

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 3 A local which has retired members, part-time members, laid-off members, members on unpaid leave, and trainees who pay the regular membership dues of the local **and for whom full per capita is paid to AFT Connecticut and AFT** will be able to count them as full members in determining the delegate strength of the local at any State or National convention.

Section 6 All locals shall maintain affiliation in good standing with AFT Connecticut, the AFT, the Connecticut AFL-CIO, and the appropriate local central labor body.

### **ARTICLE VIII - GOOD STANDING**

Section 1 To be in good standing in AFT Connecticut, locals must meet the following requirements:

- a. Payment of per capita to AFT Connecticut, on all members, with arrears not to exceed two (2) months;
- b. Current in submission to AFT Connecticut of names and addresses for the principal executive and financial officers;
- c. Current in submission to AFT Connecticut of the names and addresses of current members of the local's executive board;
- d. Current in submission of a membership roster; and
- e. Current in submission of a copy of the local's up-to-date constitution.

### **ARTICLE IX - REPRESENTATION**

Section 1 Delegates and/or alternates to the Convention and Delegate Assembly from a local shall be elected by secret ballot. Members of each local must be given suitable opportunity to nominate candidates for the office of delegate and alternate. Notice of the right to make nominations must be sent to each member or given a prominent place in the local publication and on the bulletin boards. Notice of the right to make nominations and notice of the election may be combined in one notice. Written notice announcing the time and place of election of delegates must be mailed to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election. The results of the election must be published and the ballots kept for one year.

Section 2 Each local must send to the State Office a certified list and official credentials of all elected delegates and alternates not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the Convention. Only delegates and alternates on this certified list shall be registered and seated at the Convention.

Section 3 In the event of non-delivery in the AFT Connecticut Office of the certified list and official credentials of the elected delegates and alternates, the Convention Body may approve the seating of the delegates and alternates.

Section 4 In conformity with Article III, Section 4; Article IX, Sections 6 and 7; and Article X, Section 1a. and b., Section 2a. and b.:

- a. One delegate and/or alternate to the AFT Connecticut Delegate Assembly or the AFT Connecticut Annual Convention may be

elected by each affiliated local having a membership of twenty-five (25) or less.

- b. For each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional delegate may be elected.
- c. Each AFT Connecticut Retiree Chapter, including the AFT Connecticut "At-large" Chapter, shall be entitled to elect one delegate to the AFT Connecticut Delegate Assembly and one delegate to the AFT Connecticut Annual Convention. This delegate shall be entitled to one vote.
- d. Those members for whom one-half or more dues are paid shall be counted as full dues paying members.

Section 5 For the purpose of this Article, **membership shall mean the average number on which the per capita has been paid for the first twelve months of the fourteen month period immediately preceding the month in which the Convention meets** provided that:

- a. No local in arrears for two months at the time of the Convention shall be entitled to representation. Per capita is due and payable on or before the fifteenth of each month for that month. (A local is in arrears if the local's dues have not been paid on the sixteenth (16th) day of the month that the per capita payment was due.)
- b. In the case of locals which have been chartered during the year preceding the Convention, the average shall be computed on the basis of the number of months of affiliation, the minimum for such computation to be two (2) months.

Section 6 For Convention delegates and voting strength purposes, agency fee payers are counted as members. For members of non-bargaining locals who are required to pay agency fees to a non-AFT local, the delegate and voting strength is the same as the per capita paid to AFT Connecticut.

### **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 Proposed amendments to the Constitution may be submitted either by request of the Executive Committee, Delegate Assembly or by request of a local.

Section 2 Proposed amendments shall be submitted either to a convention or to ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the locals, the method to be decided by the Delegate Assembly.

Section 3 If a proposed amendment, other than a dues amendment, is to be submitted to a State Convention, it must reach the state office **at least two (2) months before the date of the convention**. If a proposed dues amendment is to be submitted to the State Convention, it must reach the state office **at least one (1) month before the date of the Convention**. The Office of the President shall make all reasonable attempts to notify the locals, either electronically or in hard copy, of all proposed amendments.

## **ARTICLE I – PROCEDURES AND SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER FOR CONVENTIONS**

Section 3 Resolutions to the Convention may be introduced by locals or the Delegate Assembly or by the Executive Committee. **No resolution shall be introduced after the 21st day prior to the start of the Convention, except by the consent of 2/3 of the delegates on the floor.** All resolutions shall bear the signatures of at least two elected officers of the local introducing the resolution, or two AFT Connecticut officers, if introduced by the Delegate Assembly or the Executive Committee. The officers signing the resolution shall certify that the resolution was approved for submission to the Convention either by the Executive Board or membership of the local or by the AFT Connecticut Delegate Assembly/Executive Committee. The resolution shall be submitted to the President of AFT Connecticut, AFT, AFL-CIO.

## **ARTICLE V – BUDGET AND AUDIT**

Section 1 The Finance and Budget Committee shall prepare and present a one year budget to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly has the duty to recommend a budget to the Business Convention.

Section 2 All AFT Connecticut locals paying per capita tax on less than its entire dues-paying membership shall be subject to suspension by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may require a local to produce proof of membership where reason exists to believe such local is violating this provision. If the local shall fail or refuse to produce such proof on request, the Executive Committee shall order an audit of the local. Cost of said audit may be assessed to the local at the discretion of the Executive Committee.