# Notice of ZOOM Video-Conference Nominations Meeting

## Due to COVID-19 restrictions the BLEDT GCA 555 Delegate and Alternate Delegate Nominations Meeting has been changed to a virtual Zoom Meeting. AN IN-PERSON MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD. Details are as follows:

BLEDT GCA 55 is entitled to elect 1 delegates and has chosen to elect 1 alternate delegate to the June 2021 IBT International Convention. The expenses of all the delegates and 0 alternate delegate will be paid by the Local Union. The Election Supervisor has approved the Local Union plan for conducting nominations and elections. The important details of the plan are summarized below.

Members wishing to nominate, second or accept nomination ARE STRONGLY URGED to submit nominations, seconds or nomination acceptances in writing to the General Secretary-Treasurer at BLET GCA NJT, c/o G. Petrie, 69 Misty Meadow, Perkasie, PA 18944 or via email to <u>stbletnjt@gmail.com</u>

#### **NOMINATIONS**

**When & Where**: The meeting will be held via Zoom Video-Conference on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

**Who Can Attend:** Any active member who wishes to attend the nominations meeting must call BLEDT GCA 555 at 610-442-1062 to request meeting registration no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 5, 2021. The local will verify the Member's eligibility to attend. Members must provide their personal email address or indicate they will participate by phone. Once eligibility has been confirmed, the member will receive a zoom invitation to join the meeting either by video-conference or by phone. Zoom invitations for any member will be limited to one electronic device only.

#### **Eligibility to Nominate**

To be eligible to nominate or second, a member must have paid dues through January 2021\_\_\_\_.

Dues and arrearages must be paid by <u>5:00 PM</u> on 2/5/2021 at **BLET GCA NJT, c/o G. Petrie, 69 Misty Meadow, Perkasie, PA 18944** 

#### **Eligibility to Run**

To be eligible to run for delegate or alternate delegate, a member must:

- 1. Be a member in continuous good standing of the Local Union, with one's dues paid to the Local Union for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months prior to the month of nomination with no interruptions in active membership due to suspensions, expulsions, withdrawals, transfers or failure to pay fines or assessments;
- 2. Be employed at the craft within the jurisdiction of the Local Union for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months prior to the month of nomination; and
- 3. Be otherwise eligible to serve if elected.

It is strongly recommended that each prospective nominee request advance verification of his/her eligibility to run for delegate or alternate delegate. The request should be made in writing to the Election Supervisor as

soon as possible, but in no event less than five (5) working days prior to the nomination meeting. The Election Supervisor will not be able to verify eligibility of any prospective nominee who requests verification less than five (5) working days prior to the nomination meeting.

### Method of Nomination

Delegate candidates will be nominated and seconded separately from alternate delegate candidates.

All nominations for delegate and alternate delegate shall be at large.

Any member may:

- 1. Be nominated and seconded orally from the floor by members in good standing other than the nominee; or,
- Be nominated and seconded in writing by members in good standing, other than the nominee. The use of Election Supervisor Form 44 (available under "Official Forms" at <u>www.ibtvote.org</u>) is encouraged but not required. Written nominations and seconds must
- be submitted or mailed to the General Secretary-Treasurer BLET GCA NJT, c/o G. Petrie, 69 Misty Meadow, Perkasie, PA 18944 or emailed to <u>stbletnjt@gmail.com</u> so as to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day before the day of the nominations meeting (if the meeting is scheduled to occur after 5:00 p.m., the written nomination or second must be received by the Local Union Secretary-Treasurer no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day of the meeting);
- State whether it is a nomination or a second;
- Identify the name of the person being nominated or seconded;
- Identify if the nomination or second is for delegate or alternate delegate;
- Be signed by and include the full street address of the nominator or seconder (an email with a scanned or smart-phone-photographed signature is acceptable). Nominators or seconds may include, at their option, the last four digits of their SSN/SIN and;
- Be treated by the presiding officer as if it had been made from the floor.
- 3. Nominate or second more than one candidate;
- 4. Be nominated or seconded by more than one member;
- 5. Decline to be nominated or seconded by a particular person or persons.

Any member who intends to nominate or second a candidate may also request that the Election Supervisor verify his/her eligibility to do so. All such requests must be in writing and must be received by the Election Supervisor no less than five (5) days prior to the nomination meeting.

#### Acceptance of Nomination

A nominee may accept either:

- 1. In person at the meeting, or in writing.
- 2. If acceptance is made in writing, the acceptance document must include the nominee's name, position for which he or she is accepting nomination, full street address **and signature**. Acceptors may include, at their option, the last four digits of their SSN/SIN.
- 3. The acceptance document must be presented to the presiding Local Union officer no later than the time the member is nominated. Any member present at the meeting may produce the written acceptance at the time the member is nominated. If no member is to be present at the meeting, a written acceptance may be

mailed or emailed to the mailing address or email address listed above or faxed to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, to be received no later than the time the meeting is scheduled to begin.

4. For written acceptances, the use of Election Supervisor Form 44 (available under "Official Forms" at <u>www.ibtvote.org</u>) is encouraged but not required.

No member may accept nomination for both delegate and alternate delegate.

Any candidate for delegate and alternate delegate is permitted to run as a member of a slate, which is defined as any grouping by mutual consent of two or more candidates. To qualify on the election ballot as a slate, a Slate Declaration Form (Election Supervisor Form 10, which is available from the Secretary-Treasurer or the Election Supervisor at the www.ibtvote.org), must be completed and submitted to the <u>Secretary-Treasurer</u>, with a copy to the Election Supervisor, no later than three (3) days after the Local Union's final nominations meeting.

Any attempt by a person or entity to limit, interfere or retaliate against any IBT member for exercising the right to nominate, second or run as a delegate or alternate delegate, may result in disqualification of a candidate who benefits from the violation, imposition of criminal penalties under federal law and/or other consequences or remedy.

For additional information relating to the nomination or election process for IBT International Delegates or Alternates, please contact your Local Union Secretary-Treasurer, the Election Supervisor, or the Election Supervisor Regional Director.

The Election Supervisor may be contacted at:

Office of the Election Supervisor for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters 1990 M Street, NW, Suite 650 Washington, DC 20036 844-428-8683 Toll Free <u>ElectionSupervisor@ibtvote.org</u> www.ibtvote.org Contact the OES Regional Director at: Name: Joe Childers Address: 201 West Short Street, Suite 300 Lexington, Kentucky 40507 Phone: 859-351-7496 Email: jchilders@ibtvote.org