



Amalgamated Transit Union  
Local 1700  
*Office of the Financial Secretary*

September 19, 2022

**Notice of Nomination and Election of Officers  
ATU Local 1700**

**Notice is hereby given of the nomination and election of the following officers of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1700: President, Executive Vice President, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, three Vice Presidents (East Region, Central Region, West Region), and two alternate delegates.**

Nominations and the Election will be supervised by Sherrie E. Voyles, in conjunction with the duly appointed election committee, who can be reached at 1 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1620, Chicago, Illinois 60602, 312-327-3444 (phone), 312-726-3887 (fax) and [svoyles@jbosh.com](mailto:svoyles@jbosh.com)(email).

**Nominations for office are open for Local 1700's regular, three-year election cycle beginning January 1, 2023 and ending of December 31, 2025, for the offices of President & First Delegate to the International Convention, Executive Vice President & Third Delegate to the International Convention, Financial Secretary/Treasurer & Second Delegate to the International Convention, East Region Vice President & Delegate to the International Convention, Central Region Vice President & Delegate to the International Convention, and West Region Vice President & Delegate to the International Convention, and two (2) Alternate Delegates to the International Convention. Alternate delegates will serve only if delegate positions become open.**

Nominations:

DATE: October 11, 2022  
TIME: 6:00 p.m. EST  
PLACE: ATU Local 1700 Office  
3295 River Exchange Drive, Suite 306  
Norcross, GA 30092

Nominations will also be accepted by fax or mail. Nominations by fax should be sent to 770-662-0099. Nominations by mail should be sent first class to ATU Local 1700, P.O. Box 912, Norcross, Georgia, 30091. Faxed or mailed nominations must be received at the designated fax number or in the designated post office box no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time ("EST") on Friday, October 11, 2022. Nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted. A nominator should print and sign his/her name and indicate his/her work location and provide the name of the nominee and their contact information (address and phone number) if known.

**Nominations may be made by any member in good standing.** In accordance with the ATU Constitution, Section 21.6, to be eligible to nominate candidates, a member must be in good standing at the time of the nomination meeting. In accordance with Article X, Section 3, of the ATU Local 1700 Bylaws, good standing means that dues must be current (paid through September 30, 2022) by the time of the nomination meeting on October 11, 2022. Retirees cannot nominate candidates, be nominated for, or hold office. **For the offices of the three regional Vice Presidents, both the nominator and the nominee must have permanent work locations in that region.** A member may nominate up to one candidate for each vacant position. For example, a member may nominate one individual for

President and up to two members for the Alternate Delegates (since there are two vacancies for this position).

To be eligible for office, a member must comply with the International Constitution and the ATU Local 1700 Bylaws and must have been a member of Local 1700 in continuous good standing for the two years immediately preceding the nomination meeting (October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022) as set forth in Sections 21.6 and 21.11 of the International Constitution. And in accordance with the interpretation set forth in former International President Warren George's letter to ATU Local 1700 dated August 24, 2007, eligibility to hold office and to be in good standing which states in part that,

Under long standing and consistent interpretation of that language, an individual is considered to be in good standing once he or she has completed a membership application and either a portion of the accompanying dues and the initiation fees or otherwise entered into a binding authorization for the payroll deduction of such. Unique considerations come into play, of course, where membership cards are obtained from individuals prior to their formal employment as we understand is typically the case at Greyhound. For purposes of Local 1700 officer elections, and individual who signs a membership card and dues authorization form prior to his or her official employment by Greyhound will be considered a member in good standing, with the right to nominate candidates, and cast a ballot, once the individual in question has successfully completed the company's new hire program and has been assigned to the Extra Board.

The individual would there upon be considered to have been in good standing during the period of his or her suspension and that period would properly be deemed to count toward the satisfaction of the Section 14.2 requirement that a member to be eligible to office must have been in continuous good standing of his or her local for the two years preceding the date of the nomination meeting. If the individual's arrearage were to extend beyond 12 months, however, then they would not be eligible for reinstatement pursuant to Section 21.11 by the express language of that provision and could re-join only upon the enrollment as a new member of Local 1700. In that instance, the individual would only satisfy the candidate eligibility requirement after two years of continuous standing following his or her new enrollment.

