

**BYLAWS**

**OF**

**LOCAL UNION 602**

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD**

**OF**

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

**AMARILLO, TEXAS**

**APPROVED: December 18, 2024**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Opening.
2. Roll Call of Officers and Reading of Minutes.
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**NOTE:** This sheet **ORDER OF BUSINESS** is not a part of the Local Union bylaws. It is attached to the bylaws to provide rules for the orderly conduct of Local Union meetings. Roll Call of Members is optional to the Local Union and may or may not be used as the Local Union decides.

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name - Jurisdiction - Objects**

Sec. 1. This Organization shall be known as **Local Union 602** of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, **Amarillo, Texas**. Local Union **602** shall have jurisdiction over all **Outside, Utility and Inside** work as defined in Article XXVI, Section(s) 4, 5, and 6, of the *IBEW Constitution* as follows:

(a) **Outside (Commercial and Industrial) and Inside** work when performed in the following areas:

**State of Oklahoma - Counties**

Beaver            Cimarron            Texas

**State of Texas - Counties**

Andrews	Dickens	Irion	Randall
Armstrong	Donley	Kent	Reagan
Bailey	Ector	Lamb	Roberts
Borden	Fisher	Lipscomb	Schleicher
Briscoe	Floyd	Loving	Scurry
Carson	Gaines	Lubbock	Sherman
Castro	Garza	Lynn	Sterling
Cochran	Glasscock	Martin	Sutton
Coke	Gray	Midland	Swisher
Collingsworth	Hale	Mitchell	Terry
Crane	Hansford	Moore	Upton
Crockett	Hartley	Motley	Ward
Crosby	Hemphill	Ochiltree	Wheeler
Dallam	Hockley	Oldham	Winkler
Dawson	Howard	Parmer	Yoakum
Deaf Smith	Hutchinson	Potter	

(b) **Outside (Utilities, Telephone and CATV) Electrical** work when performed by employees of contractors on the properties of all companies whose headquarters are located in the territorial jurisdiction of Local Union **602** as provided in (a) above.

(c) **Outside** work when performed by employees of:

Southwestern Public Service Company/Excel Energy

(d) **Utility** work when performed by employees of:

Southwestern Public Service Company/Xcel Energy and Coal Handlers

However, the right of the International President to change this jurisdiction is recognized, as provided in the *IBEW Constitution*.

Sec. 2. The objects of this Local Union shall be to promote by all proper means the material and intellectual welfare of our members.

Sec. 3. Local Union **602** shall cover the "A" and "BA" types of membership.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Meetings**

Sec. 1. Regular meetings shall be held **once** a month at the time and date as decided by the Local Union. The International Office shall be advised of the time, date, and location of regular Local Union meetings and also of any future changes. The membership shall be notified of any change in regular meeting dates.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called only by the Business Manager or the Executive Board. The members shall be notified in writing (*by email, mail, leaflets, in the Union newspaper, or on accessible bulletin boards*) of any special meeting. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that for which it has been called.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Officers - Elections – Duties**

Sec. 1. The officers shall perform such duties as are stated in Article XVII of the *IBEW Constitution*. In addition, they shall perform such duties as are outlined in these bylaws and such duties as may be assigned to them by the Local Union and which are not in conflict with the *IBEW Constitution* and these bylaws.

Sec. 2. Failure of officers to perform their duties, the suspension or removal of any officer and the filling of any vacancies, shall be dealt with as stated in Article XVI of the *IBEW Constitution*.

Sec. 3. All officers and representatives and all employees shall be bonded to the extent required by the International or any applicable Federal or State law, whichever is greater. The bond shall be secured through the International and the premium shall be paid by the Local Union.

Sec. 4. (a) The officers shall be those provided for in Article XVI of the *IBEW Constitution*.

(b) The office of Business Manager and Financial Secretary shall be combined.

Sec. 5. The **Executive Board** shall consist of the President and **three (3)** elected members from Utility and **three (3)** elected members from Inside Construction and **one (1)** member from PANTEX, and **one (1)** member from West Texas Building Trades.

Sec. 6. The Executive Board shall serve as the Examining Board. There shall be separate meetings held and separate records kept.

Sec. 7. (a) Nominations for officers shall be held in **May 2026** and election of officers shall be held in **June 2026** and every **three (3) years** thereafter, as stated in Article XVI of the *IBEW Constitution*. Notice shall be mailed to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting for nominations in election years.

(b) No member shall be a candidate for more than one (1) office, except as provided in these bylaws and with approval of the International President. If nominated for more than one office, the member shall immediately declare for which office they will be a candidate. However, this shall not apply to offices which have been combined with the approval of the International President.

(c) Every candidate shall have the right once within thirty (30) days prior to the mailing of the ballots to inspect a list containing the names and last-known addresses of all the members of the Local Union. Such list of members shall be maintained and kept by the Local Union. **The membership list shall not be copied for the use of any candidate.**

(d) The Local Union shall comply with all reasonable requests of any bona fide candidate for Local Union Office to distribute their campaign literature to the membership at the candidate's expense. In handling all such requests, the Local Union shall comply with the *IBEW Local Union Election Guide* and with applicable Department of Labor Regulations under the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

(e) No member shall be eligible for office unless they have been a member of Local Union **602** in continuous good standing for at least two (2) years immediately prior to nomination.

