

ARTICLE II

GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

Method of Calling Conventions

1 SEC. 1. During September or October, 2000, and
2 every 4 years thereafter, a G.L. convention of the
3 I.A.M., not to exceed 7 days, shall be held in a city to
4 be selected by the E.C. Notice of such convention shall
5 be issued to all L.Ls. by the G.S.T. not later than March
6 1, each convention year. The E.C. will have the author-
7 ity upon its own initiative to call a special convention in
8 case of an emergency, or after having received the en-
9 dorsement under impression and/or ink stamp seal of at
10 least 20% of all L.Ls., not more than 15 of which are
11 located in any 1 state, province or territory, submit a
12 call for a special convention, and thereupon the G.S.T.
13 shall prepare a ballot and submit the same through the
14 referendum calling for a special convention of the G.L.
15 to convene at such date as seems best to meet the emer-
16 gency. In the event that a majority of those voting, vote
17 in favor of holding a special convention, the E.C. shall,
18 as soon as practicable thereafter, select the city in
19 which said special convention shall be held.

Representation and Vote

20 SEC. 2. Each L.L. in good standing and free from
21 delinquency of any nature to the G.L. within 60 days
22 prior to the convening of a G.L. convention is entitled
23 to be represented by 1 delegate at said convention. (A
24 L.L. shall not be declared ineligible where the mem-
25 bership's dues are subject to withholding by their em-

1 ployer for payment to the L.L., D.L., or G.L., and the
2 employer delays or defaults in said payment.) In addi-
3 tion thereto each L.L. having a membership of more
4 than 200 is entitled to an additional delegate for each
5 additional 200 members or majority fraction thereof.
6 If, however, not more than 3 L.Ls., within a radius of
7 150 miles of each other, each having less than 100
8 members, so desire, they may combine to send 1 dele-
9 gate to represent them at a G.L. convention. Such del-
10 egate must be elected by a majority vote in each of the
11 lodges so combining, and the voting power of such
12 combined lodges shall be based upon their combined
13 membership exactly as if it were 1 lodge.

14 Each L.L. represented in convention by a delegate
15 is entitled to 1 vote, and all L.Ls. having a member-
16 ship of more than 100 are entitled to 1 additional vote
17 for each additional 100 members or majority fraction
18 thereof.

19 The number of votes each L.L. is entitled to shall
20 be computed upon the number of members of such
21 L.L. at the close of July of the convention year. The
22 delegation of any L.L. may by unanimous consent
23 vote as a unit, or the vote to which said lodge is enti-
24 tled may be divided equally among its delegates, and
25 in case an equal division is impossible the fractional
26 number of votes left after the division shall be cast by
27 the first delegate elected by said lodge.

Election of Delegates

28 SEC. 3. At a meeting of each L.L. in April of con-
29 vention year, a nomination of delegates and alternate
30 delegates shall be held by all L.Ls. At a meeting of
31 each L.L. in May of convention year, an election of

1 delegates and alternate delegates by secret ballot shall
2 be held by all L.Ls. in the L.L's. room where the regu-
3 lar L.L. meetings are held, excepting in those L.Ls.
4 where circumstances require some other arrange-
5 ments, the L.L. may, through its bylaws, provide some
6 other methods, subject to the approval of the I.P. The
7 secretary of each L.L. shall immediately thereafter
8 forward to the G.S.T. a report of the election, giving
9 the names, card numbers and residence addresses of
10 all delegates and alternate delegates, which report
11 shall be made upon forms furnished by the G.S.T.

12 At L.L. options, provisions may be made to open
13 the polls to provide an opportunity for members
14 working irregular shifts to vote.

15 Specific information as to who is entitled to re-
16 ceive an absentee ballot as hereafter provided shall
17 also be communicated to the membership.

18 Members who reside in outlying areas more than 25
19 miles from the designated balloting place, members
20 who are at work during the times of the local lodge
21 balloting, members who are either confined because of
22 illness or injury, or on leave qualifying under U.S. and
23 Canadian family leave laws, or working members on
24 vacation, retirees more than 25 miles away from their
25 residence on election day, or on official I.A.M. busi-
26 ness approved by the L.L. or D.L. or G.L., or on an
27 employer travel assignment, or reserve military leave,
28 as the case may be, shall be furnished absentee ballots.

