



# GAS WORKERS UNION LOCAL G-555

UTILITY WORKERS UNION of AMERICA, AFL-CIO



## ELECTION COMMITTEE

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### **NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS**

August 22, 2017

To: All Local G-555 Members  
Re: Notice of Nominations

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Please be advised of the following:

### **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for Executive Board Officers (Executive President, Executive Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Executive Treasurer and Business Manager) will be made at the regular September, 2017 meeting in your District (see enclosed schedule at Page 6). The Executive Board Officers elected shall be members of the Executive Committee and shall be qualified to act as National Delegates to the Utility Workers Union of America National Convention to be held in 2019.

Executive Board positions, duties and qualifications per Articles IV, VI and XII of the Gas Workers Union Local G-555 By-Laws, as amended on March 18, 2016 (the "By-Laws"), are explained on Pages 3, 4 and 5 of this Notice.

**THE DATES, LOCATIONS AND TIMES OF THE DISTRICT MEETINGS AT WHICH NOMINATIONS WILL BE HELD ARE LISTED ON PAGE 6 OF THIS NOTICE.** Nominations will be conducted in the same manner as in past elections.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:** After careful consideration and communication with legal counsel of both the Local & National Union, as well as the U.S. Dept. of Labor, the Election Committee has decided, again, **not to enforce the meeting attendance requirement set forth in Article X, Section 3 of the By-Laws** out of an excess of caution based on concern that such enforcement might potentially be contrary to regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards. This matter will be addressed by the G-555 By-Laws Committee in the near future.

Per Article X, Section 3 of the By-Laws, candidates for Executive Board Officers must be members in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to nomination for office.

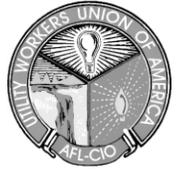




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### **RIGHTS OF MEMBERS DURING THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS**

Any qualified member seeking to be nominated and/or elected to an officer position has the right to:

- (i) have Local G-555 mail campaign literature to the entire membership (or some portion thereof if practicable) at his or her own expense provided the request is reasonable; and
- (ii) once within the thirty (30) day period prior to the election inspect a list containing the names and last known addresses of all members of Local G-555.

In addition, candidates have the right to have an observer (a) at the polls and (b) at the counting of the ballots. Candidates may serve as their own observer. If a candidate plans on having an observer present at the polls and/or during the counting of the ballots, the candidate must notify the Election Committee in writing of this fact and further notify the Election Committee whether the candidate will serve as his or her own observer or identify who will serve as the candidate's observer. The deadlines for providing such notifications will be set forth in the Election Notice.

In addition to the above-described election rights, federal law prohibits the use of Union and/or employer funds (including facilities, equipment, supplies, and campaigning on time paid for by the Union or employer) to support any person's candidacy in this election.

Also, no candidate, including a prospective candidate, or supporter of any candidate or prospective candidate, may solicit or accept financial support or any other direct or indirect support of any kind (except an individual's own volunteered personal time) from a non-member of the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO per Article IV, Section 6 of the Local G-555 By-Laws.

It is the Local G-555 Election Committee's intent to conduct fair, democratic elections and to adhere to all guidelines for conducting union elections as provided by the U.S. Dept. of Labor and our Local Union By-laws. Please take the time to exercise your right as a Union member and participate in the election process.

Fraternally,

The Local G-555 Election Committee  
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### ARTICLE V, Executive Board

Section 1. The Local Executive Board shall consist of the Executive President, Executive Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Executive Treasurer and Business Manager. The Executive Officers shall be nominated and elected from the entire membership of the Local and when elected to office, shall also be elected as Delegates to the National Union Convention. The nomination and election process for office and the voting ballots shall include "UWUA National Delegate".

By virtue of their election to office, the aforementioned officers comprise the Executive Board and are members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The term of office for the aforementioned Executive Offices shall be three (3) years and shall begin on the first business day in November of the year in which the election occurs. Nominations shall be held in September, at the regular monthly meeting of each District. In accordance with the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended, notification of nominations and pending elections shall be posted and mailed to each member's last known home address at least fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting. In an election year, the September meetings shall be held no later than the 21st day of the month. Elections shall be held in each District in the last full week of October on a day so designated by the Election Committee. No member shall accept nomination for or hold more than one (1) office on the Executive Board simultaneously.