(f) No apprentice shall be eligible to hold office in the Local Union, except that a member who was previously eligible to hold office in the Local Union shall remain eligible if they entered an apprenticeship program for the purpose of upgrading their classification.

Sec 8. (a) The election of officers shall be conducted by mail ballot. The Executive Board shall decide the date for the mailing of the ballots, the last day on which ballots will be received, the date, time, and place when the ballots will be counted and similar information in the event a run-off election is necessary. This information shall be included in the notice of the nominations meeting and in the ballot package sent to the members.

(b) The Executive Board may appoint an individual to perform certain tasks, including but not limited to procuring restricted post office boxes, mail permits, or an outside impartial balloting company, prior to the nominations meeting. All disbursements related to these tasks shall be processed in accordance with the *IBEW Constitution* and these bylaws. Once the Election Judge is appointed, the individual appointed by the Executive Board shall inform the Election Judge of all advanced tasks performed and shall immediately turn over to the Election Judge all records, receipts, post office boxes, etc. for further processing.

(c) At a general or specially called meeting of the local union at least eighty (80) days prior to the meeting of the Local Union when nominations are made, the Local Union by a majority of members present shall elect an Election Judge and as many Tellers as are required, who shall serve as an election board to conduct the election. No candidate for any office shall be eligible to serve on this board.

(d) After nominations have been made and those nominated are found by the Election Judge to be qualified, the Election Judge shall have ballots prepared listing in alphabetical order the names of all candidates for each respective office, beginning with President and continuing in the order named in the *IBEW Constitution*. The ballots shall not contain any number or other marks identifying the voter. If the Local Union retains an impartial outside balloting company to assist and/or conduct the mail ballot election, the Election Judge may, with the approval of the Local Union, authorize the outside balloting company to perform the tasks of printing, mailing, receiving, tabulating and/or

counting the ballots.

(e) Any candidate for office, or an IBEW member designated by the candidate as an observer, may be present at the preparation and mailing of ballot packages, the ballot pickup and the counting of the ballots. Observers must be members eligible to vote in the election.

(f) The Financial Secretary shall furnish to the Election Judge, not less than ten (10) days before the date for the mailing of the ballots, an alphabetical list of the names and addresses of all members eligible to vote. All members in good standing and qualified shall be entitled to vote.

(g) If not already arranged, the Election Judge shall select two (2) depositories: one (1) for receipt and storage of voted absentee ballots, and one (1) for ballot packages returned as undelivered. This shall not be the Local Union Post Office Box or the Local Union headquarters. (*Cost of such depositories shall be paid by the Local Union.*) The Election Judge shall see that the address of such depository is placed on the preaddressed envelopes.

(h) The Election Judge shall mail or cause to be mailed to all eligible voters, an official ballot and two (2) envelopes. One (1) envelope shall be smaller than the other and shall have the words **OFFICIAL BALLOT** stamped or printed on it. The larger envelope shall be preaddressed to the Election Board and shall contain a space in the upper left-hand corner where the member shall place their name and address.

(i) Upon receiving their ballot, the member shall mark same and enclose it in the smaller envelope marked **OFFICIAL BALLOT**. This envelope shall be placed in the larger preaddressed envelope and mailed to the Election Board.

(j) Write-in votes shall not be permitted.

(k) No envelope received later than the time and date set by the Executive Board in the notice of the election shall be opened or counted by the Election Board. The Election Judge may extend the time for the receipt of ballots in the event of an extraordinary event beyond the control of the Local Union.

(l) Prior to the counting of the ballots, the Election Board shall verify voter eligibility by comparing the return ballot envelopes to the voter eligibility list. A ballot challenged by either the Election Board, a candidate, or a candidate's observer shall be set aside. Before removing the official ballot envelopes from the return ballot envelopes, the Election Judge shall attempt to resolve the challenged ballots, recording all decisions in writing. Unresolved challenged ballots shall be set aside and not counted unless such ballots are deemed determinative of the outcome of the election.

(m) The Election Board shall count the ballots or have an outside impartial balloting company count the ballots in the presence of the Election Board. The Election



Board shall remove or cause the removal of the smaller envelope marked **OFFICIAL BALLOT** from the larger envelope. The **OFFICIAL BALLOT** envelopes shall then be mixed together to preserve ballot secrecy. The ballots shall then be removed from the **OFFICIAL BALLOT** envelopes and tabulated. If the challenged ballots are not determinative, the Election Judge shall certify the results in writing to the Executive Board immediately after the ballots have been counted. If the challenged ballots are determinative, the Election Judge shall, as soon as possible but no later than five (5) days from the counting of the ballots, investigate and rule upon the challenges. All challenged ballots determined to be eligible shall then be counted, and the Election Judge shall certify the results in writing to the Executive Board.

(n) All election records including envelopes and ballots shall be preserved for one (1) year from the date of the election, after which they shall be destroyed unless a question has arisen in connection with the election.

(o) The Election Judge shall have the authority to establish additional procedures and safeguards not inconsistent with the above rules and in conformance with the conduct of a fair election and applicable law. The Election Judge shall also have full authority to make rulings and decisions concerning disputes, controversies or unexpected occurrences that might arise in order to ensure a fair and orderly election process. These rulings or decisions shall not conflict with any provisions in the *IBEW Constitution* or these bylaws.