29 Any member entitled to receive an absentee ballot
30 shall make written request therefore to the R.S. of the
31 L.L. by delivering in person or mailing such request
32 to be received by the R.S. not later than 15 days be-
33 fore the election. Within 5 business days after receipt
34 of any such request, or receipt of printed ballots,

1 whichever is later, the R.S. shall mail the ballot if the
2 records of the L.L. indicate that the applicant is eligi-
3 ble to vote in the election. (In those instances where
4 L.L. membership records are kept and maintained by
5 a D.L. with which such L.L. is affiliated, request for
6 an absentee ballot shall be made to the appropriate
7 D.L. officer.) Members found not to be eligible to
8 vote by absentee ballot will be so notified within 5
9 business days of receipt of their application.

10 Members voting by absentee ballot shall execute
11 and mail their ballots in accordance with the following
12 procedure. After marking an (X) opposite the names of
13 the candidates for whom they wish to vote, and after
14 filling in the information required on the detachable
15 portion of the ballot form, the members shall thereupon
16 detach such portion of the ballot and then fold and
17 place the upper ballot portion in a plain envelope with-
18 out affixing any signature, number, or other means of
19 identification thereon. After being securely sealed, this
20 plain envelope shall then be placed, together with the
21 detachable stub bearing the name of the member, ad-
22 dress, lodge number and card number, in an outer enve-
23 lope bearing the word "Ballot" on its face. After being
24 securely sealed, this envelope shall then be returned by
25 official government mail to the R.S. of the absentee
26 member's L.L. so that it will be received by or prior to
27 the closing time of the polls specified in the notice of
28 election. The R.S. shall turn over to the inspectors of
29 election all such absentee ballots unopened.

30 L.Ls. organized in May of a convention year may
31 elect delegates and alternate delegates by secret bal-
32 lot during June. L.Ls. chartered on or after June 1 of
33 any convention year are not entitled to representation
34 in the convention.

1 The G.S.T. shall prepare and forward a complete
2 list of all duly elected delegates and alternate dele-
3 gates with their respective addresses to all L.Ls. not
4 less than 30 days prior to the opening of the conven-
5 tion. Except as otherwise specified, all references to
6 days throughout this Constitution shall refer to calen-
7 dar days.

8 He/She shall also mail to each delegate a copy of
9 the "Officers' Report" so that it will be in the hands
10 of the delegates 30 days before the convention opens.

11 Should a delegate or alternate delegate be unable
12 to serve as such, the L.L. may elect the successor by
13 secret ballot at any meeting prior to the convening of
14 the convention, and the secretary of such L.L. shall
15 forthwith notify the G.S.T. of the change.

16 Whenever a special convention of the G.L. has
17 been called, the G.S.T. shall rearrange the dates for
18 the election of delegates, etc., in strict accordance
19 with the provisions of this Art., to meet the emer-
20 gency necessitating the holding of the convention.

Qualifications of Delegates

21 SEC. 4. Delegates to G.L. conventions must have
22 been in continuous good standing in the L.L. from
23 which they hold credentials for at least 1 year prior to
24 their nomination except where, in the case of a D.L.
25 having multiple L.Ls. within a single employer,
26 membership within such D.L. shall apply (this quali-
27 fication shall not be required of a delegate from a
28 L.L. chartered less than 1 year prior to the convention
29 or a member working at the trade transferred to a
30 L.L. with the approval of the I.P. or E.C.); free from
31 delinquencies of any nature to any L.L., D.L., or

1 G.L., and at the time of nomination and for 6 months
2 prior thereto, working at the trade.

3 The qualification "working at the trade" shall not
4 apply to members who are salaried full-time employ-
5 ees of any L.L., D.L., or G.L., a council, conference,
6 the A.F.L.C.I.O. or the C.L.C., nor shall it apply to
7 members who experienced a layoff during the 6-
8 month period prior thereto, or to members subject to
9 a contested unresolved discharge, or to members who
10 have been unable to obtain employment at the trade
11 because of a strike, lockout, discrimination or tempo-
12 rary disability, or to members who are retired and
13 paying full dues, whether or not they hold a retire-
14 ment card or an exemption card.

