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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi all, At the upcoming meeting on Monday June 19 @ 6PM we will need to have a vote on changing our bylaws so that we can come into the new century and use the technology of the internet to hold our meetings and send you important information via emails and/or any new technology of the future. Please plan on attending or sending me your thoughts about this.

- John
- Please update us when you move!
- Make sure you send us any change of address, email or phone #.
- If you would prefer to receive your newsletter by snail mail and not get this online copy, please let us know by email or phone 775/329-7995

New members since our last meeting. Please say hello and congratulations to them.

- Jonathan Bhatia
- Larry Machado
- Erik Dormody
- Robin Bonnell

LOCAL 368 BOARD MEMBERS

President-Sec./Treas.: John Shipley **Vice President:** Catherine Matovich **Board Members:** Marcy Benner * Peter Supersano* David Gupton * Karl Busch

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This is your official notice of Local 368's

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday June 19 @ 6PM

Unity Center 2207 Kings Row Reno NV

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Bylaw Changes Announcement

Subject: Local 368 Bylaws Amendment to be discussed and voted on at June 2023 General Membership Meeting

Since our current Bylaws have no language for handling electronic official communications between the union and its members, this proposed change to our bylaws will decrease the number of trees cut down and reduce carbon footprint now involved in sending out paper announcements and newsletter

When the pandemic began, the International Executive Board of the AFM allowed Local Executive Boards to vote on whether they would temporarily allow electronic meetings to take place through "Pandemic Waivers". Although these waivers are currently still available, we would like to continue holding electronic meetings once they are not, which requires a change of our bylaws.

At the Local 368 Executive Board meeting on April 21, 2023 the Local 368 Executive Board proposed this amendment in writing in accordance with our bylaws. The proposed amendment, which was also read aloud, is below.

We will vote on this amendment at a Special Membership Meeting the date To be determined by President Shipley

OUR BYLAWS CURRENTLY SAY:

ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS

Membership shall be held on provisions the Executive Board. Advance amended. notice of the meetings shall be announced in the Bulletin, or other special announcement, of Local 368.

The President or the of Order 5.2Executive Board may call a special membership meeting to all members, which shall be mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. No other business than specified in the notice shall be transacted at special a meeting.

A quorum of five percent (5%) of membership must be in attendance at a membership meeting for the meeting to be called to order or continued

If, at any regular or special membership meeting

quorum is not achieved, the Executive Board shall have the authority to act upon any items on the agenda of such 5.1 Regular meetings of the meeting subject to applicable of the quarterly basis; the date, Management Reporting and time, and place shall be set by Disclosure Act of 1959, as

> Official The conduct and procedures of all regular and special membership meeting shall be as set forth in Robert's Rules

Bylaw Changes

This is what I propose changing that entire section to read:

Article 5. General **Meetings:**

Regular meetings of the Membership shall be held on quarterly or as needed basis; the date, time, and place shall be set by the Board President. Advance notice of the meetings shall be announced in the Official Bulletin, email or other special electronic announcement, of Local 368.

5.1 Nine (9) members shall

constitute a quorum for a General Meeting. A regular General Meeting shall be convened biannually during, April and October on a date and at a time determined by the Executive Board. Membership meetings may be held electronically at the discretion of the Executive Board or by the petition of twenty-five (25) members in good standing. Advance notice of the meetings shall be announced electronically in the Official Email Bulletin, or other special announcement, of Local 368. A membership meeting scheduled to be held electronically may be rescheduled to be held in-

person by the petition of

twenty-five (25) members in good standing.

5.2 A special General Meeting may be called at any time by the President or by the petition of twenty-five (25) members in good standing. Due Notice shall be given to the membership of any General Meeting. Only the subject matter stated in the notice shall be acted upon at any Special Meeting.

Meetings: Four (4) Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum of the

5.3 Executive Board

Executive Board. A regular Executive Board Meeting shall be convened quarterly at such other time as may be mutually agreed by the members of the Executive Board. Executive Board Meetings may be held electronically at the discretion of the Executive Board. A special Executive Board Meeting may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Executive Board. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie at Executive Board Meetings.

5.4 If, at any regular or special membership meeting a quorum is not achieved, the Executive Board shall have the authority to act upon any items on the agenda of such meeting subject to applicable

provisions of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended.

5.5. The conduct and procedures of all regular and special membership meeting shall be as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

What does this change mean?

This change simply allows Local 368 to continue having Zoom meetings and sending out emails of important announcements to our membership. It also saves us the cost and time of sending out announcements via snail mail. Please come to this inperson meeting to voice your support or concerns. Thank you for your continued membership of Local 368 AFM.

-John

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