



## **CALL TO CONVENTION**

Washington State  
Council of Fire Fighters

### **80th Annual Convention**

June 18-20, 2019  
Hyatt Regency  
Lake Washington  
Renton, Washington



Delegates and Alternates shall be allowed consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws Article V, Sections 1-9, as follows:

### **ARTICLE V, REPRESENTATION**

#### ***Section 1***

Convention delegates shall be allotted on the following basis: Locals with a membership of fifty (50) or less shall be entitled to two (2) delegates in convention; locals with more than fifty (50) members in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate in convention for every additional fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing. No local shall have delegates for more than the number of members for whom they pay per capita.

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Delegates</b>
0 - 50	2
51 - 100	3
101 - 150	4
151 - 200	5
201 - 250	6
251 - 300	7
301 - 350	8
351 - 400	9
401 - 450	10, etc.

No local in the state of Washington will pay per capita for more members than the actual membership of the second largest local in the state, as of February 28 of each year and rounded up in 25-member increments.

### ***Section 2***

A delegate must be a member of the local represented. To be duly accredited, a delegate must be seated by convention floor vote.

### ***Section 3***

Each duly accredited delegate present shall be entitled to one (1) vote in convention provided that, if a roll call vote is called for and forty percent (40%) of the delegates present agree, the roll call shall proceed numerically by local unions and other subordinate bodies, and in accordance with the list of delegates entitled to be seated in the most current record of the Committee on Credentials. The total votes to which a local union is entitled will equal the local union's per capita and may be cast by bloc through the chairman of the delegation, or the votes shall be cast separately by delegates when one or more delegates request that the delegation be polled. Where votes are unevenly divided in such a poll of the delegation, the chairman of the delegation will cast the odd votes.

The local union's delegate credential shall indicate such chairperson.

There shall be no proxy voting allowed at the WSCFF Convention.

### ***Section 4***

Alternate delegates in the order of their certification shall be on the presentation of proper credentials.

### ***Section 5***

Representation in convention shall be allocated based upon the average amount of per capita tax paid monthly to a limit of the number of members assessed per capita during the preceding twelve (12) months ending February 28. In the case of new local unions not in existence for the full preceding year, per capita tax paid will be averaged over the period of their existence on a monthly basis.

### ***Section 6***

- A. A local union, to be entitled to representation in convention, shall have its per capita tax paid as required by Article XII, Section 2 on the full membership of its local, to a limit of the actual number of members in the second largest local in the state, up to and including the month prior to the convention and shall be paid prior to convening of the convention. A local union shall also be current in its repayment of loans to the Legal Defense Fund in order to be entitled to representation in convention.
- B. Locals who have disaffiliated with the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters and subsequently re-affiliated shall not be entitled to representation in convention unless their per capita tax is paid on the full membership of their local, the actual number of members in the second largest local in the state, at least one hundred

eighty (180) days prior to the meeting in convention. Representation shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.

***Section 7***

Active Retiree Members shall be entitled to attend all meetings, seminars, and conventions of the WSCFF upon payment of any fees or registrations. At conventions, they shall be allowed to form a Retiree's Advisory Committee provided that at least six (6) retirees are in attendance. Said committee shall have the privilege of submitting advisory resolutions to regular committees.

***Section 8***

Credentials for all delegates should be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention for committee assignment.

***Section 9***

Committee assignments shall be made at least fifteen (15) days prior to the convention. All locals shall be notified by mail of committee assignments. Such notifications shall be accompanied by a list of the names of the committee members and chairperson. A copy of all resolutions shall be sent to the committee chairperson.

**ARTICLE XIII, PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

***Section 1***

Resolutions shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer at least forty-five (45) days prior to each convention. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send copies of all resolutions in possession, that comply with this section, and a copy of the proposed budget to each member local thirty (30) days prior to convention.

***Section 2***

LATE RESOLUTIONS - Resolutions not received as indicated in Section 1 above shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates seated and in attendance during the vote on the convention floor to be accepted for consideration at that convention.

***Section 3***

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS - Duly appointed convention committees may generate resolutions. These resolutions shall be routed through affected committees for consideration. Committee resolutions are not considered as late resolutions and shall be handled as any other timely resolution.

**\*\*Resolutions must be postmarked by Saturday, May 4, 2019.**

**\*\*Credentials must be postmarked by Saturday, May 18, 2019, for committee assignments.**