

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Association internationale des machinistes et des travailleurs et travailleuses de l'aérospatiale

## TO LOCAL LODGE 2921 GARDA IAMAW MEMBERS

## **GENERAL CHAIRPERSON NOMINATIONS & ELECTION 2013**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Transportation District 140 is happy to finally announce that Elections will be held for one (1) General Chairperson representing GARDA members on or before September 15, 2013. The term of office will be for four (4) years starting October 1, 2013 and run through to September 30, 2017.

Nominations for candidates will take place at the regular Local Lodge monthly meeting on July 18, 2013. Only Local Lodge 2921 GARDA members may nominate candidates for this position.

Article V Section 5.07 (a) of the Transportation District 140 Bylaws state that in order to qualify for this position the nominated member must be a member of continuous good standing for at least two (2) years prior to the date of the close of Transportation District 140 nominations. As Local Lodge 2921 Garda members have not been members for two years, special dispensation was requested and has been approved so that candidates must have been a member in good standing as of December 31, 2011. This date is the closest to the two (2) years required in the Transportation District 140 Bylaws.

Article 11.03.01 states: "Within twenty (20) days of the Local Lodge meeting where nomination(s) were closed, the accepted nominee must deliver to the District ST a letter, signed and bearing the LL seal by his or her Local Lodge Recording Secretary, stating that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements of this Article. In addition, the nominee must submit a signed letter stating their acceptance of the nomination."

As per the IAMAW Constitution, members may qualify to vote by Absentee Ballot if they:

- a) Reside more than forty (40) kilometers from the polling place;
- b) Are confined by verified illness;
- c) Are on vacation, official Union business, employment assignment, military leave or leave qualifying under Canadian Family Leave Law

Members applying for Absentee Ballots <u>must do so in writing</u> and <u>must ensure</u> that their request is delivered to their Local Lodge Recording Secretary, by hand or by Canada Post.

Absentee Ballot requests must be received by the Local Lodge Recording Secretary no later than thirty (30) days before the election.

Eligibility for Absentee Ballots will be determined by the Local Lodge Recording Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer, before the Ballot is mailed.

Members found not to be eligible to vote by Absentee Ballot will be notified within ten (10) days of receipt of their application.

Local Lodge 2921 will be responsible for conducting the balloting and will announce the time and location of the polling station(s) to the membership.

In solidarity,

Randy Smith Secretary-Treasurer RS:gls Cope 378

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