



3/22/2021

Election of Grand Lodge Officers and Law Committee

Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 6 am to 8 am – and 6 pm to 8 pm for election

LL2228 & LL2231 Polling Location – 655 Vaqueros Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085

In conformance with the IAM&AW Constitution, the following information is hereby communicated to the membership:

“Article II- Election of Delegates- Section 3

Members who reside in outlying districts more than 25 miles from the designated balloting place, members who are either confined because of verified illness or on leave qualifying under U.S. family leave laws, or on vacation, or on official I.A.M. business approved by the L.L. or D.L. or G.L., or on an employer travel assignment, or reserve military leave, as the case may be, shall be furnished absentee ballots. Members applying for an absentee ballot on the basis of residing in an outlying district more than 25 miles from the designated balloting place, shall have their eligibility to vote by absentee ballot determined by the R.S. and the S.T. before the ballot is mailed. Any member entitled to receive an absentee ballot shall make written request therefore to the R.S. of the L.L. by delivering in person or mailing such request not later than 10 days before the election.

Absentee ballots shall be issued and voted in accordance with the provisions set forth in Sec. 3, Art. II, in compliance with the following provisions: (1) the written request for an absentee ballot must be received by the R.S. not later than 30 days before the election; (2) the request must contain the members full, current address; (3) if the records of the L.L. indicated that the applicant is eligible to vote in the election, the R.S. and S.T. shall, within 5 days of the close of nominations, mail the absentee ballot; (4) if, in the judgment of the R.S. and S.T., the member is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot, the member will be so notified, in writing, within 10 days of the receipt of the request for an absentee ballot.”

It is of paramount importance to ensure that members understand their rights in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic to request and vote by absentee ballot. Please note that it IS permissible to request an absentee ballot if a member has a concern about COVID-19 and cannot vote in person on April 24, 2021 at their designated lodge meeting. Given ongoing delays with the U.S. Postal Service mail delivery, it is critically important that members requesting an absentee ballot submit their request promptly, and then return their individual completed ballot, as soon as possible after it is received.

Absentee ballot request forms must be received by Monday, April 12, 2021, but as set out above we strongly urge members to mail their completed forms in well before this date. U.S. Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available at <https://www.goiam.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-Absentee-Form-US-EN-Updated-3.pdf> for your convenience. This site also includes important guidelines for distributing absentee ballot request forms.

Completed absentee ballots for the election must be postmarked by Thursday, April 22, 2021, and received by Thursday, April 29, 2021. This timeline provides an extra week from the timeline initially set for the ballots to be received at our PO Box, to account for mail delivery delays we anticipate.

See sample Absentee Ballot Request on the next page:

Sample Absentee Nomination/Ballot Request Form

Click the link and follow instructions.

<https://www.goiam.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-Absentee-Form-US-EN-Updated-3.pdf>

Members requesting to nominate, vote in the February endorsement vote, and/or vote in the April election by absentee should make those requests as soon as possible. Absentee nomination forms must be received by January 16, 2021. Absentee ballots for the February endorsement vote meeting must be received by February 13, 2021.

Absentee Ballots for the April election must be postmarked by Thursday, April 22, 2021 and received by Thursday, April 29, 2021. This provides an extra week from the timeline initially set forth in order to account for possible mail delivery delays. You must mail this **Request Form** to IAM, P.O. Box 1540 Upper Marlboro, MD 20773 10 days prior to the nomination/voting date set forth in the **Notice of Nominations and Elections**.

Please print and carefully enter the requested information. Clearly check the box next to the form/ballot(s) you are requesting. Complete information is needed to process your request.

Local Lodge Number: _____ Membership Card Number: _____
(**Note:** Your membership card and local lodge numbers can be found at the top right corner of this letter.)

Name: _____ Email: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I request a mail in nomination form for the following reason(s). Check all reasons that apply:

- I reside more than 25 miles from the designated local lodge polling location.
- I am confined due to an illness or injury, including concerns related to Covid 19.
- I will be on family leave.
- I will be on vacation (active employees only). I will be on official IAM business
- I will be on employer assignment/at work. I will be on military leave.
- I am retired and will be more than 25 miles from my residence.

I request a local lodge endorsement vote form for the following reason(s). Check all reasons that apply:

- I reside more than 25 miles from the designated local lodge polling location.
- I am confined due to an illness or injury, including concerns related to Covid 19.
- I will be on family leave.
- I will be on vacation (active employees only). I will be on official IAM business
- I will be on employer assignment/at work. I will be on military leave.
- I am retired and will be more than 25 miles from my residence.

I request an absentee ballot for the April election for the following reason(s). Check all reasons that apply:

- I reside more than 25 miles from the designated local lodge polling location.
- I am confined due to an illness or injury, including concerns related to Covid 19.
- I will be on family leave.
- I will be on vacation (active employees only). I will be on official IAM business
- I will be on employer assignment/at work. I will be on military leave.
- I am retired and will be more than 25 miles from my residence.

Signature: _____

(Must be signed)