00:00:07 (Priest) Almighty God, we pray that the deliberations about to begin in this hall will be successful and fruitful. We pray that the men assembled here will join in unity and fraternity and that they will go forth from this hall and out into the mine patches of this great country and that they will carry a message to their brothers that will be listened to and that they will succeed in bringing democracy, fraternity, compassion and integrity to the once great union that represents the men who go down into the bowels of the earth, and who deserve a better fate than they have been getting. Gentlemen, I ask you to reserve a moment of silence and pray for your brothers who are dying. Jerry Galla [SP], who died last week at the Gateway mines. Joe Daniels, your beloved brother from District 5. Elmer Brown ran for vice president along with the late Jock Yablonski. Howard West and C.B. Odom. We can’t forget the Yablonski family. We can’t forget those, all those who died for a democracy. Those, the many, many people who have given their lives, trying the most difficult trade of all, mining, now for the moment of silence. (silence) 00:03:00 We ask this in Jesus name, Amen.

If you would please sit down for a moment. I was asked [inaudible] from some of the others to say a word or two to you after I said the prayer. Let me tell you that as I drove down from Pittsburgh on this beautiful day from the town of Wheeling I did not expect to see as many of you here as are already gotten. And I understand that you expect more to come. This is a great thing that you are starting. This could be a new day and a new deal for the miners of this country, and I think if you succeed in this effort in the direction of democracy and the direction of opening up your union. You will unleash a great potential, because in the last several decades your union, like every other organization, has tended to exist, not for the members, but for those who held office. See, it’s not only unions that go that way, nations go that way. Sometimes the men in congress and in the senate and in the bureaucracies and even in the White House think in terms, not of what suits the country, but what suits themselves and they say, well this is good for me, so it’s good for the country or maybe good for a political party, they say it’s good for the country. 00:05:00

It happens in hospitals. You go to the hospital, you’ll see they’re running a hospital, not for the benefit of the patients, but for the convenience of the staff. It happens in schools, and sometimes they tell me even in churches occasionally, maybe the church needs to be run for the benefit of the, uh, priest or the minister? I don’t think you’ll believe that. (applause) But there’s been an unusually heavy burden on the miners and the people who came to office in the miners were unusually well rewarded. The Bible speaks of rewards, you know, when people are betrayed that they will see prosperity for the second and third generation. Well, if you are a miner officiant and one of the great family, you saw prosperity in your own lifetime go to your children, and your children’s children, whoever, anybody, a member of the clan if you were in the inner circle, they benefitted and benefitted mighty. (applause)

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00:06:21 (Chairman)Thank you brother Mike Trbovich of local union six-three-three-o, district four western Pennsylvania. We’re going to try to breeze along and expedite this convention in order that we can wind it up hopefully sometime tomorrow. And then we can spend the Memorial Day at home. And I do not see why we can’t achieve that objective. First of all, I’m going to ask the delegates from the various districts to bear with me. Most of you I know, many of you I do not know. If I ruled someone out of order, it’s not a mark of animosity, it’s a mark of order and decorum. And I don’t want to do that. We’re going to conduct this convention much as you would conduct your local union meeting in your own locality. I know the rules committee will be reporting very shortly and I’ll be calling on them, but they have asked and recommended the adoption of the Robert’s Rules report. We don’t have to go into that, and we’re going to conduct, like I said, much like a local union meeting. Meanwhile, I’m going to introduce the Reverend Frank R. Haig president from Wheeling College, who will give you the remarks regarding Wheeling College. Reverend Haig. (applause)

00:08:14 (Reverend Haig) Thank you [inaudible]. I have the pleasant assignment this morning of giving to you the formal welcome to Wheeling College. The hardest part of our advanced planning here was to arrange the weather, and we’ve now taken care of that, so that’s a good omen as to how your convention will go. This is a historic moment in [inaudible] American Labor Movement. We at Wheeling College are honored to have you on our campus and participate in your activity. In the course of these two days, if there is anything that the college could do, anything that our staff could do, anything that I personally can do, do not hesitate to call upon us. We are at your service, uh, during the time of your convention and at any later time also. And so, uh, formally, welcome to Wheeling College (applause).

