

From the IFPTE Constitution (October 2006)

Section 11.13 The Executive Council shall act upon the annual budgets submitted by the President and Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Council shall, at least quarterly, examine the expenditures of the Federation to ensure that they are consistent with the approved budget.

ARTICLE 12 *Conventions and Representation at Conventions*

Section 12.1 The regular convention of the Federation shall be convened every three years on the date and in the city designated by the preceding convention.

Section 12.2 (a) The Secretary-Treasurer shall send out the convention call to all local unions at least sixty (60) days before the convention convenes;

* (b) All delegates from locals to Federation conventions shall be elected by secret ballot. There shall be no proxy voting permitted as part of the election of delegates. Except as provided below, (1) delegates shall be elected on a separate ballot or ballot section, from any ballot used for any other purpose; and (2) no member may be considered a delegate by virtue of election to, or holding, any other office in their local, except by separate election. Locals may at their discretion, provide in their local constitution/bylaws, that officers elected local wide will be automatic delegates to the IFPTE convention by virtue of having been elected to their office. If a local elects this option its constitution/bylaw provision must require that the ballot for such positions note specifically that the position being voted for is "(Name of Position /Delegate to the () IFPTE Convention." The officer would only be an automatic delegate for the specific conventions noted in the blank on the foregoing statement. This delegate election option may only be used for specific "Officer/Delegates" noted in the local constitution/bylaws and may not be used for any other position in the local. All other delegates from locals must be selected by separate election as specified above on a separate ballot section. Each local union shall afford its membership reasonable opportunity to nominate candidates for delegates, and shall mail to each member at his/her last known home address notice of the time and place at which elections of delegates are to be held, such notice to be mailed not less than fifteen (15) days prior to such election;

(c) Whenever a local union determines to be represented at convention by proxy pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.16, any such proxy delegates shall be elected by secret ballot and with due notice as provided above;

(d) At the opening of every convention, the committee on credentials shall be furnished with evidence that this section has been complied with.

See 5.2 of the
TEAM
Constitution

For the 2012 IFPTE convention, all TEAM delegates have to run in the election as the convention was not mentioned on the ballot.

Section 12.15 (a) Local unions shall be entitled to delegates as follows:

Members and Agency Fee Payers	Delegates	Members and Agency Fee Payers	Delegates
75 or less	1	976-1125	9
76-150	2	1126-1275	10
151-250	3	1126-1275	11
251-375	4	1276-1425	12
376-525	5	1426-1575	13
526-675	6	1576-1725	14
676-825	7	1726-1875	15
826-975	8	Over 2026	One additional delegate For each 150 members

(b) Local Unions need not vote as a unit in conventions. Their votes may be split evenly among the delegates; however, if there is an uneven number of votes within a delegation, a delegate may not cast a fractional vote. The delegation must decide how the uneven votes will be cast;

(c) Membership of local unions for the purpose of computing voting strength shall be determined by taking the average of due and paid per capita tax, including agency shop per capita, as shown by the reports covering the six-month period up to but not including the month preceding that in which the convention is opened; except as provided in Section 12.19, the voting strength of a local union will correspond with the number of delegates to which it is entitled.

Section 12.16 All local unions beyond a radius of five hundred miles from the city in which the convention is held may be represented by proxy, and such local unions within the five hundred mile radius which have a membership of less than 30 members may also be represented by proxy.

Section 12.17 The delegates, alternates and proxies shall be elected and the credentials of such delegates, alternates and proxies must be received by the Federation Headquarters not later than two weeks prior to the opening day of the regular convention of this Federation. All credentials shall be forwarded to the local union and returned to the Federation by either registered or certified mail with return receipt requested. Between conventions, the Executive Council will establish a reasonable delegate registration fee, which must be paid by the delegate's local prior to the delegate being seated at the convention. The amount of the fee will be announced in the Convention Call. No delegate, alternate or proxy whose local has not complied with this section will be seated at the convention; provided, however, that the convention by two-thirds vote may approve a departure from this procedure.