

I.B.E.W. Constitution

Please review the IBEW Constitution articles referenced below concerning members in arrears and reinstatement fees.

ARTICLE XXI MEMBERS IN ARREARS

Sec.1. No member is entitled to notice of the monthly or quarterly dues of his L.U., nor of arrearage, but must take notice when payments are due.

Sec.2. When a member's working card has expired, he at once, without notice, stands suspended from all L.U. benefits.

Sec.3. Any member indebted to his L.U. for three months' dues or having any past indebtedness to the I.B.E.W. for dues or assessments, shall stand suspended, and the L.U. may refuse to accept dues from any member who is indebted to it. Such members cannot be reinstated until all indebtedness has been paid, unless waived by the L.U. However, dues cannot be waived.

Sec.4. Any member indebted to his L.U. for six (6) months' full dues shall be dropped from membership by the Financial Secretary and cannot become a member in good standing again in the I.B.E.W. except by joining as a new member.

(However, when any "BA" member is working under an agreement requiring monthly payment of dues, a grace period of only twenty-one (21) days – after the first of the month following the indebtedness – shall be allowed before being dropped from membership, unless the grace period is extended by the L.U. involved.)

Sec.5. A member who has been assessed by a L.U. trial board, who is appealing the assessment and making the required monthly payments in accordance with Article XXV, Section 13, retains his good standing status until the appeal process in Article XXV has been exhausted.

Sec. 6 Members who are suspended forfeit all rights and previous standing in the I.B.E.W., including any pension or death benefits payable from the Pension Benefit Fund.

ARTICLE XXII REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS

Sec.1. Any member suspended for being in arrears for three (3) months, but less than six (6) months, may apply for reinstatement.

Sec.2. Any member in arrears, if eligible for reinstatement, shall pay his L.U. all arrearage and assessments, and reinstatement fees. "A" members shall pay a reinstatement fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) and "BA" members shall pay a reinstatement fee of three dollars (\$3.00). Half of all such fees are to be sent to the International Secretary. In addition, all "A" members shall pay a pension reinstatement fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00), all of which shall be forwarded to the I.S. for the Pension Benefit Fund. Reinstated members shall retain their former card number. Any reinstated applicant shall be subject to the limitations by this Constitution.

Sec. 3. A reinstated member shall not be entitled to any L.U. benefits until six (6) months after reinstatement.

Sec.4. Reinstated members' standing in the I.O. shall be the same as that of new members except as provided in Section 5 of this article.

Sec. 5. For pension purposes only, and "A" member suspended because of an arrearage in his dues who is reinstated pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, shall be restored to the continuous good standing he enjoyed prior to his suspension.