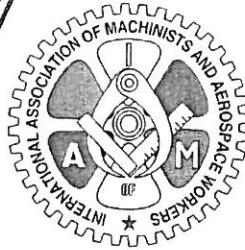


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Re: IAM Lodge 701 Election Protest

Mr. Shamus McGee, Acting Assistant Director
Office of Labor-Management Standards
Chicago District Office
Federal Office Building
230 South Dearborn Street, Suite 774
Chicago, Il 60604

Dear Mr. McGee:

This is in response to your April 18th letter in the above-referenced matter.

As to the first finding, Lodge 701 denies that it has failed to provide its members a reasonable opportunity to make nominations. The Local's rule that any member may nominate any other member for office, whether or not they are present at the meeting, so long as the nominated member has a letter on file stating he accepts the nomination, is a reasonable rule and did not deprive the complaining member, or any other member, a reasonable opportunity to nominate. In any event, even if there were a violation, it had no material effect on the election. Everyone who wanted to run, including the complainant, was nominated, and no one complained that their inability to attend the meeting prevented them from making a nomination.

As to the second finding, Local 701 denies that it failed to retain absentee ballot forms for members whose last name begins with "R." At the Department's request, the Local turned over those forms, along with all other election material, to the Department. We suspect those forms remain in the boxes of material provided. If they are not, the Department misplaced them. In any event, there was no complaint that related in any fashion to retention of ballot material, or to problems of any kinds with members whose names begin with the letter "R."

Respectfully,

Mark Schneider
General Counsel

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