

## **AU Election Update**

### **February 24, 2023**

This update is to brief the AU membership on the final steps before seating the successful candidates from the AU Election.

**Election Contests.** A party can challenge the results of this election for up to 15 days after certification by the audit agency (in this case Honest Ballot). We received the certification today (February 24, 2023), which means the deadline for filing a challenge is **March 11, 2023**. The AU bylaws provide the following:

**5.10 Election contests.** Any person lodging a protest to, or contesting the results of, any election of the Union must notify the Executive Director of the protest or contest in writing, received by the Executive Director not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. CST by the fifteenth (15th) day following the date of certification of the election results by the auditing agency. If any person contesting an election shall request a recount of ballots cast, the Executive Director may condition compliance with that request by requiring the contestant to deposit with the Union, an amount sufficient to defray the reasonable and necessary costs of a recount. No person shall be entitled to protest or contest the results of a Union election unless eligible to vote in that election.

If any challenges are filed, we will follow the AU's process. For any races where no challenge is provided (or where a challenge has been resolved), we will arrange for a special board meeting as soon as possible, but no later than the end of March, to provide board certification in accordance with the AU bylaws and to seat the new board members.

The membership will be updated after the March 11, 2023 deadline as to whether there are any challenges and provided with the details on how those challenges will be handled.

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