



GAS WORKERS UNION LOCAL G-555

UTILITY WORKERS UNION of AMERICA, AFL-CIO



ELECTION COMMITTEE

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REVISED NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

January 29, 2018

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Please be advised of the following:

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for District Representatives and District Board Officers will be made at the regular February 2018 meeting in your District (see enclosed schedule at Page 6). All District Representatives and/or District Board Officers will have a term of three (3) years unless otherwise noted. The District Representatives 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.

District representation and qualifications per Articles IV, X and XII of the Gas Workers Union Local G-555 By-Laws, as amended on March 18, 2016 (the "By-Laws), are explained on Page 3 of this Notice.

The District Representative positions for which nominations are to be made are listed on Page 4 of this Notice, and the District Board Officer positions for which nominations are to be made are listed on Page 5 of this Notice.

THE DATES, LOCATIONS AND TIMES OF THE DISTRICT MEETING 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: 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 District Representative and District Officer 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. The prohibition includes but is not limited to funds or resources of Local G-555 and funds or resources of employers which employ Local G-555 members.

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. Any changes to the way previous elections were conducted were well researched and were made to allow a larger number of our members the ability to participate in the election process. The Election Committee believes these improvements to our election process will allow for high voter turn-out. Please take the time to exercise your right as a Union member and participate in the election process.

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The Local G-555 Election Committee

Paul Talboo, Chairman
Andrew Newsome
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ARTICLE IV Executive Committee

Section 1. The Local shall be divided into Districts, in order to provide geographical representation for the members. Each District shall be entitled to a District Representative for each 70 members or fraction thereof, located therein, as determined by the payroll deduction for January of each year. However, a minimum in each District shall be maintained as follows: Akron-6 (consisting of 2 at Eastwood, 2 at Springside, 2 at Wilbeth), Ashtabula-1, Canton-2, Cleveland-8 (consisting of 2 at E. 55th, 2 at Eastern, 2 at Northeast, 2 at Western), Lima -1, New Philadelphia/Marietta-2, North Canton-1, Youngstown-2.

The District Representatives elected shall be members of the Executive Committee and shall be eligible to act as National Delegates by virtue of such election.

Article XII District Officer Responsibilities and Terms of Office

Section 1. Officer Descriptions and Duties

Chairman: He shall preside at all meetings of the District and meetings of the District Executive Board. He shall appoint all committees, with the approval of the District Board, not otherwise provided for in these By-Laws, and perform other duties as are necessary to protect and promote the interest of the District and the Union. He shall have the authority to call a meeting of the District Executive Board at any time that, in his judgment necessitates it. He shall call special meetings of the District when requested by the Executive Board, or as provided for in these By-Laws. He shall sign all orders and official documents of the District, and shall authorize the payment by the District Treasurer of all District expenses. In the event of a District Board vacancy with no candidates vying for said vacancy, the Chairman shall appoint another current District Board member to temporarily assume those duties until a qualified candidate(s) exist.

Vice-Chairman: He shall perform all duties of the Chairman in his absence. In the case of the resignation or death of the Chairman, he shall perform his duties until such vacancy is filled by an election as provided for in Article X. He shall also preside at meetings when called upon by the Chairman and at times when the Chairman may temporarily be unable to perform his duties.

Secretary: The Secretary of the District shall keep the minutes and attendance records of all District meetings and make a proper record of the same. He shall forward a copy of all minutes and attendance records to the Local Union Office on a monthly basis.

Treasurer: He shall receive all money from dues and all other sources giving a receipt for the same. He shall give the Treasurer's report at the regular monthly meeting of the District. He shall keep accurate accounts and submit them to auditors for their approval when called upon to do so. He shall deposit all money in the bank so designated by the District. He shall release to his successor at the expiration of his term all records and money of the District that are in his possession.

Sergeant-at-Arms: He shall assist the Chairman in the preservation of order and perform other duties as ordered by the Chairman. He may examine all cards of members before admittance to meetings. He shall introduce new members and visitors. He shall be a member of and responsible to the Executive Board of the District.

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.

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.



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DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS FOR WHICH NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE HELD

The following District Representative positions which are currently held (to the extent applicable) by the individuals listed below are up for election.

AKRON DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (3)

Travis Woodside	Springside	3 Year Term
Dominic Rios	Wilbeth	3 Year Term
Tamara Davis	Eastwood	3 Year Term

CANTON DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Jim Davis	Canton Dist.	3 Year Term
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CLEVELAND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (5)

Debbie Moffitt	East 55 th	3 Year Term
Todd Mitzo	Eastern	3 Year Term
Jim Welsh	Northeast	3 Year Term
Mike McNeeley	Western	3 Year Term

DOVER/NEW PHILA - MARIETTA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Rob Newsome	Dover/NP-Marietta	3 Year Term
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LIMA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Tim Reindel	Lima	3 Year Term
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NORTH CANTON DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Paul Sandella	North Canton	3 Year Term
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YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (1)

Josh Thornton	Youngstown Dist.	3 Year Term
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DISTRICT BOARD OFFICER POSITIONS FOR WHICH NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE HELD

All District Board Officer positions are up for election. Terms will be for three (3) years for all positions listed below.

AKRON DISTRICT BOARD (5)

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms

ASHTABULA DISTRICT BOARD (5)

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms

CANTON DISTRICT BOARD (5)

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms

CLEVELAND DISTRICT BOARD (5)

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms

DOVER/NEW PHI.-MARIETTA DISTRICT BOARD (5)

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms

LIMA DISTRICT BOARD (5)

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms

NORTH CANTON DISTRICT BOARD (5)

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms

YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT BOARD (5)

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms



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DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS WHERE NOMINATIONS WILL BE HELD

Nominations for District Representatives and/or District Officers will be taken for the Districts with their respective dates, times and locations as listed below.

AKRON

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM
UAW Hall, 1155 George Washington Blvd., Akron, Ohio

ASHTABULA

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 4:15 PM
Clay Street Grill, 2092 State Route 45, Austinburg, OH 44010

***CANTON**

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Tiger Town (formerly Firehouse Grill & Pub), 48 Second St. NE, Massillon, Ohio

CLEVELAND

Meeting held on Thursday, February 15th, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Laborers Local 310 (front building) 3250 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115

#DOVER/NEW PHILA. – MARIETTA

Meeting held on Thursday, February 15th, 2018 at 7:00 PM
R & S Party Center, 115 Front Ave SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

***LIMA**

Meeting held on Monday, February 19th, 2018 at 5:30 PM
American Legion Post 96, 711 South Shore Dr., Lima, Ohio

#NORTH CANTON

Meeting held on Thursday, February 15th, 2018 at 4:00 PM
Park Centre Lanes, 7313 Whipple Ave. NW, North Canton, Ohio

YOUNGSTOWN

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 at 4:30 PM
Amen Corner, 20 W. Main St. SE, Girard, Ohio

**Meetings Identified with an asterisk have been moved one week earlier than normal to accommodate the election timeline.*

#Meetings Identified with a pound sign have been moved one week later than normal to accommodate the election timeline.