15 Whenever the term "good standing" is used with ref-
16 erence to a member in this Constitution, it shall mean
17 any person who has fulfilled the requirements for mem-
18 bership as prescribed herein and who has not voluntar-
19 ily withdrawn therefrom, become ineligible for contin-
20 ued membership, or been suspended or expelled as pro-
21 vided in this Constitution or in the bylaws of subordi-
22 nate lodges approved as required under this Constitu-
23 tion. Members who fail to pay their dues, assessments,
24 or other fees within the periods required by this Consti-
25 tution or the bylaws of the L.L. or D.L. will be subject
26 to automatic cancellation of membership. Members
27 who are not in good standing are not entitled to any
28 voice or vote or participation in any of the affairs of the
29 G.L. or any of its subordinate bodies except as other-
30 wise permitted under this Constitution. Whenever the
31 term "good standing" is used with reference to a L.L.,
32 D.L., council or conference of the I.A.M., it shall mean
33 any such body which is not delinquent in the payment
34 of any per capita tax and fees as prescribed in this Con-

1 stitution or which is not under suspension, and which is
2 otherwise in compliance with all requirements of this
3 Constitution pertaining to such bodies.

Members on Grand Lodge Payroll Not Eligible

4 SEC. 5. No member shall serve as a delegate to a
5 G.L. convention who is, during the time of the con-
6 vention, on the payroll of the G.L.

Delegates' Expenses

7 SEC. 6. The transportation of 1 delegate from
8 each L.L. in continuous good standing with the G.L.
9 for 1 year prior to the convening of the convention,
10 who is accepted and seated in the convention as a del-
11 egate, shall be paid by the G.L., so long as such trans-
12 portation is arranged for and provided by the travel
13 agency designated by the G.L. L.Ls. whose delegates
14 travel on passes shall be entitled to round-trip trans-
15 portation for 1 delegate from the place where the L.L.
16 is located to the place where the convention is held,
17 upon presentation of the bill of the L.L. therefore.

Credentials Committee

18 SEC. 7. The E.C. shall act as the committee on cre-
19 dentials at all conventions of the G.L. and shall meet
20 within 4 days next preceding the convening of the
21 convention to consider all matters affecting the quali-
22 fications of delegates, including the financial standing
23 of L.Ls. with the G.L., and shall thereafter report its
24 findings and recommendations to the convention.

Resolutions Committee

1 SEC. 8. At least 15 days before the convening of
2 any convention of the G.L., the I.P. shall appoint 5 duly
3 elected and qualified delegates to such convention as a
4 resolutions committee. The 5 delegates so appointed
5 may, on the authority of the I.P., be called in not more
6 than 7 days before the convention convenes for the
7 purpose of considering such resolutions as may prop-
8 erly come before the convention, and shall report their
9 findings and recommendations to the convention as
10 early as the business of the convention will permit.

11 For the faithful performance of their duties each
12 member of the resolutions committee shall receive
13 \$50.00 per day, together with actual and necessary
14 hotel expenses, for the time engaged prior to the con-
15 vening of the convention and after arrival at the
16 convention city.

Committees

17 SEC. 9. The I.P. shall appoint a committee on
18 rules for each convention of the G.L. All committees
19 necessary for conducting the business of the conven-
20 tion, not otherwise provided for, may be appointed by
21 the E.C., subject to the approval of the convention.

Order of Business

22 SEC. 10. 1. Address by International President
23 2. Reading of Convention Call
24 3. Reading of Convention Code of
25 Conduct.
26 4. Appointment of Rules Committee

- 1 5. Report of Credentials Committee
- 2 6. Report of Rules Committee
- 3 7. Appointing of Other Convention
- 4 Committees
- 5 8. Reports of Committees
- 6 9. New Business
- 7 10. Closing Address of International
- 8 President

Parliamentary Laws

9 SEC. 11. The parliamentary law of this G.L. shall
10 be as set forth in this Constitution. Robert's Rules of
11 Order will apply to questions not covered thereby.