In the event a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board, with the exception of the Executive President, by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, and the remainder of the term is one (1) year or less, from the time an election could be held, the Executive President of the Local Union shall appoint a District Representative to fulfill the unexpired term of said office. In the event said vacancy occurs with more than one (1) year remaining in the said term, from the time an election could be held, the Executive Board shall order an election to fill the vacated office.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall enforce the laws of the National Union, the Local's laws, the instructions of the Local Union, and its own decisions. It shall report upon all matters which in its judgment require consideration by the Local Union or which may have been submitted to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board may recommend that the Local Union hire business agents, office personnel, or other employees when they are needed. The Executive Board shall have power, subject to the provisions of these By-laws, to appoint subcommittees from its Local membership. The Executive Board shall have the power to receive and hear complaints filed against any member or members and act as a Trial Committee, pursuant to procedures hereinafter contained, in the trial of accused members. When a member of the Executive Board is an interested party or a witness to any proceeding, he shall be automatically disqualified from sitting as a member of the Trial Committee.

The Executive Board shall fix the compensation of any officer or employee, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee at regular or special meetings.

Regular meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the Executive President. Whenever a majority of the Executive Board request the Executive President to call a meeting thereof, it shall be mandatory that he do so. A majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. The decisions of the Executive Board shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present.

### ARTICLE VI, Executive Officers Duties

Section 1. The **Executive President** of the Local Union shall be the principle executive officer of the Union. He shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall preside at all its meetings, and shall appoint all committees with the approval of the Executive Board and be a member ex-officio of same. In all proceedings, discussions and decisions of the Executive Committee, and of every other committee within the Executive Committee, he shall have a full voice. He shall enforce order within the Local Union and strict observance of the Local By-laws and National Constitution, and shall have full charge of the supervision of overall organizing work. He shall sign and enforce all orders of the Executive Committee and shall authorize the payment by the Executive Treasurer of all legitimate expenses incurred by himself, the Executive Committee, District Representatives or Stewards, on Union work in line with their duties. He shall determine all questions of the interpretation of these By-laws and shall perform such other duties as are designated in these By-laws or are necessary to protect and promote the interests of the Union. He shall be a delegate to the National Convention by virtue of his office. He shall notify all members of the Executive Committee of all committee appointments, who is on the Committee, the purpose of the Committee and when they are to meet.



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### ARTICLE VI, Executive Officers Duties (Continued)

Section 2. The **Executive Vice-President** shall perform the duties of the Executive President in the absence of that officer. He shall preside at meetings when called upon by the Executive President to do so or when the Executive President may be temporarily unable to discharge those duties. He shall perform other such duties that are usual to the office of the Vice-President. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the Executive President due to death, resignation, retirement from Dominion East Ohio, or otherwise, the Executive Vice-President shall fill the unexpired term of the Executive President.

Section 3. The **Executive Secretary** shall keep a correct and impartial account of the proceedings of each meeting of the Executive Committee and Executive Board. He shall furnish the Chairman of each Committee a copy of such resolutions as may be adopted by the Executive Committee and the Executive Board applicable to its respective duties. He shall notify the National Secretary-Treasurer of the names of all officers with proper zip codes, elected to office within fifteen (15) days after the election. He shall, on the behalf of the Local Union, receive all official communications and correspondence, except that addressed to the Executive Treasurer. He shall keep all membership records and application cards, and a record of all members admitted by initiation or otherwise, as well as rejections and suspended and expelled members. He shall forward to the National Secretary-Treasurer the names and addresses, with proper zip codes of all members of the Local Union and every month shall submit all changes of addresses, and the names of all members initiated or readmitted as well as those suspended for non-payment of dues or for any other cause. He shall perform other such duties that are usual to the office of Executive Secretary.

Section 4. The **Executive Treasurer** shall be responsible for all financial records and transactions. He shall collect all dues and other revenues of this Local Union and issue official receipts for the same. It shall be the duty of the Executive Treasurer to receive all moneys paid to the Local Union, giving receipt for same, announcing receipts and disbursements at each meeting, he shall deposit all moneys in a bank, keep a correct record of all dues payments and all other money received and expended, submit financial statements as required by law, pay all bills ordered by the Union when signed by the Executive President. He shall submit his books and receipts to a certified Auditor to audit, when called upon to do so, and at the expiration of his official term of office shall turn over to his successor all moneys and property of the Local Union that may be in his possession.

