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2006 IBT CONVENTION

March 6, 2006

Dear Principal Officer:

In June, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will hold our 27th International Convention. The Convention will be held June 26 – 30, 2006, at the Bally's/Paris Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Enclosed, you will find formal documents critical to the proper functioning of the Convention.

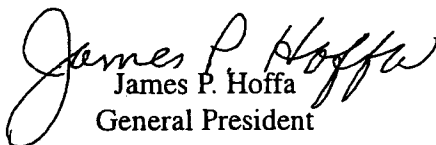
The first document is the Official Convention Call. The Call is required under the IBT Constitution and Election Rules. Its contents must be made available to every Teamster member. Please ensure that every member of your Local Union is informed that the Call has been issued and that every member who wants to review it has that opportunity. You are encouraged to photocopy the Call, to disseminate it widely, and to post it conspicuously. The Call will also appear in the March issue of the *Teamster* magazine.

The next documents are the official Convention Registration Forms – Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Guest. A Form must be filled out and returned to the International by each individual who plans to attend the 27th International Convention. If any member intends to attend, they must obtain a Guest Registration Form from their Local Union. The Form must be completely filled out and then faxed to (202) 624-8721 or mailed to IBT 2006 Convention, 25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. For your easy reference, we have also enclosed a Convention Fact Sheet.

Committee members will receive their appointments and Committee Registration Materials under separate cover.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Fraternally,


James P. Hoffa
General President



C. Thomas Keegel
General Secretary-Treasurer

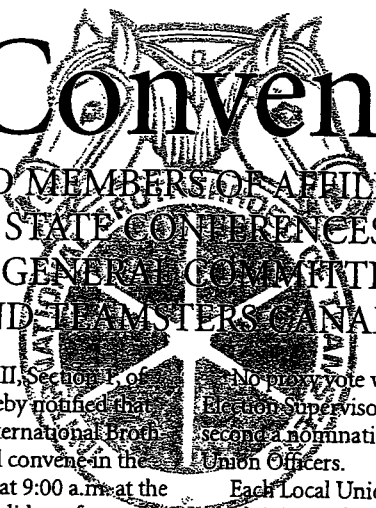
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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

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Official Convention Call

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF AFFILIATED LOCAL UNIONS,
JOINT COUNCILS, STATE CONFERENCES, BMWED SYSTEM
FEDERATIONS, BLET GENERAL COMMITTEES OF ADJUSTMENT
AND TEAMSTERS CANADA



In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 1 of the International Constitution,¹ you are hereby notified that the 27th International Convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (the "Convention") will convene in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, on June 26, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Paris Las Vegas, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Regional and At-Large Vice President positions;² nominating candidates for International Trustee positions; and nominating candidates for the offices of President of Teamsters Canada, General Secretary-Treasurer, and General President; considering amendments to the International Constitution; and transacting such other business as the Convention may lawfully consider in accordance with the Convention Rules, the Rules for the 2005-2006 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election ("2006 Rules"), and the Consent Order entered in *United States v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters, et al.*, U.S.D.C. SDNY No. 88-Civ.-4486 (DNE) (Mar. 14, 1989).

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION. In accordance with Article III, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 5 of the International Constitution, each Local Union having one thousand (1,000) members or less shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, and one (1) delegate for each additional seven hundred fifty (750) members or major fraction thereof, but in no case shall a delegate have more than one (1) vote, even though he or she may also be a delegate from the International Union or from more than one subordinate body. For the determination of delegate entitlement, the term "Local Union" includes all IBT Local Unions and the following IBT subordinate entities within the IBT Graphic Communications Conference and the IBT Rail Conference:

CONFERENCE OR DIVISION	ENTITY
Graphic Communications Conference ("GCC")	All GCC local unions with 125 or more members
GCC	GCC local unions with less than 125 members shall be consolidated by the IBT geographic region in which their headquarters are located, and vote as though they constituted a single local union within the region.
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers ("BLET")	All BLET General Committees of Adjustment ("GCAs") with 100 or more members.
BLET	BLET GCAs with less than 100 members shall be consolidated by the IBT geographic region in which their headquarters are located, and vote as though they constituted a single local union within the region.
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division ("BMWED")	All BMWED System Federations ("SFs") with 100 or more members.
BMWED	BMWED SFs with less than 100 members shall be consolidated by the IBT geographic region in which their headquarters are located, and vote as though they constituted a single local union within the region.
Teamsters Canada Rail Conference ("TCRC")	The BMWED and BLET Divisions within the TCRC will each be treated as a single local union.

No proxy vote will be allowed. Only delegates certified by the Election Supervisor will be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers.

Each Local Union shall be required to send all of the delegates to which it is entitled to the Convention, unless the General Secretary-Treasurer and Election Supervisor have attested to the financial inability of the Local Union to send a full delegation and thereafter the Local Union's membership has voted to send less than a full complement of delegates. However, a delegate may seek financial assistance in order to attend the Convention, subject to Article XI of the 2006 Rules. A Local Union not sending its full complement of delegates shall not constitute a basis for challenging the credentials of the remaining delegates representing that Local Union so long as the Local Union has complied with Article II, Section (4)(b)(8) and Article III, Section 3(a) of the Rules.