ARTICLE III

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND COMMITTEE ON LAW, AND HOW CHOSEN

Officers

1 SEC. 1. The G.L. officers shall be an International
2 President, a General Secretary-Treasurer and be-
3 tween 5 and 9 General Vice Presidents as determined
4 by the E.C., one of whom shall be from Canada,
5 nominated and elected by the membership of L.Ls.
6 chartered in Canada. The International President and
7 General Secretary-Treasurer shall be nominated and
8 elected by the entire membership; the remaining
9 General Vice Presidents shall be nominated and
10 elected by the membership of all L.Ls. other than
11 those chartered in Canada.

Delegates and Committees

12 SEC. 2. Three delegates to the A.F.L.C.I.O., 1
13 delegate to the C.L.C., and 5 members of the Com-
14 mittee on Law, 1 of whom shall be from Canada,
15 shall be elected concurrently with the G.L. officers,
16 and additional delegates to the A.F.L.C.I.O. shall be
17 assigned in accordance with SEC. 2, Art. IV. The
18 A.F.L.C.I.O. delegates shall be elected only by the
19 membership of all L.Ls. other than those chartered in
20 Canada and the C.L.C. delegate shall be elected by
21 members of L.Ls. chartered in Canada. These dele-
22 gates and committeemembers shall not be consid-
23 ered as G.L. officers.

Qualifications

1 SEC. 3. Candidates for G.L. office, delegates to
2 the A.F.L.C.I.O., delegate to the C.L.C., and the
3 Committee on Law must be members who are and
4 have been in continuous good standing for at least 5
5 years immediately prior to their nomination, free
6 from indebtedness of any nature to any L.L., D.L., or
7 G.L., and otherwise eligible under provisions of ap-
8 plicable civil law; provided, however, that any mem-
9 ber whose dues are subject to withholding by his/her
10 employer for payment to his/her L.L., D.L., or G.L.
11 pursuant to his/her voluntary authorization under a
12 collective bargaining agreement shall not be de-
13 clared ineligible to be a candidate for office by rea-
14 son of alleged delay or default in the payment of
15 such withheld dues; provided, however, that such
16 member is not otherwise delinquent in payment of
17 dues. In addition thereto, they shall qualify under
18 SEC. 5, Art. I.

19 Such candidates must be working at the trade, skill
20 or profession at the time and for 1 year preceding
21 their nomination. Salaried officers or employees of
22 L.Ls., D.Ls., or G.L. and the A.F.L.C.I.O. or C.L.C.
23 are excepted from this provision, provided such em-
24 ployment and other employment at the trade, skill or
25 profession, separately or jointly, has been continuous
26 during the 1 year preceding their nomination. The
27 qualification "working at the trade, skill or profession
28 at the time and for 1 year preceding their nomina-
29 tion," shall not be required of or apply to members
30 who have been unable to obtain employment as a re-
31 sult of a strike, lockout, discrimination, contested,
32 unresolved discharge, or temporary disability.

Endorsement for Nomination

1 SEC. 4. No later than December 1st of the year be-
2 fore an election will be held, the G.S.T. shall issue a
3 circular to all L.Ls. calling for endorsements of nom-
4 inees for all G.L. officers, 3 delegates to the
5 A.F.L.C.I.O., delegate to the C.L.C. and members of
6 the Committee on Law, which circular shall be ac-
7 companied by proper forms for the return of endorse-
8 ments for nomination by L.Ls.

9 After the receipt of said circular, a special meeting
10 shall be held on the third Saturday in January from 6
11 am to 8 am, and at 6 pm to 8 pm, of which meeting
12 notice shall be served upon members by the Grand
13 Lodge by mail to their last known address. At such
14 special meeting, L.Ls. may, endorse for nomination
15 1 candidate for I.P., 1 candidate for G.S.T., and 5 can-
16 didates for the Committee on Law. L.Ls. chartered
17 other than in Canada may endorse for nomination
18 candidates for each existing United States G.V.P. po-
19 sition and 3 candidates for A.F.L.C.I.O. delegates.
20 L.Ls. chartered in Canada may endorse for nomina-
21 tion one candidate for G.V.P. and 1 candidate for
22 C.L.C. delegate. Members not able to attend the spe-
23 cial January meeting may nominate by mail if they
24 meet the requirements set out in Art. II. SEC. 3. The
25 G.L. shall provide and tabulate those absentee nomi-
26 nations and so notify the L.L.