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00:09:12 (man) On behalf of the City of Wheeling I want to officially welcome you here for your meeting. I want to show you the full cooperation and the full assurance that you shall have the protection of the City of Wheeling. Uh, we regret that a few years ago, uh, at a similar labor meeting where people were, uh, physically harmed, that there wasn’t protection for those people. For that this meeting you shall have our full cooperation, our full assurance of protection, and we hope that you will have a very fruitful and enjoyable convention. First I want to say that, uh, I have relatives who work in the mines and who are a part of West Virginia. I sympathize with your [inaudible]. I live with them, I’m familiar with company stores, I’m familiar with the whole business of the operations of the mines in Southern West Virginia, so I hope that you have success. I’ve been [inaudible] by Father Grace over the years, from radio stations WWSW in Pittsburg on his Sunday night talks. I’m certainly glad that he was here with his blessing and his cooperation, his advice, I’m sure that you’ll have a real fruitful meeting here. I just want to tell you one further thing and I know you have matters you want to do. A year ago, [inaudible] a lot of people who were disturbed and upset with the operation of this city. Like I told you, a couple years ago your group met here. You had physical violence, but a year ago people decided they wanted a change, whether it was for the better or worse they wanted change. They got together, and we had a clean, house sweeping in the City Hall. The City Hall has been entrenched for thirty-seven years. So it can be done if people want to do it. I, I was never in office before, I’ll never be again. 00:11:03 I, I think four years will be enough for me. So we had a clean sweep and those things can be done if there’s a will and if you have a proper sounding board. You have a proper sounding board here today and I’m sure that you’ll have success. In that group there were elections, we had labor men elected, who were never elected before in the city. I have one with me today and I just want to introduce him, because he’s the sincerest believer in democracy and union. He’s a union official himself in the steel workers local here, Stanley Wojeck [SP] You have our blessing, our best wishes, we hope for success for you. I do want you to meet Stanley before I leave. (applause)

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00:11:48 (Stanley Wojeck) understand unionism. I do believe in democracy and I certainly believe in you people that fight for the right things and just as was said before here, we must have unity before you can go on to victory. If you pull apart, you’re going to go down in defeat, and I wish all of you the best of luck and thank the man you pick to make your leader, giving one hundred percent back in. And I’m sure you’ll come out victory and you’ll have a strong union in United Mine Workers, as you’ve always have been strong before. Thank you. (applause)

00:12:29 (Chairman) Thank you fellow unionist, Stanley Wojeck. At this time, I’m going to introduce someone southern districts of West Virginia, District 29. He is a faithful support of the Yablonski-Brown campaign. He gave unselfishly of his time and his own expense to campaign for ideal for Jock Yablonski and Elmer Brown, and that was [inaudible]. I would like to introduce bother Levi Daniels, who’s going to give the pledge of allegiance to the flag from Local Union 5955, District 29, Beckley, West Virginia. (applause) Please stand and join.

00:13:27 (Levi Daniels) May we all repeat this together. I pledge to the flag, allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, on which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

(man) Please be seated.

00:13:53 (Chairman) At this time, the Chair wishes to introduce Miss Marlene Sabow [SP] who are going to play the Star Spangled Banner, our anthem, and Oh Canada, the Canadian anthem. Please begin.

(Star Spangled Banner plays)

(Oh Canada plays)

(man) You may be seated.

(applause)

00:16:42 (Chairman) At this time, I want to make a remark regarding a song many of us have heard. This song is [inaudible]. Those of us who attended the [inaudible] convention in Denver. The one in Denver, Colorado recall Tony Boyle saying “If you don’t play Montana, the band won’t get paid.” Many of you do not know this, the cost of the bands at Miami was nearly $200,000, so here in Wheeling today, we’re going to play Montana. We’re not going to have a $200,000 band, or five bands as they did. We have Marlene Sabow, and let us hope that this is the last time we’ll ever have to hear Montana at a UMW convention. (applause)

(Montana plays)

(applause)

(man) Thank you Miss Sabow.

00:19:11 (Chairman) I’m going to now introduce, again, Mike Trbovich of Local Union 6330, District 4, who is going to give the convention some background of the MFD. Mike. (applause)

00:19:38 (Mike Trbovich) Thank you, Carl. You all know as well as I, for the past three years, we in the reform movement have been working very hard. We have been working at a disadvantage. We haven’t had the money that the hierarchy of the United Mine Workers have to operate, and in the first place, we wouldn’t operate finances the way they have. There are some people in the reform movement or in the mines, who do not understand what MFD stands for. MFD stand for Miners for Democracy. We believe in a democratic union. This is what we’ve been fighting for, for three years, to make this convention, convention here today possible. We are asking, pensions for disabled miners, hospital card for the widow, so they can take care of their orphans, mine safety where the past century a hundred to a thousand coal miners have died over one million names. We want improved conditions in the mine. We want many things, but the opposition has called us everything, because we opposed this establishment, but we want it understood, that we are members of the United Mine Workers of America. (applause).