In accordance with Article III, Section 5(c) of the International Constitution, International Officers shall be entitled to all the privileges of regularly credentialed delegates by virtue of their position. However, in that capacity, such delegates will not be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers.

In accordance with Article III, Section 5(d) of the International Constitution, Joint Councils and State Conferences are entitled to one (1) delegate each. However, such delegates will not be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers.

In accordance with the Merger Agreement between the IBT and Graphic Communications International Union (the "GCC Merger Agreement"), the GCC President shall be a delegate to the Convention; however, he will not be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers unless he is otherwise accredited as a Convention delegate. Also, in accordance with the GCC Merger Agreement, any members of the GCC General Board and any delegates to the GCC convention who are not otherwise delegates or alternate delegates to the Convention shall be invited as guests at the Convention.

In accordance with the Merger Agreement between the IBT and BMWED (the "BMWED Merger Agreement"), the BMWED National President shall be a delegate to the Convention; however, he will not be permitted to nominate from the floor, second a nomination, or vote for the nomination of International Union Officers unless he is otherwise accredited as a Convention delegate. Also, in accordance with the BMWED Merger Agreement, any officers of the BMWED National Division shall be invited as guests at the Convention.

¹ All references to the IBT Constitution are to those sections in effect under the Consent Decree.

² As a result of mergers with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and the Graphic Communications International Union, a proposal to amend Article IV of the IBT Constitution to increase the number of Vice Presidents at-large from five (5) to seven (7) will be submitted to the Convention in June 2006. Delegates at the Convention shall nominate candidates for seven (7) at-large Vice Presidents in the event the proposal is approved. Rules for the 2005-2006 IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election, Article III, Section 5(a).

REQUISITES FOR REPRESENTATION. In accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the International Constitution:

(a) Except as provided in (c), no Local Union shall be entitled to representation in the Convention that has not been chartered, affiliated, and in good standing for a total of six (6) months prior to the opening of the Convention.

(b) No IBT Local Union shall be entitled to representation in the Convention which, at the time of the Call of the Convention, is six (6) months or more in arrears in moneys due to the International Union or to any subordinate body thereof with which such Local Union is affiliated, or which, if less than six (6) months in arrears, has not paid all such arrearages in full at least three (3) days prior to the opening of the Convention, excepting those moneys due for the last month, which amounts must be paid by the beginning of the Convention. GCC Local Unions, BLET GCAs, and BMWED SFs, are entitled to representation at the Convention provided they have satisfied the per capita obligations required by their respective merger agreements with the IBT and are otherwise not more than six (6) months or more in arrears. If the circumstances warrant, the General Executive Board or the Election Supervisor may waive any of the foregoing requirements on a nondiscriminatory basis.

(c) The General Executive Board or the Election Supervisor is empowered to grant full representation to any Local Union which has been affiliated with the International Union for less than six (6) months when such Local Union was formerly affiliated with an international union other than the International Brotherhood of Teamsters or was chartered as a result of split-off or merger.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES. In accordance with Article III, Section 4 of the International Constitution, each subordinate body shall pay the expenses of its delegates to the Convention, or make arrangements for such payment of expenses by agreement with other subordinate bodies.

Each GCC Local Union having 125 or more members shall pay the expenses of its delegates to the Convention, or make arrangements for such payment of expenses by agreement with other subordinate bodies. For the GCC local unions having less than 125 members and grouped by IBT geographic region to elect Convention delegates and alternates, the expenses of those delegates shall be paid as directed by the Election Supervisor.

Each BLET GCA having 100 or more members shall pay the expenses of its delegates to the Convention, or make arrangements for such payment of expenses by agreement with other subordinate bodies. For the BLET GCAs having less than 100 members and grouped by IBT geographic region to elect Convention delegates and alternates, the expenses of those delegates shall be paid as directed by the Election Supervisor.

Each BMWED SF having 100 or more members shall pay the expenses of its delegates to the Convention, or make arrangements for such payment of expenses by agreement with other subordinate bodies. For the BMWED SFs having less than 100 members and grouped by IBT geographic region to elect Convention delegates and alternates, the expenses of those delegates shall be paid as directed by the Election Supervisor.

Expense allowances for delegates and alternates should be determined in accordance with your union's bylaws or past established practice and any rules issued by the General Secretary-Treasurer, to the extent they are consistent with the **Advisory on Delegate and Alternate Delegate Expenses** to be issued shortly by the Election Supervisor. Delegates and alternates may not receive duplicate expenses or allowances, even if authorized. Thus, in determining the amount of expenses or allowances, the Local Union must take

into account any expenses or allowances a delegate or alternate receives from another labor organization.

DELEGATE CREDENTIALS. Credentials will be issued by the Election Supervisor and mailed or delivered by him to each certified delegate, with a copy to the General Secretary-Treasurer. The credential shall have typed thereon the delegate's name and the Local Union number, and shall be signed by the Election Supervisor.