27 In the event more than one candidate is nominated
28 for the I.P. or G.S.T. position, or more candidates for
29 the G.V.P. positions than necessary to fill all G.V.P.
30 positions, a special meeting shall be held on the last
31 Saturday in February from 6 am to 8 am, and from 6
32 pm to 8 pm to determine by plurality vote which can-

1 didates shall be nominated from the L.L. On or be-
2 fore Wednesday following the nomination meeting,
3 or the nomination endorsement meeting (if neces-
4 sary), the R.S. of each L.L. shall forward to the
5 G.S.T. by registered or certified mail a correct list of
6 all endorsements for nomination and the offices for
7 which the members are endorsed, together with their
8 lodge numbers and card numbers, upon the forms
9 provided therefore. Locals may not nominate the
10 same person for more than one office.

11 A failure to nominate the required number of eligi-
12 ble candidates shall invalidate the nomination or en-
13 dorsement for that office, committee or delegation.

Filing and Publication of Endorsement

14 SEC. 5. The G.S.T. shall tabulate the results and
15 cause the full and complete tabulation to be made
16 public, showing the L.Ls. making the endorsements,
17 the members endorsed, the offices for which the
18 members are endorsed, and designating the members
19 who are thereby chosen as nominees under the provi-
20 sions of SEC. 6 of this Art.

Number of Nominees

21 SEC. 6. From the endorsements received from
22 L.Ls that satisfy the requirement of section 7, there
23 shall be selected for each elective position the 2 can-
24 didates receiving the highest number of endorse-
25 ments, and the 2 so selected shall constitute the can-
26 didates on the final ballot.

Pledge to Accept Nomination

1 SEC. 7. The G.S.T. shall, by registered or certified
2 letter, notify all candidates who have received the en-
3 dorsement of at least 25 L.Ls. including endorse-
4 ments in at least three separate territories or divisions,
5 except in Canada with respect to the Canadian G.V.P.
6 position, where the endorsement from 20 L.Ls. with
7 representation from at least 3 different provinces is re-
8 quired. Candidates so notified shall, within 10 days
9 after receipt of notification, inform the G.S.T. by reg-
10 istered or certified mail of their acceptance or declina-
11 tion of the endorsements for nomination, together
12 with a statement that they are duly qualified under the
13 provisions of this Constitution, which statement shall
14 be certified by the S.T. of the L.L. of which the candi-
15 date is a member, or certified by the G.S.T. Candi-
16 dates may run for only one office. Candidates nomi-
17 nated for more than one office must indicate to the
18 G.S.T. which office they intend to accept nomination
19 and which they decline. The G.S.T. shall then adjust
20 the list of nominated candidates to reflect the informa-
21 tion received from the nominated candidates. On fail-
22 ure of candidates to comply with this provision, it
23 shall be the duty of the G.S.T. to strike their names
24 from the list, and to at once notify the candidate or
25 candidates receiving the next greatest number of en-
26 dorsements by 25 or more L.L.s including endorse-
27 ments in at least three separate territories or divisions.

Preparation and Description of Ballots

28 SEC. 8. After the foregoing provisions have been
29 complied with, the G.S.T. shall prepare the mail bal-

1 lots and have printed thereon the names of all eligible
2 candidates, together with the number of the lodges of
3 which they are respectively members, said names to
4 be arranged in order according to the number of en-
5 dorsements received by each candidate for the office
6 stated.

7 One ballot shall be mailed to every eligible mem-
8 ber in good standing with instructions for filling them
9 out and returning them to a P.O. Box secured by the
10 G.S.T.

Qualification to Vote

11 SEC. 9. Only members who are in good standing
12 pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution shall
13 be allowed to vote at any election.

