of votes to which each local/affiliate will be entitled at the Convention will be based on the average paid membership during 2023. The Constitution does not limit the number of delegates from a local/affiliate. The official voting strength of each local/affiliate is divided among the official delegates representing the local/affiliate.

## CREDENTIALS

Credentials to the Convention are enclosed. They are in triplicate. The blue copy is for the delegate to bring to the Convention to present at registration. The yellow copy must be sent to the International Office, to be received no later than May 17, 2024. The green copy is to be kept in the local's/affiliate's files.

In order to be entitled to send delegates to the Convention, each local/affiliate is required to have paid up its per capita, assessments, and any other indebtedness to the International at least one month prior to the Convention (May 17, 2024). In addition, all delegates are required to register for the Convention in advance at: <https://www.ilwu.org/2024Convention>.

Locals/affiliates with a combined membership of 500 or less may consolidate for the purposes of nominating and electing delegates. Methods of election should be worked out by the locals/affiliates involved in accordance with Article XI, Section 4(a) of the International Constitution.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions or amendments to the Constitution that a local/affiliate wishes to propose for the consideration of the Convention should be received at the International Office no later than May 24, 2024. Each resolution or amendment should be submitted electronically by email to [resolutions@ilwu.org](mailto:resolutions@ilwu.org). Resolutions should be in one of the following formats: Microsoft Word, Google Docs, or plain text.

**Please note:** Rules adopted by previous Conventions specify that no resolution or Constitutional amendment will be accepted by the Convention unless submitted by the local's/affiliate's membership or by the local's/affiliate's delegation. In addition, please note that no resolution or Constitutional amendment shall be accepted for consideration after 4:30 p.m. on the second day of Convention, except by unanimous vote of the delegates present.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information on hotel reservations and accommodations are enclosed. Any questions concerning Convention procedures, voting strength, or the number of delegates assigned to each local/affiliate should be addressed to Edwin R. Ferris, Secretary-Treasurer, at the International Office.

In Solidarity,

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## ARTICLE XI CONVENTIONS

The following excerpts from Article XI of the ILWU International Constitution are reprinted here for reference.

SECTION 1. A Convention of the International shall be held every three (3) years beginning at 10 a.m. on a Monday between March 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year in which the Convention is to be held. However, the International Executive Board may authorize a different Convention location should it be necessary...

SECTION 2. In order to be entitled to send delegates to the Convention and receive voice and vote, a local must have its International per capita, together with assessments and any overdue indebtedness to the International, paid up one month prior to the Convention.

SECTION 3. Representation at the International Convention shall be as follows: each local shall be entitled to one vote regardless of membership up to one hundred (100) members and other workers under the local's jurisdiction who pay dues and/or fees to the local, and one vote for each additional one hundred (100) members and other workers under the local's jurisdiction who pay dues and/or fees to the local, or major fraction thereof of its paid average for the one (1) year period immediately prior to the year in which the Convention is held.

SECTION 4. Delegates to the International Convention shall be elected either by secret referendum ballot of the entire membership or by ballot at a regular meeting of the local, or where for geographical reasons meetings of the entire membership are not practical, by ballot at regular meetings of its subdivisions. Nominating procedures shall be established by the local. The credentials of delegates elected shall be signed by the president and secretary of the local, must bear the seal of the local, and certify that the delegate was elected as provided herein.

Locals may designate member participants in the Convention as observer delegates with voice and vote in all matters before the Convention, except on roll call votes and elections. Such credentials may also be issued by the Credentials Committee with the approval of the Convention.

SECTION 4a. Locals within any geographical subdivision with a combined membership of 500 members or less may consolidate for the purposes of nominating and electing a Convention delegate. Any method of nominating and electing said delegate should be worked out by the said locals involved, providing other provisions of the International Constitution are adhered to. The delegate elected shall cast the full voting strength of the locals he/she represents in Convention. No proxy vote will be allowed. The delegate's wages and expenses, travel and transportation shall be borne equally by members of the locals the delegate represents.

SECTION 5. All credentials must be in the International office thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. The International President may appoint a pre-Convention committee to consist of that number of delegates to the Convention that the International President deems necessary to carry out the functions of the committee, to be selected by the International President with due regard to proportionate representation so far as possible from all areas, with the International Officers to act as ex-officio members of the committee. All work of the pre-Convention committee shall be subject to the approval of the Convention...

SECTION 6. During each Convention, at times and places designated by the International President, each occupational group or geographic area within the International may hold a caucus for the purpose of discussing its specific problems with full authority to set up such machinery as it may deem necessary and appropriate to deal with its collective bargaining problems...

SECTION 7. The Titled Officers and Coast Committee-men who are not elected delegates from their respective locals shall have a voice and vote in the Convention, except on roll call votes.

SECTION 8. Executive Board members who are not elected delegates from their respective locals shall have voice and vote in the Convention, except on roll call votes...

SECTION 9. Pensioners designated by their pension clubs shall be fraternal delegates at Conventions with voice, but no vote, on all matters before the Convention.

SECTION 10. Auxiliary members designated by their auxiliaries shall be fraternal delegates at Conventions with voice, but no vote, on all matters before the Convention.

SECTION 11. Each District Council shall be entitled to send one fraternal delegate to the Convention with voice, but no vote, on all matters before the Convention. The delegate costs shall be borne by the individual District Councils.

**On the basis of our records to date, your local/affiliate will be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ votes. (In accordance with Section 3 above, the voting strength is based on the average number of per capita payments on members and other workers under the local's jurisdiction who pay dues and/or fees to the local for the 2023 calendar year.)**