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All affiliated unions of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO are members of one of five Trade Sections responsible for decisions about the use of our Organizing and Defense funds.

During each Constitutional Convention, the Trade Sections meet to select new officers. Each Section will elect 3 Trustees and other officers as the Sections determine necessary.

Officers discuss any new business that comes before them. **Our Trade Section meetings will all take place on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 4:00 pm.**

All of the meetings will take place virtually. An announcement will be posted to the convention website and the rooms will be clearly marked by Trade Section. All delegates are encouraged to attend!

For your information, we've attached the section of the WSLC Constitution pertaining to Trade Sections. A complete list of the Trade Sections and their affiliated unions is included in your packet.

ARTICLE IX

Subordinate Sections and Trustees

Sec. 1. Each affiliated local union shall be entitled to membership in one or more of the following subordinate sections of this council which are hereby established for purposes of organization and defense: (1) Building Trades, (2) Food and Beverage Trades, (3) Miscellaneous Trades, (4) Maritime and Transportation Trades and (5) Industrial Unions. These sections shall operate in conformity with the constitution of this council. Local unions maintaining membership in more than one section shall designate in writing to the Secretary Treasurer the percentage allocation of their membership to each section.

Sec. 2. Each section shall hold a meeting before the third day of the convention at which time it shall elect trustees and such other officers as the section shall determine necessary. Each section shall elect three (3) trustees, chosen by the convention delegates representing the local unions participating in the section. Insofar as possible, two (2) trustees of each section shall be from west of the Cascade Mountains and one (1) trustee from east of the Cascade Mountains. No two (2) trustees of any section shall be members of the same local union.

Sec. 3. Requests by affiliated organizations for financial aid from the organization and defense fund shall be made through the executive officer or officers of the section from which funds are requested and shall follow the criteria set forth in Section 4 of this article. All such requests shall thereafter be presented by such executive officer or officers to their respective trustees for consideration and action. If approved by the trustees, the request shall be forwarded to the Secretary Treasurer of the Washington State Labor Council, who shall submit it to the Executive Board for final consideration. The

Secretary Treasurer of the Washington State Labor Council shall submit a quarterly financial report to the trustees of each section.

Sec. 4. Requests for organizing and defense grants shall be made in advance of organizing drives or commitment of funds, if at all possible, and shall state in writing the specific amount requested, how the funds will be used, and the amount and source of other funds. Requests shall include a proposed budget showing expected receipts and expenditures and the timing of such receipts and expenditures. Periodic reports shall be made to the State Labor Council and a complete report shall be submitted when the entire grant has been spent. Organizing and defense grants shall be used only for the purposes for which they are made. At the discretion of the Washington State Labor Council Executive Board, grants may be made in a series of payments. All requests for funds shall be in compliance with the constitution and laws of the section or sections involved the Washington State Labor Council and the AFL-CIO.

Sec. 5. Should financial aid be approved by the trustees of a section and the Executive Board of the Washington State Labor Council, the affiliated organization receiving same shall give a complete itemized statement of expenditures monthly to the officers of the section and the Executive Board of the Washington State Labor Council. Upon failure to file such report, financial aid shall be discontinued until the report has been filed.

Sec. 6. In the event of a vacancy in any section office, such vacancy may be filled by the remaining officers.

Sec. 7. Any by-laws adopted by the sections shall be in conformity with the Constitution of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

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