At the Convention, each delegate must present at the time of registration his or her credential, properly signed by the Election Supervisor. Each delegate must be a member in good standing from a Local Union entitled to representation and, therefore, entitled to a seat at the Convention. Each delegate should have, if possible, a copy of his or her paid-up dues receipts for the month of May 2006 to present at the time of registration. If the delegate is unable to obtain his or her dues receipt, dues records will be verified at the Convention by the Credentials Committee and the Election Supervisor.

In addition, each delegate or alternate delegate must present at registration a government-issued picture identification (preferably a driver's license).

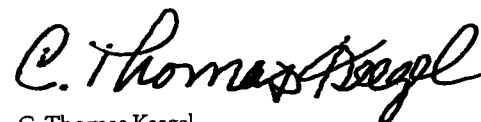
ALTERNATE DELEGATES. Each Local Union has elected alternate delegates to the Convention. Said alternate delegates have been separately nominated and elected by secret ballot, and certified by the Election Supervisor. Credentials are not provided for alternate delegates. A Local Union shall pay the expenses of its alternate delegate(s) for attendance at the Convention, as set forth in the Local Union Election Plan approved by the Election Supervisor. However, a Local Union cannot pay the expenses of an alternate delegate unless it sends and pays for expenses of its full complement of delegates. If the Local Union sends or pays the expenses of less than all of its elected alternate delegates, the highest-ranking alternate delegate(s) shall be those sent and for whom expenses are paid. A Local Union may not send to the Convention or pay the expenses of any member or guest unless it pays the expenses of all its alternate delegates regardless of the terms of the Local Union Plan.³ **2006 Rules, Article III, Section 3(c).** Alternate delegates may seek financial assistance in order to attend the Convention, subject to Article XI of the **2006 Rules.**

AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS. In accordance with Article III, Section 9(a) of the International Constitution, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, Local Unions, Local Union officers, members in good standing, or general officers shall have the right to send to the General President proposed amendments or additions to the Constitution, or resolutions, which shall be submitted to the Constitution Committee when it meets.

All of the applicable provisions of Article III and Article VII, Section 5, of the International Constitution, and the provisions of Article III of the **2006 Rules**, are hereby incorporated by reference in this Official Convention Call.

Furthermore, you are hereby requested to review in detail those provisions of the International Constitution and the **2006 Rules** concerning this Convention.

Fraternally yours,



C. Thomas Keegel
General Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Richard W. Mark, Election Supervisor

³ Guest badges will not be issued to employer/company representatives.



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

27TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION • JUNE 26-30, 2006 • LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Convention Fact Sheet

- Event:** The 27th International Convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- Dates:** June 26-30, 2006
- Location:** The Convention will be held in the Convention Center at the Paris Hotel.
Registration and some Convention events will take place at Bally's, which adjoins Paris.
All Convention attendees will be housed at Bally's or Paris.

Hotel Rates:

Standard room: \$100.00/night (plus applicable taxes), single or double occupancy;

Parlor suite: \$351.00/night (plus applicable taxes)

- Reservations:** The enclosed Registration Forms must be filled out completely for each Delegate, Alternate, Guest and Retiree who will be attending the Convention. **Registration Forms must be received by 8 pm (EST), Friday, May 12, 2006.** Room availability will be on a first come, first served basis. The standard room size at Bally's is 400 square feet. At Paris it is 334 square feet.

Registration Forms must be faxed to the IBT Convention Office at 202-624-8721, or mailed to:
IBT 2006 Convention, Attn: Dawn Iacino, 25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001

Convention reservations **CAN ONLY BE MADE** in written form. A one-night stay deposit is required for each reservation. Credit card information or a check made payable to Bally's/Paris Hotels **must** accompany each Registration Form.

Convention Registration: In the Silver Ballroom at Bally's.

Registration Days and Hours:

- Saturday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday, June 26 from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Convention Schedule: The Convention opening session will begin at 9 a.m., Monday, June 26 in the Paris Convention Center. The Convention will close at noon on Friday, June 30. Please make travel arrangements to arrive by Sunday, June 25 and depart Friday, June 30 in the late afternoon.

Note: Convention proceedings will be translated into Spanish and French.

Tentative Agenda

- Saturday, June 24** - Registration
- Sunday, June 25** - Registration
- Monday, June 26**
- 9 a.m. - Opening Session
 - 2 p.m. - Afternoon Session
 - 5 p.m. - Closing
- Tuesday, June 27**
- Morning Session
 - Afternoon Session
 - Retiree Luncheon
 - Closing
 - Voting
- Wednesday, June 28**
- Morning Session
 - Afternoon Session
 - Spouse Luncheon
 - Closing
 - Voting
- Thursday, June 29**
- Morning Session
 - Afternoon Session
 - Closing
 - Voting
 - Unity Celebration
- Friday, June 30**
- Morning Session
 - Closing Session
 - Adjournment



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