(p) The election shall be decided for the candidate receiving the most votes for a specific office.

(q) When a run-off election is necessary, such run-off election shall be held twenty-one (21) days after the regular election is held.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Executive Board**

Sec. 1. The duties of the Executive Board are outlined in Article XVII of the *IBEW Constitution* and these bylaws.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to investigate all applications for membership and submit its report to the Local Union for action in accordance with Article XX of the *IBEW Constitution*. The preceding sentence shall not apply to apprentices as covered elsewhere in these bylaws. The Executive Board shall also investigate and pass upon all traveling cards in full accordance with Article XXIII of the *IBEW Constitution*. The Executive Board shall make its final report to the Local Union within sixty (60) days after the application or traveling card has been presented for board consideration.

Sec. 3. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by its Chair or the Business Manager.

Sec. 4. The President of the Local Union shall be the Chair and the Executive Board shall elect its own **Secretary**.

Sec. 5. The Executive Board shall meet regularly between regular meetings of the Local Union at such time as it decides.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Examining Board**

Sec. 1. The duties of the Examining Board shall be to examine all applicants for membership to determine their qualifications for the trade. They shall examine such qualifications of members as provided in Article XIX of the *IBEW Constitution*. This section shall not apply to apprentices as covered elsewhere in these bylaws.

Sec. 2. The Examining Board shall meet at least once quarterly for the examination of applicants when there are applicants to be examined. The Examining Board shall retain all records of examinations given for at least two (2) years. A copy of the examination shall be placed in the member's permanent file.

Sec. 3. The Examiners shall furnish a report on the results of all examinations to the Executive Board and the Local Union.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Business Manager**

Sec. 1. The Business Manager shall perform such duties as are stated in Article XVII of the *IBEW Constitution* and these bylaws. Also, the Business Manager shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Local Union and which are not in conflict with the *IBEW Constitution* and these bylaws.

Sec. 2. The Business Manager shall report to the Executive Board and the Local Union when called upon, or when they deems such necessary. The Executive Board and Local Union officers shall cooperate with the Business Manager in the performance of the duties of the office and shall not work in conflict with the Business Manager.

Sec. 3 Where the local union requires assistants and/or representatives, the Business Manager has sole authority for their appointment. They work under the direction of the Business Manager and are subject to the authority of the Business Manager. They may be removed by the Business Manager at any time. The clerical employees of the local union also work under the direction of the Business Manager and are subject to their authority.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Salaries**

Sec. 1. Salaries shall be as follows:

President	\$60.00 per month
Vice President	\$30.00 (when presiding at meetings)
Recording Secretary	\$25.00 per month
Treasurer	\$25.00 per month
Executive Board Members	\$25.00 per meeting of the Executive Board attended - payable quarterly.
Business Manager - Financial Secretary	A weekly salary calculated at <b>forty (40)</b> times <b>110%</b> of the highest wage classification not requiring a college degree under any Collective Bargaining Agreement in this Local Union.
Assistant Business Manager(s)	A weekly salary equal to <b>forty (40)</b> times <b>150%</b> of the highest Journeyman Wireman wage rate. (Effective 7/17/17)
Utility Representative (Selected from SPS/Excel Energy CBA)	A weekly salary calculated at <b>forty (40)</b> times the highest wage classification not requiring a college degree under any Collective Bargaining Agreement for SPS/Xcel Energy.
Outside Organizers	A weekly salary equal to forty <b>(40) times</b> one hundred fifty <b>(150%)</b> of the highest <b>Journeyman Lineman</b> .
Business Rep Inside Organizer*	A weekly salary equal to <b>forty (40)</b> times <b>150%</b> of the highest Journeyman Wireman wage rate.

\* New Organizers when employed will be compensated Business Representative pay scale as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> year 70 % of Business Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> year 85% of Business Representative, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year or above at 100% of Business Representative rate. The Business Manager retains the right to place an organizer at a pay rate commensurate

with the qualifications and experience of the organizer applicant.

Sec. 2. Should any two (2) offices be combined, then the officer shall receive the salary of only one (1) office, whichever is higher.

Sec. 3. Receipts, vouchers, or other reasonable proof of claim shall support all disbursements for authorized expenditures made on behalf of the Local Union.

Sec. 4. The Utility Representative, upon request, will have the opportunity to be provided the same minimum level of fringe benefits as the members covered by the SPS/Xcel Energy Collective Bargaining Agreement. This includes but is not limited to; paid vacation periods based on SPS/Xcel Energy seniority and available insurance programs for medical, life, vision and dental insurance programs. Upon such fringe benefits not being continued with SPS/Xcel Energy for the Utility Representative, the Business Manager at his discretion may offer similar benefits that are available to all Local Union **602** employees.

Sec. 5. Full-time officers and representatives contained in the bylaws shall, in addition to their salary, receive an amount equal to any bonus payment, lump sum payment, gain share payment, or incentive payment received by the membership when negotiated with the employer. Incentive or gain share payments shall be determined by applying the same percentage received by the members to the salary of the full-time officers and representatives. Lump sum or settlement bonus payments shall be limited to the amount received by the SPS/Xcel Energy Journeyman Lineman

Sec. 6. The Business Manager, Assistant Business Manager(s), Business Representatives and Clerical Staff shall be entitled to vacation with full pay as follows:

(a) Less than one (1) year of continuous service:  
5/6 of a day for each full month of continuous service.