00:21:34 (Mike continues) We are only asking to deliberate, to arbitrate and to negotiate, without civil disobedience under the first amendment of our constitution which we have the right to do so. (applause) So don’t let anyone kid you, after this convention is closed, the opposition is going to go into the gutter again like they did in 19, uh, 1969, but we’re going to fight them all the way, and we’re going to win. (applause) When you go back to your mines and the mining communities, communities all over the coal producing states, keep this in mind, that the opposition will be working hard. They’ll be calling us a lot of names. As I said, it will be a gutter campaign, but we Miners for Democ, Democracy are going to conduct a constructive campaign. We have the issues. We do not have to fabricate any issues. There are so many issues, that we could talk about and we could talk about for months and not cover it. So I ask you here today, that when we leave we join hands for one thing, is to defeat these people in Washington, so we can come up and give our peop, people the meaningful things that they deserve. (applause) We have other speakers. I’m going to close by saying this. Abraham Lincoln once said, “It’s a sin to be silent, when it’s your duty to protest.” Thank you. (applause)

00:24:03 (Chairman) Thank you Mike Trbovich, National Chairman of Miners for Democracy. At this time, I am going to introduce the two Co-Chairmans of the Miners for Democ, for Democracy. Mike Trbovich comes from Western Pennsylvania and his Co-Chairman closest to him, in so far as mileage is concerned, hails from District number 31. I’m going to introduce a mechanic from the Bethlehem Steel Mines, Local Union 4346, District 31, Harry Patrick. (applause)

00:24:46 (Harry Patrick) Thank you, Carl. I was kind of caught off guard, I didn’t even know I was going to be up here and I didn’t prepare anything to say. I just want to leave this message, that in echoing what, what Monsignor Rice said, District 31 will abide by the decision of this convention. Thank you. (applause)

00:25:19 (Chairman) And the farthest away in mileage, from District number 12, Illinois, we have a relatively young man who along with our group from Illinois here today, and many from Illinois who could not have attend, did a splendid job for Jock Yablonski ? and Elmer Brown in the 1969 campaign. Jock Yablonski did not receive one nomination in District 12, Illinois, but these splendid individuals from Illinois gave him a splendid vote in 1969. I’m going to introduce, now, the other Co-Chairman of Miners for Democracy who is one of those people that contributed so much to Jock’s campaign. I’m going to introduce Kenneth Daas [SP] of Local 1545, West Frankfort, Illinois. (applause)

00:26:25 (Kenneth Daas) Thank you Carl. I [inaudible] I’m going to have to be like Harry, I wasn’t quite prepared to come up here either, I’m a little bit shaky. And, uh, I’d like to say this one thing. We fought awful hard for [inaudible] and, I hope that at this point that we don’t drop the ball, because, uh, anyway, it looks like a big day in our lives right here, and, a big day for the United Mine Workers, and I hope that we can all get together and everyone stay together and, uh, like Carl was talking about the Tony Boyle convention in Denver, Colorado, which I was there, and, uh, heard them play Montana and a few other things. I just hope [inaudible] that we don’t end up in that kind of [inaudible]. And if we do, we’re gonna lose. And, I can say this last thing, is I’m sure that District, District 12

(audience) can’t hear him, can’t hear nothing

(man) I’m sure, maybe the mic’s not on. I don’t know. Speak into the mic.

(Kenneth Daas continues) I’m sure that District 12 will support this move, because we’ve gotta have a chance, and I thank you all and I hope we stick together. (applause)

00:28:05 (Chairman) I want to echo something that Kenneth Daas said that is very important to this campaign. Along with District 6, District 12 has a semi-autonomous election coming up, and we hope, with the help of the miners boys in Miners for Democracy, our Illinois group will be victorious, with their slate in their district elections coming up this fall. I want to thank Steve Sigetti {SP}, Chairman of the Rules Committee, for sending me this note about smoking. It was mentioned to me at the beginning of the meeting. They would like for people not to smoke, fire rules and conditions that many of our brothers have respiratory illness such as black lung and we would appreciate if you would refrain from smoking as you do in the mine. Please, comply. To conclude the remarks of MFD, I want to read something to you people that is very relevant and is very short, but very relevant. While I’m reading it, I want the Rules Committee to quietly come up here, along with Chairman Sigetti [mic feedback]. Will Chairman Sigetti and his Rules Committee come up here. 00:29:50 This appeared in yesterday’s newspaper. Wheeling West Virginia News Register. Many of us in this locality have read it, but it’s so important that people who have not read it, hear it now. It begins on the editorial page of the Wheeling News Register:

