

Information for Candidates

The Elections Committee has prepared this packet for candidates in the 2009 Elections. Packets will be available in the ATU Local 587 Office, 2815 Second Avenue, Suite 230, and at the March membership meetings. This packet contains:

1. ***Rules and Regulations for Campaigning and the Posting and Distribution of Union Election Materials***, as prepared by the ATU Local 587 Elections Committee and approved by the ATU Local 587 Executive Board. Notification of such has been sent to King County Metro Transit, Clallam Transit Services, Paratransit Services, Jefferson Transit Authority and Seattle Personal Transit.
2. ***Election of Local Union Officers***, prepared by the Local 587 Election Committee. This explains:
 - a) Qualifications for office;
 - b) Nomination procedure and schedule; and
 - c) Offices for which elections are being held.
3. ***Procedures for Direct Mail of Campaign Literature to Members by Candidates***.
4. ***Voters' Pamphlet Candidates Statement Submission Form***.

Rules & Regulations for Campaigning and the Posting and Distribution of Union Election Materials

1. For the Officers' elections to be held on May 14th and June 4th, 2009, campaigning and the posting and distribution of materials are allowed on employer property only during the period of April 8, 2009 through June 4th, 2009. However, in the event that a Runoff Election is required, the time for posting and distribution of materials will be extended to June 25, 2009.
2. Posting and distribution of campaign materials and campaigning shall be limited as follows:
 - a) Campaign materials for posting or distribution may not exceed 8 ½ x 11 inch size – one side only. Due to space limitations, only one posting per candidate will be allowed at each work location.
 - b) At each worksite, campaign material may only be posted in employee lunchrooms and lounges, or if a specific election posting arrangement has been assigned, such as a union bulletin board or campaign boards.
 - c) Candidates may not use employer's in-house mail system.
 - d) Items may not be posted at employer park & ride lots or in comfort stations.
 - e) Items may not be posted on painted surfaces, doors or in restrooms.
 - f) Posted items may not cover other information or campaign material already posted.
 - g) Flyers may not be placed on any employer vehicles or on employees' personal vehicles.
 - h) Demonstrations or campaign rallies of any type are not allowed on employer property.
 - i) Campaigning and distribution of materials may only be done on an informal basis during off duty hours and only in employer lunchrooms, lounges and non-work areas.
 - j) Campaigning and distribution of materials shall not disrupt or interfere in any way with employer business and employees' job performance.
 - k) Material must be in good taste and suitable for reviewing by the visiting public.
3. Candidates or their representatives entering employer property for the purpose of campaigning, posting and/or distributing materials shall first notify the work area supervisor or the designated person in charge if a supervisor is not on duty.
4. Any questions shall be directed to the Elections Committee or the Recording Secretary at the Union office.

Adherence to these procedures will be monitored by onsite election deputies and the Election Committee at all work locations. The deputy of each work area shall report questionable materials to the Election Committee. Any material found to be objectionable shall be immediately removed by the Election Committee and their decision shall be final. The Election Committee shall hold all materials found to be in violation.

Election of Local Union Officers

1. Qualifications for office:

In accordance with ATU 587 Bylaws, *Article XII – General Election – Election of Officers, Section 4*, “*Members to be eligible for any office or for delegate shall have had at least two years continuous membership and must be a member in good standing having paid all initiation fees, dues, and assessments in full.*”

All members in good standing are eligible to run for the positions of President/Business Representative, Vice President/Assistant Business Representative, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Recording Secretary/Correspondent to *In Transit* and Minority Affairs Officer.