One (1) year or more continuous service:  
2 weeks each year

(b) Vacation time is not to be accumulative

(c) Vacation time must be used in order to receive vacation pay

Sec. 7. The Outside Organizing Representative, upon request, will have the opportunity to be provided with the same minimum level of fringe benefits as the members covered by the West Texas outside agreement, including NEBF, NEAP and Lineco.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Committees and Delegates**

Sec. 1. Committees and delegates shall be appointed in accordance with Article XVII of the *IBEW Constitution*.

Sec. 2. The delegates and alternates to the International Convention shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the nomination and secret ballot election procedure, as set forth in these bylaws and Article II, Section 10, of the *IBEW Constitution*.

Sec. 3. The Local Union President and Business Manager shall serve as delegates to the International Convention by virtue of their offices. No candidate for office of Business Manager may be nominated for a Delegate at Large seat at the Convention in addition to being nominated for the office of Business Manager.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Stewards**

Sec. 1. Stewards shall be appointed where needed by the Business Manager. They shall work under the direction of the Business Manager and be subject to their authority. The Business Manager may remove any Steward, as such, at any time. Recommendations submitted by members may be considered for steward appointments by the Business Manager. Recommendations submitted by SPS/Xcel Energy members for the Utility Representative may be considered by the Business Manager.

Sec. 2. Duties of Stewards shall be:

(a) To have a copy of the *IBEW Constitution*, these bylaws and the working agreement with them at all times.

(b) To see that Union membership is encouraged and all workers at their respective shop or jobs have paid-up dues receipts or valid working cards of the Local Union.

(c) To report any encroachment upon the jurisdiction of the Local Union.

(d) To report to the Business Manager any violation of the bylaws or agreements.

(e) To perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Business Manager.

Sec. 3. Stewards shall in no case cause a stoppage of work. In case of any trouble on a job or at a shop, Stewards shall immediately notify the Business Manager.



**ARTICLE X**  
**Assessments - Admission Fees - Dues**

Sec. 1. All assessments imposed in accordance with the *IBEW Constitution* and these bylaws must be paid within the time required to protect the member's continuous good standing and benefits.

Members shall not be required to pay assessments for welfare benefits in which they cannot participate.

Sec. 2. No money shall be collected from anyone working within the jurisdiction of this Local Union other than admission fees, dues (*and agency fees, where applicable*) and assessments, established in accordance with the *IBEW Constitution* and these bylaws.

Sec. 3. The admission fees shall be:

(a) "A" or "BA" Membership	Journeyman	Apprentice	Other
Groundman	1.00	---,---	1.00
Lineman	1.00	1.00	---,---
Equipment Operator	---,---	---,---	1.00
Maintenance Man	1.00	---,---	---,---
Residential Trainee	---,---	---,---	1.00
Residential Wireman	---,---	---,---	1.00
Sign Man	1.00	1.00	1.00
Technician	1.00	---,---	---,---
Wireman	1.00	1.00	---,---
Construction Electrician/ Construction Wireman	---,---	---,---	1.00

(c) Each applicant for "A" membership shall pay an additional \$2.00 to the Pension Benefit Fund upon joining the Local Union.

(d) Approval of these admission fees is given by the International President with the understanding that if conditions in the jurisdiction of the Local Union do not justify such fees, then the International President will be free to change the amounts.

Sec. 4. All applications must be accompanied by ten percent (10%) or more of the admission fee. Full payment (*satisfactory arrangements may be made with the Executive Board*) and admission must be completed within ninety (90) days of making application, in accordance with Article XX of the *IBEW Constitution*.

Sec. 5. (a) Upon becoming a Journeyman, an Apprentice or Intermediate Journeyman shall pay any difference in admission fee between Journeyman Apprentice or Intermediate Journeyman prevailing at the time they became an apprentice.

(b) Upon becoming a Journeyman, a Construction Wireman /Construction Electrician shall pay any difference in admission fees between Journeyman and Construction Wireman/Construction Electrician prevailing at the time they became a Construction Wireman/Construction Electrician.

(c) Upon becoming a Residential Wireman, a Residential Trainee shall pay any difference in admission fees between Residential Wireman and Residential Trainee prevailing at the time they became a Residential Trainee.

Sec. 6. Dues and per capita are payable **monthly** in advance.