All funds shall be deposited in a FDIC insured financial institution in the name of the Local Union, subject to an order signed by the Executive President and Executive Treasurer.

The Executive Treasurer shall forward to the National Union an accurate record of all dues payments and other revenue, and the names and addresses of all other persons from whom which revenue is derived.

The Executive Treasurer shall promptly forward to the National Secretary-Treasurer copies of all annual audit reports and copies of all financial reports setting forth a statement of liabilities and a statement of receipts and disbursements which are required by law.

Section 5. The **Business Manager** shall assist the Executive President and/or the Executive Vice-President in conducting the business of the Local Union. He shall perform other such duties that are usual to the office of Business Manager.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of all Executive Officers at the expiration of their term in office to turn over all records, in an orderly fashion to their successor in office.

### ARTICLE X, Nominations, Elections and Voting

Section 1. Any member is eligible for office unless excluded by these By-laws, the National Constitution, or by Federal laws.

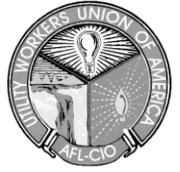
Section 2. All nominations for Officers of this Local shall be made in open meetings. Voting shall be by mail or secret ballot as determined by the Executive Board. When voting is by secret ballot, the Executive President shall appoint no less than two (2) members to receive and count the ballots at each voting location. There shall be no write in candidates or voting by proxy.



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### **ARTICLE X, Nominations, Elections and Voting (Continued)**

Section 3. Candidates for any office in this Local must have been a member in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to nomination for election. However, if a District of this Local has not been in existence the time herein required, a candidate must be in continuous good standing for at least one-half of the period of time since the District has been established by the Local Union. It is further provided that candidates for any elective office must have attended their District's regular monthly meetings for at least one-half of the stated meetings one (1) year preceding nominations. Provided, however, that when any member who is unable to attend a regular monthly meeting due to a valid excuse, so notifies the Chairman of his District in writing no later than five (5) days after said meeting, he shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting as being in attendance. A strict and permanent record of attendance shall be kept by each District and forwarded to the Local Union office on a monthly basis.

Section 4. The Executive President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint from the Executive Committee, an Election Committee of not less than three (3) no more than five (5) members. Any member who is a candidate for office in that election shall not be eligible to serve on the Election Committee. Questions regarding the rules of the election, eligibility of candidates for office, or eligibility of voters, will be interpreted and decided by the Executive Election Committee.

Section 5. In accordance with the Labor-Management Reporting Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended, notification of nominations and pending elections shall be posted and mailed to each member's last known home address at least fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting.

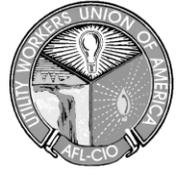
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### **DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS**

#### **WHERE NOMINATIONS WILL BE HELD**

Nominations for Executive Board Officers will be taken at the respective dates, times and locations listed below.

#### **AKRON**

Meeting held on Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
UAW Hall, 1155 George Washington Blvd., Akron, Ohio

#### **ASHTABULA**

Meeting held on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 at 4:15 PM  
Clay Street Grill, 2092 State Route 45, Austinburg, OH 44010

#### **CANTON**

Meeting held on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Firehouse Grill & Pub, 48 Second St. NE, Massillon, Ohio

#### **CLEVELAND**

Meeting held on Thursday, September 21st, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Laborers' Local 310 Hall, 3250 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

#### **DOVER/NEW PHILA. – MARIETTA**

Meeting held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Cambridge Eagles Club, 1930 East Wheeling Ave., Cambridge, Ohio

#### **LIMA**

Meeting held on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30 PM  
American Legion Post 96, 711 South Shore Dr., Lima, Ohio

#### **NORTH CANTON**

Meeting held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 PM  
Park Centre Lanes, 7313 Whipple Ave. NW, North Canton, Ohio

#### **YOUNGSTOWN**

Meeting held on Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 at 4:30 PM  
Amen Corner, 20 West Main St., Girard, Ohio