

# Division Election Notice

“Eligibility to nominate, vote or run for division office”

**Per the BLE-T/IBT By-Laws, below defines what it takes to run for and hold a division office:**

“The following members are ineligible to hold offices in the BLET:

- Members holding membership in any other labor organization which purports to represent locomotive engineers, such as UTU.
- Members promoted to an official position on the railroad.
- Members removed from office because of defalcation.
- Members under BLET suspension.
- Members who have not been in “continuous good standing” (see below for explanation) with the BLET for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months immediately preceding the meeting at which nominations are held (IBT Continuous Good Standing Rule).
- Members who are in status 29(h)(1), (3), (4) and (5), unless all dues to the National Division, general committee of adjustment, legislative board and local division continue to be paid in a timely manner during the twenty-four (24) consecutive months immediately preceding the meeting at which nominations are held.
- No salaried national officer or employee of the National Office may be nominated as a delegate or alternate to the ND.

For all offices, a member must hold active membership as defined in Section 25(b) – Local Division Rules, as well as meet the dues payment requirements found above.”

“Continuous Good Standing”:

IBT Constitution, Article II, Section 4(a)(1) states: In general, “continuous good standing” means the timely payment of dues for each of the twenty-four months during the applicable period together with no interruptions in active service during that period.

**Per the BLE-T/IBT By-Laws, below defines what it takes to nominate and vote in the upcoming division election:**

In order to be eligible to nominate, second or vote for a candidate, a member must have been a member in “good standing” with the local division as of the end of the month prior to the nominating or voting meeting. This means timely payment of dues. The nominating meeting is September 1, 2009 and the election meeting is December 1, 2009. To be eligible you must have paid dues for the month prior to the nominating and election meetings for our division, August 2009 and November 2009 respectively.

**If you have a question of your eligibility to nominate, vote or run for office do not hesitate to contact me.**

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