Candidates for 2nd Vice President/Assistant Business Representative - Maintenance shall be nominated from and elected by all members within Vehicle Maintenance; Facilities Maintenance; Rail Vehicle Maintenance; Way, Power and Signals, and Streetcar Maintainers as listed in the current labor agreement with King County/Metro. (ATU 587 Bylaws, Article III, Section 1 (g))

Members of the Executive Board shall be elected from the membership within their respective departments/bargaining units as follows (Article III, Section 2):

- a) All members in the job classifications of Full-Time Transit Operator, Part-Time Transit Operator, Waterfront Streetcar Conductors, the Operations Security Liaison, and Revenue Coordinator working for King County/Metro are eligible for the eight Transit Operator Executive Board Positions.
- b) All members in the job classifications listed under Vehicle Maintenance Employees of the current labor agreement with King County/Metro are eligible for the three Vehicle Maintenance Executive Board Officer Positions.
- c) All members in the job classifications listed under Facilities Maintenance Employees of the current labor agreement with King County/Metro are eligible for the position of Facilities Maintenance Executive Board Officer.
- d) All members in the job classifications listed under the Supervisors and Schedule sections of the current labor agreement with King County/Metro, are eligible for the position of First-Line Supervisors Executive Board Officer.
- e) All members in the job classifications listed under Rider Information Specialists, Customer Service Office Employees, and employees listed in Special Classifications, with the exception of the Operations Security Liaison listed in the current labor agreement with King County/Metro are eligible for the position of Special Classifications Executive Board Officer.
- f) All represented employees working for Seattle Personal Transit are eligible for the position of Executive Board Officer for the organized units within King County and outside the King County/Metro bargaining unit.

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- g) All represented employees working for Jefferson Transit, Clallam Transit, and Paratransit Services are eligible for the position of Executive Board Officer for organized units outside King County and outside the King County/Metro bargaining unit.

2) Nomination Procedure

Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the April 2009 membership meetings at the date, time and places indicated below.

The term of office will run for three years beginning July 1, 2009. Candidates elected as full-time officers will also serve as delegates to the ATU International Convention.

CHARTER MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2009, 8:00 PM
The Labor Temple, Hall #8
2800 1st Ave.
Seattle, WA 98121

MORNING MEETING

Friday, April 3, 2009, 10:30 AM
The Labor Temple, Hall #8
2800 1st Ave.
Seattle, WA 98121

JEFFERSON TRANSIT

Monday, April 6, 2009, 7:00 PM
Port Townsend Rec Center
620 Tyler St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368

CLALLAM TRANSIT

Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 7:00 PM
Vern Burton Memorial Building
308 East 4th St.
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Nominations may also be made in writing, and must be received by the Recording Secretary at the Local 587 office, 2815 2nd Ave., Suite 230, Seattle, WA 98121, no later than 5:00 PM on April 7, 2009.

No member's name shall be placed on the ballot unless the member is present and accepts the nomination at the meeting when the member was nominated, or has signified in writing a willingness to accept the nomination for the position for which nominated. All written acceptance of any nomination must be received by the Recording Secretary before nominations for that position are closed at the last meeting of the Local in April. Written acceptance of any nomination is subject to verification by the Election Committee. Any written or oral self-nomination implies the acceptance of such nomination.

No member can be placed in nomination nor appear on the ballot for more than one position. The acceptance of any nomination automatically declines all prior nominations. Once a candidate has accepted a nomination and subsequently declines that position, that candidate may not be nominated again for that position in that election cycle.

Questions? Please contact the Election Committee at the Local 587 Office (206) 448-8588 or by e-mail ElectionCommittee@atu587.com

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3) The following offices are open for nominations

PRESIDENT/Business Representative
International Convention Delegate #1

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
REPRESENTATIVES
(Three Positions, No. 1 through No. 3)

VICE-PRESIDENT/Assistant Business
Representative
International Convention Delegate #2

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
REPRESENTATIVE

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT/Assistant
Business Representative - Maintenance
International Convention Delegate #3

SPECIAL CLASSIFICATIONS
REPRESENTATIVE

FINANCIAL SECRETARY/Treasurer
International Convention Delegate #4

FIRST-LINE SUPERVISORS
REPRESENTATIVE

RECORDING SECRETARY/Correspondent to
In Transit
International Convention Delegate #5