Sec. 7. The monthly dues shall be:

**AMARILLO DIVISION (1)**

(a1) "A" Members	Basic Dues		Working Dues
Construction Journeyman and Residential Wireman and Construction Electrician/ Construction Wireman	\$5.50	plus	3½% of gross wages
All Outside Construction Classifications	\$5.50	plus	4% of gross wages
(b1) Utility Classifications			
SPS/Xcel Energy, "A" or "BA" (All SPS/Xcel Energy locations)	1.616 x average Journeyman rate Plus \$10.00		NONE
Blackhawk, B & B Solvents and Savage Industries	1 hour average Journeyman rate		NONE

**PANTEX:**

January 1, 2016	12.50	NONE
January 1, 2017	14.50	NONE
January 1, 2018	16.50	NONE
January 1, 2019	18.50	NONE

**LUBBOCK DIVISION (2)**

	<b>"A" Members</b>	<b>Basic Dues</b>		<b>Working Dues</b>
(a2)	Construction Journeyman, Residential Wireman & Construction Electrician/ Construction Wireman	\$ 5.50	plus	3½% of gross wages
(b2)	<b>"A" and "BA" Members</b>			
	All other classifications	\$10.50		NONE

**MIDLAND DIVISION (3)**

(a3)	<b>"A" Members</b>	<b>Basic Dues</b>		<b>Working Dues</b>
	Construction Journeyman, Residential Wireman, Field Electrical & Construction Electrician/Construction Wireman	\$ 5.50	plus	3½% of gross wages
(b3)	<b>"A" and "BA" Members</b>			
	All other classifications	\$10.50		NONE

(c) Applicable International payments and all assessments to be paid in addition to the above dues.

(d) Unemployed members and members working outside the jurisdiction of Local Union **602** shall pay basic dues only plus the international payments provided for in (c) above.

(e) All members of the IBEW shall pay working dues as provided for above when working in the jurisdiction of Local Union **602**.

(f) Basic dues and international per capita payments are payable **monthly** in advance.

(g) Working dues for the preceding month are due and payable no later than the regular meeting night of the month following the period worked.

(h) All members working on Building and Construction Trade jobs and Outside Construction work as employees of Contractors shall maintain type “A” membership.

Sec. 8 In the event the Local Union shall collect any money in accordance with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement from agency fee payers (*for the support of the collective bargaining agency*), the Local Union shall in each case remit to the International Office each month an amount equal to the regular per capita applicable to the “BA” type of membership.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Funds**

Sec. 1. The funds of this Local Union are for the legitimate expenses required in its conduct and maintenance and shall not be diverted there from. Disbursements shall be made in accordance with Article XVIII of the *IBEW Constitution* and these bylaws.

Sec. 2. No money shall be loaned from the funds of this Local Union for any purpose, unless approved by the International President of the IBEW.

Sec. 3. The President shall appoint an auditing committee of three (3) members (*or the President or the Executive Board, as the Local Union decides, shall employ a public accountant or a combination of quarterly audits by the Auditing Committee and a yearly audit by a public accountant*) to audit the books and accounts of the Local Union every three (3) months. A report of the audit must be made to the membership. The President shall inspect the bank books of the Treasurer to ensure Local Union monies received by the Treasurer have been properly and promptly deposited in the Local Union's name. The fiscal year shall be the twelve-month period ending **June 30**.

Sec. 4. The following Fund(s) are hereby established:

**General Fund**  
**Death Benefit Fund**

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Death Benefit**

Sec. 1. There is hereby established in Local Union **602** a Death Benefit Plan for the payment of death benefits as provided for in this Article.

Sec. 2. All members of the Construction Branch of the trade shall participate in this plan.

Sec. 3. All members in the Construction Branch shall be assessed \$10.00 for the establishment of this Fund.

Sec. 4. In case of death of a member participating in the Plan, each member of the Construction Branch shall be assessed the sum of \$5.00 for each death and shall be notified in writing of such assessment by the Financial Secretary.

Sec. 5. A member to be eligible for these benefits must pay the initial \$10.00 and all benefits assessments.

Sec. 6. Any member who is thirty (30) days or more delinquent in payment of death assessment, after being notified by mail of such assessment, and death occurs, the beneficiary shall not receive the death benefit payment.

Sec. 7. Any member leaving the jurisdiction of Local Union **602** may continue participation in the Plan by complying with the provisions of this Article, but the period of default for such member shall be extended to sixty (60) days.

Any member transferring their membership to another Local Union shall be dropped from this plan.

Sec. 8. The amount of death benefit payable to the beneficiary of any deceased member - qualified in accordance with this Article shall be a sum equal to the number of participating members multiplied by \$5.00.

Sec. 9. The beneficiary shall be the same as the beneficiary designated by the participating member on the IBEW Pension Benefit Fund (PBF) certificate, or in cases of participating members of the IBEW-PBF to the beneficiary designated by the member, provided that such beneficiary is designed within the limits as prescribed by the IBEW-PBF Constitution and bylaws.

Sec. 10. In cases where the deceased has no beneficiary designated, the Executive Board of the Local Union shall pay an amount equal to the benefit payment toward the burial expenses of the deceased member, and if the entire benefit payment is not needed for this purpose the balance shall remain in the Death Benefit Fund.

Sec. 11. When the reserve in the Fund reaches an amount sufficient to pay four (4) death claims, then one claim shall be paid from this reserve and the assessment suspended for

the one claim and all participating members are to be so notified.

Sec. 12. Claims on this Fund shall only be paid in the amount the Fund is able to satisfy the claims and the members shall not be liable for any amount over and above the assessments set forth in this Plan.

Sec. 13. Should the Local Union decide to terminate the Death Benefit Plan, the termination shall be accomplished by removing the Plan from these bylaws in accordance with the amending provisions contained in these bylaws.