*“Welcome miners. The Miners for Democracy came to Wheeling this weekend to hold their convention, flush from two important victories in their fight for reform of the United Mine Workers Union. On Wednesday, a federal judge ruled in favor of the dissident miners and their long struggle for autonomy. The court held that the UMW illegally controlled activities of seven of its district operations, by not allowing the miners to elect their local officials. Earlier, another federal judge revoked the 1969 re-election of UMWA president WA Tony Boyle and ordered a new election. In the early formative days of the Miners for Democracy, the group was viewed by many as a rag-tag-band of rebels bent on destroying the UMWA, but as time went on, and shocking irregularities were disclosed within the union hierarchy, the reform group gained stature and followers. The coal industry, plagued by wild-kept strikes was an indication that UMW leadership had lost control of the rank and file union members. If the Miners for Democracy are successful in efforts to reform the United Mine Workers of America, and make it a responsible union, the whole industry should benefit, because of the economic importance of the coal industry to our own Ohio Valley area. Citizens here will watch closely, the activities of the Miners for Democracy. We join in welcoming the visiting miners to Wheeling and wish them a successful convention.”* (applause)

00:32:00 (Chairman) I’m sure the Miner’s Voice will re-print that in their next issue, so that our membership elsewhere who do not know that, will, will hear it. I’m going to introduce, now, the Chairman of the Rules Committee from District 5, Western Pennsylvania, Local 1197, Steve Sigetti

(man) 1190

(Chairman) 1190, I’m sorry Steve. Steve Sigetti, who is going to read the basic ground rules of the convention. (applause)

00:32:45 (Steve Sigetti) Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, member of the clergy and press and by all means, United Mine Workers of Democracy. (applause) I’d like to introduce to you people of this convention, the rest of the committee on rules. When I announce your name, would you please stand? Mr. John Chuck (applause), Mr. Fred Hunten [SP] (applause), Mr. Steve Weber (applause), Mr. Arnold Miller (applause), Mr. Bernard Charmsberry [SP] (applause), and Mr. Stanley Pinkett [SP] (applause). As you people registered, you were given proposed rules of this convention. Would you kindly take them out of your packet? And I’m going to read them slowly. Would you pay strict attention? And if you have any questions, would you mind addressing to the Chair, temporary Chairman, Mr. Carl [inaudible].

00:34:24 (Sigetti continues) Rule number one, the convention shall be governed by the Robert Rules of Order, with the exception that when a motion is made to table, the motion to table shall first defy to any amendment and it shall require a separate motion to table the original.

(Chairman) Are there any remarks on the motion? If not.

(man) on the rules.

(Chairman) On the rules, I’m sorry.

(man) I would prefer, Chairman Sigetti, that you call for the remarks, or any motions. You are actually the Chairman of that, and I think you should. Continue.

00:35:16 (Sigetti) Any question on this proposed rule?

(audience) [inaudible] I move [inaudible]

(Sigetti) All in favor, signify by saying I.

(audience) I

00:35:31 (Sigetti) Number two, the convention shall open Saturday, May 27th, 9 AM. The morning sessions will adjourn at 11:30 AM. The convention shall rec, reconvene at 1 PM pm and adjourn at 5 PM. Sunday, May 28th, the convention shall reconvene at 1 PM pm and adjourn whenever the business of the day is completed. Any quest, questions?

(audience) question

(Sigetti) All in favor, signify by saying I.

(audience) I

00:36:15 (Sigetti) Rule number three, the Convention Committee shall make the reports of the assembly in the following order. Number one, rules. Number two, credentials. Number three, finance. Number four, platform. Number five, slate. Any questions? Remarks, questions?

(audience) Question on motion

(Sigetti) Question on motion. All in favor, signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Any opposed?

(no response)

00:36:50 (Sigetti) Rule number four, no delegate shall speak more than once on any question until who, until all who desires to speak have been heard. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) All in favor, signify by saying I.

