

# Constitutional Amendment\_Article VIII Conventions

## ARTICLE VIII

### Conventions

**Section 1.** The Convention shall be held biennially in the odd-number years at such time and place as the previous convention or the Executive Board may determine. The Convention call shall go out at least 60 days prior to the Convention.

**Section 2.** A special convention may be called in the even-numbered years by a two-thirds(2/3) vote of the Executive Board or upon request from at least 15 locals representing a minimum of 30% of the AFT-Wisconsin membership then in good standing.

**Section 3. Active/At Large Delegate: Each local may elect five delegates, who hold Active Employee or At Large Membership status,** to the AFT-Wisconsin Convention. ~~may be elected by each affiliated local.~~ For each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, five (5) additional delegates may be elected.

**Section 4. Retiree Delegate:** The AFT-Wisconsin Retiree Council may elect five (5) delegates, who hold Retiree Membership status, to the AFT-Wisconsin Convention and shall be entitled to five votes at the Convention.

**Section 5.** The members of the Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the Convention, but without the power to vote, unless they are credentialed as delegates from their locals.

**Section 6.** One-third (1/3) of the seated delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

**Section 7.** Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, a majority vote shall decide all matters voted upon.

**Section 8. All Active, At Large and Retiree** delegates and/or alternates to the convention ~~from a local or retiree organization~~ 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 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, either through an electronic medium or via the postal service, to each member at least 15 days prior to the election, but not more than 90 days. The results of the election must be published to members of the local and the ballots kept for one year.

Submitted by the AFTW Executive Board

The AFTW Executive Board recommends adoption.

White Paper: Change to Article VIII clarifies representation and voting strength at Convention.

\_\_\_\_ **Adopted**

\_\_\_\_ **Adopted as Amended**

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