Sec. 14. In such event the money in the Fund at the time shall be transferred to the General Fund. Such decision shall be made at the time action is taken to terminate the Plan.

Sec. 15. Under no circumstance shall any money from any other fund of the Local Union be transferred or used to supplement this Fund.

Sec. 16. The Death Benefit Fund shall be audited in the same manner and at such time as other funds of the Local Union are audited.

Sec. 17. Any member with a Participating Withdrawal Card in accord with Article XXIV, Section 1, of the Constitution and/or Pension in accord with Article XI of the Constitution shall have the choice of participating or not participating in the Local Union Death Benefit. However, their choice must be made within 30 days of withdrawal or retiring by written notice to the Local Union. The time limit specified in Sections 6 and 7 of this Article shall apply to members on Participating Withdrawal Card and Pension who participate in the Local Union Death Benefit Plan.

Sec. 18. This Fund shall be audited at the same time and in the same manner as the other funds of the Local Union.

Sec. 19. This Fund is not maintained under a written trust.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**PROPERTY OF LOCAL 602**  
**OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

Sec. 1 The Local Union's building and other property, located at **200 South Fannin, Amarillo, Texas, and 405 East 50<sup>th</sup>, Lubbock Texas and 3404 W. Illinois, Suite 207, Midland, Texas**, shall be owned by and in the name of IBEW Local Union **602**.

Sec. 2 The Local Union members shall, by majority vote of those present and voting, decide all issues concerning the building and other real property of the Local Union. A majority of the members voting shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3 To promote and carry out the aims and interests of the Local Union, no real property of the Local Union shall be sold, leased, encumbered, or disposed of, nor shall any real property be purchased or otherwise acquired, except by a majority of the Local Union members present and voting, following notice to all members, as provided in Section 4.

Sec. 4. All members of the Local Union shall be notified in writing of the nature of a resolution of the announced intention to dispose of or acquire real property at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the meeting. Said resolution shall be read at such regular or specially called meeting. The members shall then vote on the resolution.

Sec. 5. All decisions concerning the disposition or acquisition of real property by the Local Union must be approved, in advance, by the International President.



**ARTICLE XIV**  
**Admission of Members**

Sec. 1. Qualification and admission of members shall be in accordance with Articles XIX and XX of the *IBEW Constitution*.

Sec. 2. Apprentices may be accepted into membership at any time and should be offered membership on the first day they are assigned for employment or are working under a collective bargaining agreement. Notwithstanding the action of the Local Union, Apprentices must be admitted to membership in accordance with Article XV of the *IBEW Constitution* after they have worked one (1) year in the jurisdiction of this Local Union.

Sec. 3. (a) Instruction of apprentices shall be under the supervision of the apprenticeship committee, and apprentices shall attend such classes as directed by the committee.

(b) The above provision shall not apply to apprentices where the Local is a party to a Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (*JATC*) when provided for in an agreement with the employer. The decision(s) of such joint committee shall be accepted by the Local Union.

(c) An apprentice having been certified by the *JATC* as having successfully completed the prescribed apprenticeship program shall be immediately classified as a journeyman without further examination by the Local Union.

Sec. 4. (a) A Residential Wireman or Residential Trainee shall be admitted into the Local Union under these classifications after thirty (30) days of employment and shall work on residential wiring only.

(b) A Residential Wireman or Construction Electrician/Construction Wireman may request to take the prescribed course of study to be eligible to become a Journeyman Wireman. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed course of study and the payment of the difference in admission fees prevailing at the time they became a Residential Wireman or Construction Electrician/Construction Wireman, the member shall have their classification changed to Journeyman Wireman without further examination by the Local Union.

(c) Residential Trainees shall be so classified and shall be registered and under the instruction and supervision of the Training Committee as provided for in an agreement with the employer.

(d) The Construction Electrician/Construction Wireman, Residential Wireman and the Residential Trainee shall be made aware of and agree to these provisions prior to admission into the Union.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**Units**

Sec. 1. Unit officers shall be members of their respective Units. Each Unit may have the following officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Recorder, and an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman and four (4) elected members. If the Unit does not have elected officers, the meeting will be conducted by the Business Manager or their representative.

Sec. 2. Unit officers shall be nominated and elected at the regular meeting of each Unit in **June** of the year the Local Union elects officers. Only members of each such Unit in good standing are eligible to nominate and vote for the Unit's officers.

Sec. 3. No member shall be a candidate for more than one (1) Unit office. If nominated for more than one (1) office, the member shall immediately declare for which office they will be a candidate. No member shall be nominated for Unit office unless they are present or signify their willingness in writing to be a candidate.

Sec. 4. A member must have at least six (6) months' continuous standing in their Unit immediately prior to nomination to be eligible for office in their Unit, provided the Unit has been in existence for six (6) months or more.

Sec. 5. One (1) Judge and as many Tellers as are required shall be appointed by the Unit Chair to conduct the election. Any candidate may be present or have an IBEW member as an observer present during the voting and at the counting of the ballots.

Sec. 6. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each Unit office shall be declared elected.

Sec. 7. (a) Regular meetings of Units shall be held once monthly as decided by members of each Unit and approved by the Local Union Executive Board.

(b) However, no Unit shall hold any regular or special meeting on the night of any regular or special meeting of the Local Union.