It is the responsibility of each member to verify that he/she is in good standing. Membership status can **be verified only by contacting Local 1700 Financial Secretary/Treasurer ("FST") Sammie Howard, Jr.** Retirees shall not be eligible to be candidates for or hold office in the local union. All good standing issues for nominated candidates must be resolved before the deadline for accepting nominations.

Self-nominations are permitted, and no second is required.

An Election Committee has been appointed in compliance with Local 1700's By-Laws and is as follows: Rodney Jackson, Chair, Nicole Heath, and Rudy Chavez.

**The Election Committee will send the nominees written acceptance forms for their nomination by certified mail on October 13, 2022, along with a notation of any arrearages of dues. All nominees must accept nomination in writing by completing and returning the acceptance form, either by mail to the designated post office box, or by fax to the designated fax number as indicated on the form. Nominees must pay any noted arrearage to the FST's office no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on October 25, 2022, in order for their name to be placed on the ballot. Nominees may accept nomination for only one office.**

The nominee should speak with the FST's office to confirm that the Union has received his/her acceptance form. Nominees that do not return the acceptance form by the established deadline will not be on the ballot. Each candidate must indicate how his/her name is to appear on the ballot. Each candidate may provide an additional nickname or other identification (limited to five words) for inclusion under the candidate's name on the ballot.

**ELECTION:**

**BALLOTS MAILED TO MEMBERS:** November 10, 2022  
**BALLOTS DUE IN DESIGNATED POST OFFICE BOX:** December 1, 2022, 11:00 a.m. EST  
**BALLOTS PICKED UP FROM POST OFFICE:** December 1, 2022, 11:00 a.m. EST  
**TALLY LOCATION:** Norcross, GA -- Address TBD

In compliance with the International Constitution and Local 1700's Bylaws, the election will be conducted by mail ballot. **If you do not receive your ballot by November 18, 2022, lose or spoil your ballot, please contact Election Supervisor Sherrie E. Voyles at 312-327-3444 or via email at [svoyles@jbosh.com](mailto:svoyles@jbosh.com) or via fax at 312-726-3887 and request a duplicate ballot.** The voted ballots will be picked up from the post office promptly at 11:00 a.m. EST on December 1, 2022, and transported to a location TBD, where the tally will begin and continue until all ballots have been counted from all eligible voters.

To be eligible to vote, a member must be in good standing as of December 1, 2022. Payment of dues by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month satisfies the definition of timeliness for good standing purposes. New members who have signed up for dues check-off are considered to be in good standing once they are posted to the Extraboard and are shown as available for work. Retired members who maintain their good standing in accordance with Section 21.13 of the International Constitution will be allowed to vote only for the offices of President, Executive Vice President, and Financial Secretary/Treasurer, and for the two Alternate Delegates.

**Ballots must be received in the designated post office box by 11:00 a.m. EST on December 1, 2022.** Ballots received after this deadline will not be counted. Votes for "write-in" candidates are not permitted. If more than one ballot is received from any member, only the duplicate ballot received from that member will be counted. Additional rules or policy clarifications may be made after publication of this announcement, as necessary.

Election protests are to be submitted in writing and mailed to the incumbent Financial Secretary, Sammie Howard, Jr., P.O. Box 912, Norcross, GA, 30091, by **5:00 p.m. EST, December 11, 2022.**

| <b>Central Region</b>        | <b>East Region</b> | <b>West Region</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Atlanta                      | Albany             | Albuquerque        |
| Atlanta – S. Eastern Stages  | Atlantic           | Amarillo           |
| Baton Rouge                  | Atlantic City      | Austin             |
| Birmingham                   | Baltimore          | Dallas             |
| Charlotte                    | Boston             | Denver             |
| Chicago                      | Buffalo            | El Paso            |
| Columbia – S. Eastern Stages | Cincinnati         | Flagstaff          |
| Fayetteville                 | Cleveland          | Fresno             |
| Indianapolis                 | Columbus           | Houston            |
| Jackson                      | Detroit            | Kansas City        |
| Jacksonville                 | Hampton            | Laredo             |
| Knoxville                    | Hyattsville        | Las Vegas          |
| Louisville                   | New York           | Los Angeles        |
| Memphis                      | Newark             | Phoenix            |
| Miami                        | Norfolk            | Port Angeles       |
| Minneapolis                  | Philadelphia       | Portland           |
| Mobile                       | Pittsburg          | Redding            |
| Nashville                    | Pleasantville      | Renton             |
| New Orleans                  | Richmond           | Sacramento         |

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