

IWW APPLICATION FOR DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

Please return to: IWW General Headquarters · Post Office Box 180195 · Chicago, Illinois, USA or if you are a Branch Delegate, turn in this form to your Branch Secretary, who will then forward it to General Headquarters.

Date _____
mm/dd/yy

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Membership Card _____

Address: _____
Street Address Apt.

City/ State/Province ZIP/Postal Code Country

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Preferred method of contact _____

Initiation Date _____ I U. _____

Occupation _____ Employer: _____

Please provide a brief explanation of your need for delegate status:

Are you associated with a General Membership Branch, Industrial Union (Branch), or Job Branch? Yes No

If so, please identify it: _____

Have you been elected by them to serve as a delegate? Yes No

How many members do you expect to report regularly through you? _____

For new delegates associated with a branch or Industrial Union please have a delegate from the branch or Industrial Union you are associated with co-sign for you. The sponsoring delegate shall be responsible for all actions taken by the new delegate in their duties as a delegate until the General Secretary-Treasurer approves this application .

Signature of sponsoring delegate

I have read MPP Sec. 7-1 Job Duties for Delegates (see reverse)

I understand that in order to maintain my Delegates status that I must stay in good standing and clear annually

Please list me as a Public contact in the IWW Directory. My listing should read as follows:

name, address, phone number, e-mail – please note: delegates are strongly encouraged to use PO Boxes or non-residential addresses for the listing

Credentialed Delegate Duties and Policies

1. All delegates are credentialed by the General Secretary-Treasurer (GST) and are empowered to initiate new members and collect dues. In addition, delegates orient new members to our union and assist them in determining which Industrial Union they belong to. (Article IV Sec 1(b))
2. In addition to collecting dues, delegates are also responsible for encouraging members from whom they collect dues to stay in good standing. Delegates must be familiar with current dues and initiation rates. Delegates are responsible for placing the dues stamps in members' cards. (Article IV Sec 1(d))
3. Delegates are elected annually either by other Wobblies at their workplace, by members of an IWW group in formation, or by members of a chartered General Membership Branch (GMB) or Industrial Union Branch (IUB) according to branch by-laws. Elected delegates are required to have been members in good standing for a minimum of six months with the exception that newly organized groups may elect one of their members to serve in that capacity (Article IV Sec 1(b))
4. If no IWW group exists in an area, a member can apply directly to the GST to be credentialed as an at-large delegate. Monthly at-large delegates remit all dues collected to General Headquarters (GHQ). Once a group has been established in an area they will elect their own delegate. The GST will not credential at-large delegates in a geographical area under the jurisdiction of a GMB.
5. Branch sponsored group delegate: (see MPP Sec 8-1, 4(c))
 - c) While a group's initial delegate may have been elected by the sponsoring branch the group can elect their own delegate at any time.
6. All members seeking delegate credentials are required to fill out and submit an IWW Application for Delegate Credentials to the GST. Any delegate elected by a branch that has been issued blank delegate credentials by the GST will have their delegate application co-signed by a currently credentialed delegate. (Article IV Sec. 1 (c))
7. Delegates need to stay in good standing (Article VI Delinquency Sec 2)
8. All delegates, whether elected or at-large, shall record all fees, dues, assessments, etc. collected on the monthly Delegate Report form provided by the GST and shall identify receipt both on the page of the dues book and on top of the stamps with the date and their credential number. Delegates must submit Delegate Reports at least monthly (whether or not they have collected any funds), remit all collected funds, and send all signed applications for membership to GHQ. Delegates elected by GMB's and IUB's submit reports to their Branch Secretaries while all others report directly to General Headquarters. (Article IV Sec. 1 (d))
9. Delegates have no discretion over taking dues from IWW members who have not been suspended or expelled (Selected Resolutions, Resolution on Delegates)
10. Delegates should keep in their possession a copy of the Delegates Manual to refer to whenever necessary.
11. Delegates will give each new member a membership card, an IWW button, a current IWW Constitution, and the One Big Union pamphlet. In addition new members should also be given a copy of their branch's by-laws and any other new member orientation material that the branch has approved. (Article VIII Sec. 2 h))
12. Delegates are responsible for maintaining records of all initiations and dues collected as well as all union materials in their possession.
13. Delegates are required to fill out an annual inventory clearance form by March 31st and return it to GHQ. Failure to submit the clearance form by the deadline will cause the delegate to become delinquent. Delinquent delegates will lose their right to vote in union referendum and will not be issued new delegate credentials for the year. When a delegate's account is cleared, the Clearing House shall issue a clearance stamp to be affixed to the delegate's membership card. (General Bylaws Article VI Sec 3)
14. If delegates decide they no longer wish to serve in this office, they are responsible for returning all union supplies to GHQ or to their local branch.

Reference: Constitution – Article IV Clearing House, Article V Duties of Branch Secretaries and Delegates, Article VIII Initiation Fees and Dues, Article X Transfers, Craft Cards, etc., Article XIII Unemployed Members // General Bylaws - Article VI Delinquency // Selected Resolutions – Resolutions on Delegates // Current Delegate Manual