CLALLAM & JEFFERSON COUNTY
REPRESENTATIVE

MINORITY AFFAIRS OFFICER

SPT TRANSIT REPRESENTATIVE

TRANSIT OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES
(Eight Positions, No. 1 through No. 8)

Procedures for Direct Mail of Campaign Literature to Members by Candidates

Candidates may send campaign literature to the membership by direct mail (U.S. Postal Service). Any such mailing will be completely at the candidate's expense. Following are the steps to follow to create and mail campaign literature using the Local 587 membership mailing list:

1. Design your campaign mailing piece. Candidates must comply with existing USPS regulations as to what may or may not be suitable for mailing.
2. All campaign mailing pieces must use the following return address:

2815 Second Avenue, Suite 230
Seattle, WA 98121

This mailing does not constitute an
endorsement of this candidate
by ATU Local 587.

By using this return address, undeliverable campaign mail will be returned to the Election Committee. In this way, sensitive member address information will be protected from disclosure.

3. Candidates may have their mailing pieces printed by the printer of their own choice.
4. Candidates must take their mailing pieces to Publishers Mailing Service, 230 Aurora Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109, to be mailed. Their telephone number is 206-448-0411. The individual to contact is Jeff Jensen. His email address is jjensen@zplus4.com.
5. Candidates can choose to mail to the entire membership, or any of the following groups of members:

Entire Membership List (approximately 4400 records)
KC Metro Transit Operators
KC Metro Vehicle & Facilities Maintenance
KC Metro Vehicle Maintenance
KC Metro Facilities Maintenance
KC Metro Special Classifications
KC Metro 1st Line Supervisors
Clallam Transit Services
Paratransit Services
Jefferson Transit Authority
Seattle Personal Transit

The mail list will be sent directly to the Publishers Mailing Service from the Union Office.

Voters' Pamphlet Candidate's Statement Submission Form.

1. Your statement must:
 - a) Be submitted on the form provided or on an exact duplicate;
 - b) Conform to the layout guideline provided with the form;
 - c) Identify the position you are running for;
 - d) Include the name you will be using on the official ballot; and
 - e) Be camera ready.
2. Your statement will be printed exactly as submitted. It will not be typed in for you, or formatted in any way. If you submit a handwritten statement, it will appear handwritten. We recommend black ink and an easily legible typeface.
3. If you wish to include an optional photograph, it should be black and white or color positive, continuous tone (not screened), at least 2" x 2" and no larger than 4" x 5". All photographs will be resized to 2 1/2" high by 2" wide in the printing process. Identify yourself, as well as the position you are running for, on the back of the photograph. Photographs will not be returned.
4. Your statement and photograph - **IN HARD-COPY FORM ONLY** - must be received by the Local 587 office no later than 5:00 pm, April 9th, 2009, no exceptions. This is necessary due to the extremely short deadlines for printing and mailing. The Union office is located at 2815 Second Avenue, Suite 230, Seattle, WA 98121. The Election Committee will confirm receipt of your submitted materials.
5. Participation in the Voters; Pamphlet is completely voluntary. Inclusion of a candidate in the Voters' Pamphlet does not imply endorsement of that candidate by the Election Committee nor by any officers of Local 587. The Voters' Pamphlet will be mailed to all active and retired members homes during the last week of April 2009. The Voters' Pamphlet will also be available online at the Union's web site.

Voters' Pamphlet Candidate's Statement Submission Form.

The Voters' Pamphlet will include one 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" page for each candidate. Offices will be arranged in the order prescribed by our Constitution and Local 587 Bylaws. Within each office, candidates will be arranged alphabetically by last name. The office for which you are running will be entered at the top of your page. Your photograph, if any, will be reproduced 2 1/2" high x 2" wide, and will appear underneath the title of the position for which you are running. Your statement must fit in the 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" lower portion of the page.

Write your name and the position you are running for on the back of your photograph.

NAME _____

POSITION _____

Your statement must fit in this box (4 1/2" x: 4 1/2")