(c) Special meetings of a Unit may be called only by the Business Manager or Executive Board of the Local Union, or by the Executive Committee of the Unit involved. The Executive Committee calling the special meeting shall see that the members of the particular Unit and the Business Manager are notified. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that for which it is called.

Sec. 8. The duties of Unit officers within the Unit shall be as follows:

**Chair:** The duties shall be similar to those of the Local Union's President but shall in no way conflict.

**Vice Chair:** The duties shall be similar to those of the Local Union's Vice

President but shall in no way conflict.

**Recorder:** The duties shall be similar to those of the Local Union's Recording Secretary but shall in no way conflict. The Recorder shall supply a copy of the Minutes of Unit meetings to the Business Manager and to the Recording Secretary of the Local Union as soon as possible after each such meeting.

**Executive Committee:** The duties shall be similar to those of the Local Union's Executive Board but shall deal only with affairs of the particular Unit, and shall be subordinate to the Local Union's Executive Board. However, the Executive Committee has no authority to act as a Trial Board in lieu of the Local Union Executive Board. The Unit Chair shall preside over this Committee and it shall meet regularly at such time as it may decide and shall select one (1) of its members as Secretary. (*The Business Manager shall be notified and may attend all meetings of this Committee with voice but no vote.*) Immediately after each meeting of the Committee, a copy of its Minutes shall be furnished to the Business Manager and the Recording Secretary of the Local Union.

Sec. 9. All Units and Unit officers shall be under the supervision of the Local Union and its Executive Board. The suspension or removal of any Unit officer for failing to perform their duties, and the filling of any vacancies, shall be handled by the Local Union Executive Board.

Sec. 10. The eligibility of any member to attend meetings or hold office in the Local Union shall not be affected in any way by participation in the affairs of a Unit.

Attendance at Unit meetings shall be considered attendance at Local Union meetings.

Sec. 11. The local union may dispense with the Executive Committee as provided for in Section 1 of this article where it is found that the Executive Committee is not needed in a unit. Such action shall follow the recommendation of the Executive Board and the Business Manager after they have made an investigation of the needs in a particular unit.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **General Laws**

Sec. 1. The Executive Board shall act as the Trial Board to hear charges and try members (*except officers or representatives of a Local Union, Railroad Council, or System Council*) for violation of the *IBEW Constitution*, these bylaws, or an approved working agreement. All charges against a member must be in writing and signed, specifying the provision(s) of the Constitution, bylaws, or working agreement allegedly violated. A brief factual written statement of the act(s) considered to be in violation, including relevant dates, places and names, should be given by the charging party. A copy of the charges must be furnished to the accused by the Recording Secretary with notice of when to appear before the Trial Board.

Sec. 2. A charged member may, upon request, have an IBEW member in good standing as Counsel. However, no lawyer, as such may serve as Counsel in a hearing of the Trial Board. No person not a member of the IBEW may be present at such hearing, except as a witness.

If the accused fails to appear after having been notified in writing to appear, the Trial Board shall hear and determine the case just as though the accused were present. The Trial Board should dismiss all charges when a member files charges against another member and willfully fails to appear before the Trial Board to prosecute the case.

Sec. 3. A majority vote of the Trial Board shall be sufficient for a decision, which is to be in writing. The Trial Board report of its findings and sentence, if any, shall be reported to the next regular meeting of the Local Union. The action of the Trial Board shall be considered the action of the Local Union, and the report of the board shall conclude the case.

Sec. 4. All financial obligations (*including but not limited to fines, assessments and unpaid dues and fees*) owed by a member under the *IBEW Constitution* or the bylaws of this Local Union shall constitute debts owed by the member to the IBEW or the Local Union, and may be recovered through court action brought by the IBEW or the Local Union. If it is necessary for the Local Union to institute legal proceedings in order to recover any such debt, the individual member shall also be liable for all costs of said proceedings, together with a reasonable attorney's fee incurred by the Local Union, the amount thereof to be fixed by the Court.

Sec. 5. Each member shall keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address. The Financial Secretary, in turn, shall notify the International Secretary.

Sec. 6. The parliamentary rules of this Local Union shall be those stated in Article XV of the *IBEW Constitution*.

Sec. 7. The *IBEW Constitution* is hereby made a part of these bylaws. Where there is doubt concerning any section of these bylaws or where such might appear to be in

conflict with the *IBEW Constitution*, then the *IBEW Constitution* shall control and must be followed.

Sec. 8. Members shall be supplied with copies of the *IBEW Constitution*, these bylaws, and the working agreement upon request to the Local Union.

Sec.9. The handling of jobs for unemployed members shall be under the full supervision and direction of the Business Manager. The Business Manager shall devise such means as are considered practical and fair in the distribution of available jobs to qualified members. Members shall not violate such established rules or plans.

Sec. 10. Members shall show their working cards or dues receipts upon request of the Business Manager, Stewards or any member in good standing.

Sec. 11. Any Members shall not work for less than the prevailing rate of wages for their classification of work unless authorized by the Business Manager.

Sec. 12. (a) All contracts shall be voted on by secret ballot in the respective meeting halls or places designated as such. Any contract affecting one hundred (100) or more members shall be by mail ballot only.

(b) The voting shall be done either at the regular meeting or a special meeting called such except as provided for in (a) above.

