

Resolution No. 8

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Constitution & By-Laws

Re: Electronic Balloting for Local Delegates to Convention

1 WHEREAS, the IAFF Constitution and By-Laws
2 requires that the delegates and alternates to
3 convention (Union Executive Officers) must certify
4 that they have been elected by secret ballot vote of
5 the members in good standing of the local by which
6 they are accredited to the convention; and

7 WHEREAS, the definition of a secret ballot vote
8 requires that it must ensure that votes are cast in
9 secret so that the voter is not influenced by any other
10 individual at the time of voting, and that no one else
11 may know who the voter has chosen; and

12 WHEREAS, “secret ballot” is not defined within
13 the IAFF Constitution and By-Laws; and

14 WHEREAS, there are electronic voting methods
15 that provide for the voter to have privacy while
16 voting; and

17 WHEREAS, these electronic voting methods can
18 insure that no one is able to identify who any
19 individual may have voted for; and

20 WHEREAS, these electronic voting methods have
21 the ability to provide the required security of the
22 ballots cast; and

23 WHEREAS, these electronic voting methods
24 provide a quicker more efficient and accurate vote
25 count than paper ballots and tellers; and

26 WHEREAS, traditional paper ballot voting is
27 restrictive in the time required to distribute,
28 supervise, and to retrieve ballot boxes for counting;

29 and

30 WHEREAS, traditional paper ballot voting has
31 proven to be vulnerable to abuse and spoiled ballots;
32 therefore be it

33 RESOLVED, That the IAFF identify or develop a
34 secure electronic balloting method or platform that
35 affiliates may use that will allow for the election of
36 local delegates while still meeting the requirements
37 of a secret ballot as indicated within the Constitution
38 and By-Laws of the IAFF.

Submitted by: Local 1271, Surrey Fire Fighters' Association

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Withdrawn

CONVENTION ACTION: Withdrawn