Notification of Election

14 SEC. 10. Not less than 15 days prior to the time
15 when the elections specified in SEC. 8 of this Art. are
16 to be held, notice of the time and location shall be
17 mailed by the G.S.T. to each member qualified to
18 vote at his/her last known home address by letter or
19 by authorized publication by Federal mail.

Representation at Count

20 SEC. 11. Each nominee for I.P. shall, on or before
21 May 1, select a member of the I.A.M. to act as his/her
22 teller. In the event that there is only 1 nominee for
23 I.P., then the 2 candidates for G.S.T. shall select the
24 tellers. The spirit of this SEC. is to be construed that
25 opposing candidates shall have the right to select the

1 tellers in rotation and where a candidate is unop-
2 posed, he/she shall not have the right to select a teller.
3 The 2 tellers thus selected shall employ as a 3rd
4 teller a certified public accountant who shall act as
5 chairperson of the G.L. election tellers and work with
6 the company who prepared the mail ballots to over-
7 see the tallying by electronic means whenever possi-
8 ble. The 2 G.L. election tellers chosen by candidates
9 shall, while engaged in counting and supervising the
10 G.L. election returns, receive as compensation their
11 regular rate of pay for the time actually engaged in
12 the performance of their duties, together with trans-
13 portation and actual hotel expenses, if residing out-
14 side of the location of Headquarters.

Counting the Votes

15 SEC. 12. The G.S.T. shall be custodian of all bal-
16 lots , and shall, after the G.L. election tellers are duly
17 organized and on their demand, surrender, unopened
18 and in their original containers, all ballots.

19 The G.L. election tellers shall meet at the G.L. of-
20 fices on the first business day on or after May 1st ,
21 and proceed with the count, in the presence of one
22 observer for each candidate who chooses to send an
23 observer at the candidate's expense. The G.L. elec-
24 tion tellers shall have full charge of the counting of
25 the ballots, assisted by such help as they may require,
26 to be furnished by the G.S.T. They shall have power
27 to adopt rules to govern their work, hear complaints,
28 make adjustments, and render decisions strictly in ac-
29 cordance with this Constitution and the policies, cus-
30 tom and usage of this Association. After they have
31 counted and tabulated the vote, they shall render a re-

1 port containing a detailed statement of the votes cast
2 in each L.L. for each office involved, together with a
3 report on all irregular or contested ballots, for the re-
4 spective candidates. This report shall be published in
5 the next issue of THE JOURNAL in such manner
6 that the results of the voting in each L.L. for each
7 such office involved is separately shown.

Electronic Voting

8 SEC. 13. Notwithstanding anything in this Article,
9 the E.C. may at its discretion implement a system of
10 electronic voting as a supplement to the voting as set
11 out in SECS. 8-12 above, to the extent permitted by
12 law.

Declaration of Election

13 SEC. 14. The nominees receiving the highest
14 number of votes for the respective offices shall be de-
15 clared duly elected by the G.L. election tellers.

Second Ballot

16 SEC. 15. In case candidates for any office receive
17 an equal number of votes, their names shall be resub-
18 mitted in accordance with SEC. 8 of this Art., and
19 such procedure shall be continued until one candidate
20 shall receive a greater number of votes than the other
21 candidate contesting for the same office. If the 2nd
22 or other succeeding ballots do not result in an elec-
23 tion prior to the expiration of the term of office of the
24 then incumbent, said incumbent shall be retained in
25 office until the successor is duly elected.

Preservation of Ballots and Election Records by G.S.T.

1 SEC. 16. The G.S.T. shall preserve for 1 year all
2 ballots and all other election records in his/her pos-
3 session pursuant to the foregoing procedure.

Filling Vacancies

4 SEC. 17. Should a vacancy or vacancies occur in
5 any G.L. office between elections, through any cause,
6 such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by an ap-
7 pointment or appointments by the E.C. not later than
8 60 days after the occurrence of such a vacancy or va-
9 cancies. Those members appointed to fill the unex-
10 pired terms of office shall meet all eligibility require-
11 ments of the Constitution pertaining to candidates for
12 the office to which they are appointed.

