

Resolution No. 14

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Constitution & By-Laws

Re: State and Provincial Association and Joint Council Financial Reports and Audits

1 WHEREAS, IAFF Constitution and By-Laws
2 Article XIII, Section 9 requires all local unions to
3 have an independent inspection of all their books and
4 accounts performed annually; and

5 WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 9 also requires
6 that a financial report of this inspection, on a form as
7 provided by the General Secretary-Treasurer's office,
8 shall be prepared, signed, and forwarded each year to
9 the General Secretary-Treasurer within 180 days of
10 the close of the local's fiscal year; and

11 WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 9 further states
12 that Local union books and accounts are subject to
13 audit at any time by the General Secretary-Treasurer
14 as provided by Section 2 of Article VI, and he/she
15 shall have full access to all financial records and
16 membership lists of local unions; and

17 WHEREAS, the transparency and accountability
18 created by this section of the IAFF Constitution &
19 By-Laws is important to all affiliates and members of
20 the IAFF; and

21 WHEREAS, all affiliates should be expected to
22 report their financial audits and reviews to the
23 General Secretary-Treasurer with the same
24 requirements; and

25 WHEREAS, State and Provincial Associations

26 and Joint Councils are affiliates of the IAFF and
27 receive services as such, but are not currently
28 required to submit a Local Union Financial Audit
29 Report or make their books open for review or audit
30 by the General Secretary-Treasurer; therefore be it

31 RESOLVED, That a new section (14) be created
32 within Article XIV to read:

33 “All State and Provincial Associations and Joint
34 Councils shall have an independent inspection
35 of all their books and accounts performed
36 annually. This inspection may be accomplished
37 internally or externally in accordance with the
38 State and Provincial Association and Joint
39 Council’s Constitution and By-Laws. A financial
40 report of this inspection, on a form as provided by
41 the General Secretary-Treasurer’s Office, shall be
42 prepared, signed and forwarded each year to the
43 General Secretary-Treasurer within 180 days of
44 the close of the local’s fiscal year.

45 State and Provincial Association and Joint
46 Council books and accounts are subject to audit at
47 any time by the General Secretary-Treasurer as
48 provided by Section 2 of Article VI, and he/she
49 shall have full access to all financial records and
50 membership lists of State and Provincial
51 Associations and Joint Councils.”; and be it

52 further

53 RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 2 be
54 amended to reflect that same change to read that:

55 “He/She is empowered, either in person or with
56 the assistance of the Vice President of the district

57 in which the local union, State and Provincial and
58 Joint Council or other subordinate body is located
59 or with such auditors as he/she may employ with
60 the approval of the Executive Board, to at any
61 time have an audit made of the books and
62 accounts or to examine the books and accounts
63 and membership records of any local union, State
64 and Provincial Association, Joint Council, or
65 other subordinate body of this Association”.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: **None**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **N/A**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted