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DECISION

Protest I-32-2024 post (request
for recount Train Operators)

By email dated December 13, 2024, Canella Gomez filed a request for a recount of the Division ballots in the recent Train Operators Division election. According to the Protester, “a discrepancy has been found in the counts for the Division Chair election. According to the official count, 908 ballots were received but only 784 votes were cast with 124 difference in potentially missing votes. Furthermore, there is another issue with the Recording Secretary for Train Operator office. The official count states that only 810 votes were cast, when a total of 908 ballots were received, 98 difference.”

After removing void ballots, there were 370 ballots counted for Train Operator A and 529 ballots counted for Train Operator B. 164 of Train Operator A votes were slate votes. 209 of Train Operator B votes were slate votes. When members vote a non-slate ballot, they often do not vote for every position. They leave some positions blank. That accounts for the fact that out of 206 non-slate ballots in the Train Operator A election, only 156 chose to vote for Division Chair. Out of 320 non-slate ballots in the Train Operator B election, only 255 chose to vote for Division Chair. A similar analysis can be made for the Recording Secretary position. The results do not indicate that there are “potentially missing votes.”

However, the margin between the candidates for Division Chair was only ten votes out of 784, only 1.27%. The margin between the top two candidates for Recording Secretary was only two votes out of 810, only .25%. Therefore a recount for those two positions is warranted. It will take place at AAA at 11:30 AM on

Thursday, December 19, 2024. The Elections Committee is to notify the two affected slates and the independent candidate.

Request for recount granted.

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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