

TO: AFM Local Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers
FROM: Jay Blumenthal, International Secretary-Treasurer
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The 101st Convention of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada will be held June 17th through 20th, 2019 at the Westgate Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Registration will be held on Sunday, June 16th from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. and on Monday, June 17th from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The Convention hotel rate will be \$99/night + \$20/night resort fee + 12% tax. Room reservations can be made online at the following link, <https://book.passkey.com/go/SAFM9R> or by calling the Westgate reservations at 1-800-635-7711 and providing the AFM special reservations code of **SAFM9R**. Please remember that in order for your designated delegate or Local to receive the hotel reimbursement as per the AFM Bylaws, room reservations must be made using this code or web link. Reservations made in any other manner will not qualify for the reimbursement. (*NOTE: The reservations system will charge you at the appropriate room rate when making the reservation, but you will be charged for the \$20/night resort fee upon check-in at the hotel*). Additional information about the Convention will be forthcoming from this office and in the *International Musician* over the next several months. Our website (AFM.org) includes a section devoted to the AFM Convention as well, www.afm.org/convention.

We wish to remind you that all delegates must be properly elected in conformity with AFM and Local Bylaws and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended (LMRDA), and must be members in good standing in all Locals in which membership is held.

Article 17, Section 5. *Local Union Delegates to the Convention (and alternates for those Delegates who may be unable to attend the sessions) shall be elected by the Locals either at annual, regular, or special meetings or at regular or special elections, but in any event by secret ballot. In the event there is no opposition for the Delegate position(s), the unopposed Delegate candidate(s) shall be declared elected by acclamation. At least 15 days prior to the election of Delegates, notice of the election shall be mailed by the Local to the last known home address of each member in good standing. Elections in violation of this law are null and void.*

All Convention delegates must be duly nominated and elected by a secret balloting of the membership, not appointed. An officer of a local whose bylaws specify that the officer is a convention delegate by virtue of that office must be elected to that office by the membership by secret ballot in order to serve as a convention delegate. An officer who is *appointed* to office may not serve as a convention delegate unless the appointed officer has also been elected as a delegate by a secret ballot vote of the membership. Further, if your Local has not yet conducted

elections and if one or more of your local's officers are designated as convention delegates by virtue of their office, your election notices and ballots should clearly so indicate for those positions. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact your International Representative.

In a few weeks, my office will be mailing the appropriate number of Convention Delegate Credential forms to each Local Secretary for completion. When returning the Federation's pink credential copy, please be prepared to enclose copies of the following documentation with the pink credential(s):

- **election notice(s) sent to the membership**
- **official record of your election results (e.g., Local newsletter or minutes)**
- **copy of your most recent Local Bylaws**

Please send this information to the office of Jay Blumenthal, International Secretary-Treasurer. If the documentation is available in electronic format, e.g., PDF, JPG, TIFF, you may email it to my office at convention2019@afm.org.

Locals will also be asked to certify that each of their Convention delegates is not an employee serving in a management or supervisory capacity for an organization which is a party to a collective bargaining agreement with an AFM Local, in accordance with Article 5, Section 41(g) of the AFM bylaws.

If you have further questions, please contact International Secretary-Treasurer Blumenthal at 212-869-1330 (extension 1210) – or – convention2019@afm.org.

A few important final reminders:

- 4th quarter, 2018 paid per capita numbers determine delegate entitlement [Article 17, Section 4(a) & (b) of AFM Bylaws]. Your Local will receive its credentials only after your 4th quarter, 2018 per capita report is received.
- Resolutions from delegates, Locals or Conferences must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than March 1st - AND – electronically submitted resolutions must also be submitted by regular mail, to the International Secretary-Treasurer, postmarked no later than the next business day [Article 18, Section 4(a)]. Resolutions must bear the signatures of all sponsoring Delegates, or the signatures of authorized officers of sponsoring Locals or Conferences.
- The Annual Report will be emailed to accredited delegates prior to the Convention, however, request for printed copies of the Annual Report must be made in writing to the International Secretary-Treasurer (postmarked or electronically transmitted) not later than March 30th of the Convention year.

As we move closer to the June Convention, information will be updated on our website (www.afm.org/convention). We will endeavor to communicate by email to those with email capability. We ask that email addresses be kept current through the office of IT Manager Walter Lopez at wlopez@afm.org.