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DECISION

Protest I-18-24 (intimidation)

By email dated October 17, 2024, Nasar Abdur-Rahman filed a protest alleging that the Members First Slate violated the Election Rules when Vice-President JP Patafio acted in an unprofessional manner. According to the Protester, on October 16, 2024 at the TA Surface Division PM nominations meeting, Vice President JP Patafio allegedly “used intimidation tactics on section officers to accept the nomination of delegates unknowingly.” During the nomination of delegates, e pointed at Gary Archibald and said his name that he wanted him as a delegate. According to the Protester, Mr. Archibald was “quite surprised.” Vice-President Patafio then nominated three additional union representatives under his supervision as alternate delegates. They were all surprised as well. The Protester asserts that because the candidates who were nominated were union representatives under Mr. Patafio’s supervision, it was a “strong-arm tactic” to nominate them.

I spoke with Vice-President Patafio who denied the Protester’s assertion that he pressured anyone to accept a nomination. I spoke with Mr. Archibald who disputed the Protester’s assertion that he was surprised or in any way intimidated. “Quite to the contrary,” he said. His nomination form was prepared before the meeting and he “willingly and voluntarily” accepted the nomination. He doesn’t know why Mr. Abdur-Rahman would make the accusation he is making.

I asked the Protester for any evidence he had that the other candidates felt intimidated in any way, but he did not respond to my request.

The protest is 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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