

RESOLUTION 23

Subj: AFL-CIO

Submitted by the Executive Council

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO Executive Council, by mail prop action, issued an unprecedented ruling granting the Teamsters Union an open period of time during which they could raid IAM membership at all Auto Truck Transport locations across the United States, with the sole exception of one location, and

WHEREAS, this ruling, based upon political considerations, caused the IAM to divert resources otherwise reserved for organizing new members, thus impacting our successful organizing agenda, and

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO ruling was only mitigated by the abject failure of the Teamsters to find sufficient interest among our Auto Truck Transport membership to carry the raid forward to an NLRB election, thereby allowing the IAM to prevail despite the heinous action of the AFL-CIO, and

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO, at the initiation of the Service Employees union, took action to block a merger of the United Service Workers/IUJHAT with the IAM, thereby blocking the affiliation of approximately 50,000 new members with the IAM, and

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO continues to allow the Carpenters Union access to AFL-CIO programs and benefits despite the fact that the Carpenters have long since disaffiliated with the AFL-CIO, having repeatedly failed and refused to pay the required per capita taxes in defiance of the AFL-CIO Constitution, and

WHEREAS, this blatant refusal, by the AFL-CIO, to enforce their own Constitution has led to the IAM losing jurisdictional disputes to the Carpenters and thereby suffering further raids upon our membership, and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the AFL-CIO has not responded to the foregoing disputes and blatant inequities as prescribed by the AFL-CIO Constitution, thereby placing the best interests of our membership in a precarious position, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this 36th Convention of the Grand Lodge of the IAM&AW goes on record as urging the AFL-CIO and its leadership to exercise more prudent judgment and to take action to reclaim a leadership position with respect to the goals of a unified labor movement and to denounce the intent of some affiliates to usurp the role of the AFL-CIO, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 36 th Grand Lodge Convention, with great reluctance, goes on record as stating that a failure to respond to the growing threats upon the institution of the AFL-CIO shall be sufficient to authorize the

Executive Council of the IAM&AW to withdraw from the AFL-CIO, if, in their best judgment, such action would be necessary to preserve the integrity, independence and autonomy of this great union.