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DECISION

Protest I-15-2024 (nomination
meeting)

By email dated October 9, 2024, Crystal Richards filed a protest alleging that Canella Gomez violated the Election Rules when he attended a nomination meeting for the Conductor/Tower Division. According to the Protester, the Election Rules restrict nomination meetings only to members who belong to the Division where the officers are being nominated.

Canella Gomez is the Vice-President of RTO, under which Conductor/Tower is one of the divisions. Under the By-laws, the Vice-Presidents are charged with working with the Division and Section officers to see to it that the policies of the Local Union are carried out. As part of his responsibilities, it is completely appropriate, if not required, that he attend Division meetings, including the part of the meeting devoted to nominations. Just as members of the Election Committee may attend as part of their official duties, even if they are not members of the Division, just so the Vice-President charged with monitoring Division officers to make sure the meeting is conducted properly may also attend. Further, the Protester has shown no prejudice or impact on the election from Vice-President Gomez having attended the meeting.

Protest denied.

In accordance with the International Constitution and the Election Rules, any interested party unsatisfied with this determination may appeal to the Transport Workers Union of America Committee on Appeals. Any appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article IV(B)(9) of the

Election Rules and Article XXII of the International Constitution for the appeal to the International from decisions of Local Unions.

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