(c) Each Unit Chair shall appoint a voting committee consisting of three (3) members who shall supervise and count the votes. The Voting Committee shall send the results as soon as possible to the Local Union Headquarters.

(d) Absentee voting shall be allowed for the following reasons: (1) Serious illness to the member or in the family, (2) Members scheduled to work and stay out of town on day of voting, (3) Members on duty at time of voting.

(e) No other absentee voting shall be allowed.

(f) The President shall appoint a committee to promptly count and certify the balloting.

**ARTICLE XVII**  
**Amendments**

Sec. 1. These bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the International President.

Sec. 2. (a) These bylaws may be amended or changed after a proposal for change or amendment has been presented at a regular Unit meeting and a majority of the members present vote in favor of the proposed change or amendment.

(b) Such proposals shall be read at two (2) regular consecutive meetings of all Units of the Local Union. Voting for acceptance or rejection of same shall be at the second regular meeting of each Unit. The Recorder of each Unit shall tabulate and certify the results of such voting to the Recording Secretary of the Local Union.

(c) However, dues, admission fees, and/or assessments shall not be increased except by majority vote by secret ballot of the members in good standing voting at the second regular or special membership meetings of the respective Units. The secret ballots, together with the voters list showing those who voted, shall be forwarded to the Executive Board who shall combine the unopened ballots prior to the counting of the total vote.

A written notice specifically stating the proposed assessments or changes in admission fees or dues shall be mailed to each member in good standing at the member's last-known home address at least twenty (20) days prior to the meetings at which the membership is to vote on the question.

Sec. 3. No assessments, amendments or changes shall become effective until approved by the International President, in accordance with the *IBEW Constitution*.

**LOCAL UNION 602  
RECORD OF AMENDMENTS**

**District:** Seventh

**Location:** Amarillo, Texas

**Bylaws Retyped in Entirety:** October 17, 1991

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**DATE                    ARTICLES AND SECTIONS AMENDED**

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- 8/10/93            Updated Constitutional Articles.
- 12/21/95          Art. X, Sec. 6(a) amended.
- 4/3/96            Art. X, Sec. 6(a) amended.
- 6/7/96            Art. X, Secs. 3(a), 5(a) & 6(a); Art. XIV, Sec. 4(b&d) amended.
- 5/14/97           Art. XVII, corrected.
- 4/14/00           Art. I, Sec. 1(a); Art. X, Sec. 6 amended.
- 4/25/00           Art. X, Sec. 6 amended.
- 11/30/00          Art. VII, Sec. 1 amended.
- 3/8/02            Updated Constitutional Articles. Art. III, Secs. 6 and 8; amended;  
Art. IV, Sec. 6 deleted; Art. VIII, Sec. 3 amended; Art. X, Sec. 3(d)  
deleted, new Sec. 6 added, other sections renumbered, Sec. 7(a) amended;  
Art. XII, Sec. 9; Art. XV, Secs. 1 and 11; amended; Art. XVII, New Sec.  
4 added.
- 8/29/03           Art. VIII, Sec. 2 amended; Art. X, Sec. 3(c) amended, Art. X, Sec. 7(a)  
amended – Amarillo & Lubbock Divisions (deleted 2nd year and  
thereafter); Art. X, Sec. 7(b) – Midland Division amended (deleted SW  
Public Serv. Co.); Art. XV, Sec. 11, amended 602.7.
- 2/20/04           Art. X, Sec. 7(b) changed to (c) and a new (b) added.
- 1/13/16           Art. I, Sec. 1(c) amended; Art. I, Sec. 1(d) amended; Art. I, Sec. 2 amended  
Art. II, Sec. 2 amended; Art. III, Sec. 4a amended; Art. IV, Sec. 4  
amended; Art. V, Sec. 3 amended; Art. VI, Sec. 3 amended and Sec. 4  
deleted; Art. VII, Secs. 1, 4, 5, and 6 amended and Sec. 7 deleted. Art. IX,  
Sec. 1 amended, Art. X, Secs. 5b, 7(a1, b1, a2, a3, e, g, and i) amended;  
Art. XIV, Secs. 4 b and d amended; Art. XV, Sec. 11 amended and Sec. 12  
added; and in Art. XVI, Secs. 14a – 14f were added.
- 2/24/16           Art. I, Sec. 1 amended.
- 6/9/16            Art. I, Sec. 1(a) amended.
- 3/17/17           Art. X, Sec. 7(a2) and 7(a3) amended.
- 5/19/17           Art. X, Sec. 's 2, 7(a1) and 7(b1) amended.
- 1/9/19            Art. III, Sec. 8(a); Art. X, Sec. 7(b) amended; a new Art. X, Sec. 8 added;  
and building corporation language deleted and replaced with IBEW  
property language in Art. XIII.
- 10/17/19          Art. X, Sec. 3(a) amended.
- 11/28/23          Art. VII, Sec. 1 was amended and a new Article VII, Section 7, was added.
- 9/13/24           Art. 's II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI,  
and XVII updated to pattern.
- 12/18/24          Art. III, Sec. 5; Art. VII, Sec. 1; Art. XIII, Sec. 1 and Art. XV, Sec. 11

deleted and the remaining section was re-numbered.