Numbers of General Vice Presidents

13 SEC. 18. Notwithstanding the provisions of Secs. 1
14 and 4 of this Art., should the I.A.M. experience a
15 change in membership through plant expansions or
16 closings, organizing or mergers with other organiza-
17 tions or other justification which would warrant a
18 change in the number of G.V.Ps., the E.C. shall have the
19 authority to institute such change between 5-9 G.V.Ps.

Installations

20 SEC. 19. G.L. officers shall be installed by the
21 I.P., or his/her deputy, and they shall assume the du-
22 ties of their respective offices July 1, following their

1 election, or as soon thereafter as the result is made
2 known; provided, that each officer shall qualify
3 within 10 days after being notified to appear for in-
4 stallation.

Recall Provisions

5 SEC. 20. A L.L. in good standing with the G.L.
6 may propose the recall of any 1 or more of the G.L.
7 officers, the Committee on Law, and delegates to the
8 A.F.L.C.I.O. and the C.L.C. by filing with the G.S.T.
9 a petition for the recall of such officer or officers, to-
10 gether with the endorsements thereof under the im-
11 pression and/or ink stamp seal of at least 15% of the
12 L.Ls. in good standing with the G.L., not more than
13 15 of which shall be located in any 1 state, province
14 or territory. Every petition for a recall must contain a
15 clear, concise statement of the specific charges
16 against such officer or officers upon which the pro-
17 ceeding is based. All circulars issued by a L.L. for
18 the purpose of securing the endorsements of other
19 L.Ls. must be identical as to content and form, in-
20 cluding the endorsement form attached thereto. All
21 such circulars shall bear the date of issuance, be
22 made returnable to the L.L. issuing same and de-
23 posited by such L.L. with the G.S.T. within 45 days
24 after the date thereof.

25 Upon receipt of the petition and endorsements for
26 recall, the G.S.T. shall notify the officer or officers
27 whose recall is sought and furnish him/her or them
28 with a correct copy of the petition and the numbers of
29 the L.Ls. appearing as endorsers thereof. Such offi-
30 cer or officers may, within 10 days thereafter, file a
31 written statement of defense, containing not more

1 than 500 words, with the G.S.T., who shall cause the
2 same to be printed and mailed to all L.Ls. concur-
3 rently with the call for the endorsements for nomi-
4 nees hereinafter provided for.

5 In the event the officer or officers whose recall is
6 sought declines to defend the charges and resigns
7 from office, thereby creating a vacancy or vacancies,
8 said vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by an ap-
9 pointment or appointments by the E.C. not later than
10 60 days after the occurrence of such vacancy or va-
11 cancies. Those members appointed to fill the unex-
12 pired terms of office shall meet all eligibility require-
13 ments of the Constitution pertaining to candidates for
14 the office to which they are appointed.

15 In the event the officer or officers whose recall is
16 sought opposes the recall, the G.S.T. shall, on the 1st
17 of the month next following, issue a circular to all
18 L.Ls. calling for endorsements of nominees for the
19 office or offices held by the officer or officers whose
20 recall is sought. The selection of candidates and the
21 election, and the tabulating and counting of the votes,
22 except as hereinafter modified, shall proceed in ac-
23 cordance with the election laws set forth, substituting
24 the name of such months as may be necessary to hold
25 an interim election in place of those months specified
26 in other Secs. of this Art.

27 Unless the officer whose recall is sought lacks the
28 necessary qualifications or files a written declination
29 with the G.S.T., his/her name shall be printed upon
30 the official ballot together with the name of the one
31 other candidate who has received at least 25 endorse-
32 ments and the greatest number of endorsements as
33 candidate for nominee for that office. Should the of-
34 ficer whose recall is sought decline to be a candidate

1 or lack the necessary qualifications, then the names
2 of 2 members who have each received at least 25 en-
3 dorsements and greatest and next greatest number of
4 endorsements, respectively, as candidates for nomi-
5 nee for such office, shall be printed upon the official
6 ballot as candidates for such office.

7 The candidate for any office who received the
8 greatest number of votes in any recall election shall
9 be promptly notified of his/her election by the G.S.T.
10 If the officer whose recall is sought is not elected,
11 his/her tenure of office shall terminate 15 days after
12 the result of the election is announced and the newly
13 elected officer shall thereupon assume the duties of
14 the office.