

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Whereas, the present Constitutional process for election of officers of the APWU defeats the concept of upward mobility within the ranks of officers, and

Whereas, the present process fails to take advantage of the acquired experience and expertise of incumbent national officers for possible service in other capacities, and

Whereas, the greatest model of democracy yet devised by man, the constitutional democracy of the United States of America, recognizing the need for balance and opportunity of leadership, established a split electoral process for the democratic election of congressional and presidential candidates, and

Whereas, The American Postal Workers Union has always prided itself with being the most democratic of labor unions; therefore, be it

Resolved, The Constitution be amended to provide four (4) year terms for national offices and elections to be held every two (2) years on odd-numbered years so as to not coincide with National Convention years. In alternating biennial elections, each election year shall open for nomination and election one of two groups of national offices. One group shall be the offices that comprise the National Executive Board and resident offices consisting of all craft division offices and department offices domiciled in Washington, D.C., the other group shall be the field offices consisting of all National Business Agent offices but excluding the Regional Coordinator offices. In this fashion the National Executive Board and resident offices shall be open for nomination and election in one election year, followed two years later by the nomination and election for all field offices. And be it further,

Resolved, Incumbent national officers whose offices are not open for nomination and election shall not be barred from being nominated and running for election to any office that is open for nomination and election in a biennial election. Officers choosing to run for other offices in this fashion shall not be required to forfeit their incumbent offices unless successfully elected to another office.