(audience) I

00:37:14 (Sigetti) Number five, each delegate shall be permitted to speak three to five minutes from the floor, staying on the subject before the house. There shall be no limit on the number of speakers. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Everybody in favor, signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:37:42 Rule number six, it shall be the duty of the Chairman to maintain order. Any delegate violating these rules of the convention shall be called to order. He shall then take a seat, and remain seated until recognized by the Chair, or be removed from the convention hall. Any questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Question on the motion, signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed? Motion carried.

00:38:15 (Sigetti) Rule number seven, the rules shall not be called on any question, except at the request of 25% of the delegates made in an ordinary manner. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

(Sigetti) Rule number eight, when a decision of the Chair on any questions is a, is appealed from the floor, the appellants of state is grounds for appeal. After which, the Chair shall give his reason for the decision. Then, without further debate, the question shall be put to the convention, but shall the decisions of Chair stand as the judgement of the question. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:39:18 (Sigetti) Rule number nine, when the Chair recognizes a delegate, the delegate must state his name, local union number, and district number before speaking. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:39:40 (Sigetti) Rule number ten, immediately following the Rules Committee report, you have to three, I think this is an oversight, we suggest to tellers. We didn’t want to designate how many you people want to elect. We say tellers. Tellers for the convention shall be elected by nominating from the floor. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:40:12 (Sigetti) Rule number eleven, any questions in returning the district voting system shall be referred to the Credentials Committee. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:40:34 (Sigetti) Turn the sheet over. Rule number twelve, each district shall elect a district Chairman. The Chairman shall be responsible for upholding the members of his district, for roll call votes, and nominations for the slate. He shall report the results to the convention tellers. Any questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:41:02 (Sigetti) Thirteen, when the nominees for the slate are announced, there should be a time specified to allow district delegations to vote, and the delegate Chairman should deliver to the tellers the vote of the respective districts before the tellers announce the results. This would allow voting from all districts to be conducted simultaneously, otherwise, the districts that vote last would be unduly influenced by the votes of the districts voting earlier. Any questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Question being called for. Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:41:48 (Sigetti) Rule number fourteen, a majority of the votes cast shall be required for nominations to the slate. For instance, every United Mine Worker district is present, the voting, one hundred and thirty-eight votes will be cast, seventy votes will then be required for nomination. Any questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Question on the motion. Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:42:23 (Sigetti) Rule number fifteen, district caucuses shall take place on the floor of the hall while the convention is in session, unless directed otherwise by the convention Chairman. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Those opposed?

(no response)

00:42:47 (Sigetti) Rule number sixteen, as host of the convention, District 6 provides that convention temporary Chairman, District 6 has chosen, Carl Captian [SP].

[audience] I move for adoption

[Sigetti] Questions being called for. Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:43:11 (Sigetti) Rule number seventeen, all delegates, press and visitors to the convention, must be registered by one o’clock, Saturday. Proof of registration is necessary to enter the convention hall. Questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Those opposed?

(no response)

00:43:34 (Sigetti) Number eighteen, delegates shall occupy the seat on the convention floor by the district. News media shall occupy the seats to the side of the platform. Cameramen shall occupy the risers in front of the platform, and all visitors and observers shall be seated in the bleachers section in the rear of the hall. Any questions?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Question being called for. Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Those opposed?

(no response)

00:44:04 (Sigetti) Nineteen, news media shall be permitted to remain in the hall during the sessions of the convention. Questions being called for.

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:44:16 (Sigetti) Rule number twenty, only delegates, press and authorized personnel, are [inaudible]. Twenty-one, no literature is to be distributed in the convention hall without the permission of the Chairman. Question?

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Question being called for.

(audience) Question

(Sigetti) Remar, any remarks?

(audience) Question on the motion.

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

00:44:43 (Sigetti) Last rule, number twenty-two, any delegate under the influence of liquor shall be barred from the convention hall until such time as he comes to sober, becomes sober, and his local union shall be notified of his actions. Questions are in motion.

(audience) Question on the motion

(Sigetti) Signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

(Sigetti) Mr. Chairman, this completes the rules report. I thank you very much.

(Chairman) Just a moment, uh, Chairman Sigetti. I would like to make a remark on the tellers.

(Sigetti) The three tellers?

(Chairman) The three tellers. As you are Chairman of the Rules Committee, for the sake of expediency, I wish you as Chairman of the Rules Committee, would call at this time, for the nomination of tellers as a recommendation calls for from the floor. Please do.

(Sigetti) Carl, should I, should I designate how many tellers before we go into the nominations?

(Chairman) Ask the floor.

(Sigetti) Ask ‘em, alright. Do you people want the amount three to five, or what?

(audience) Dave [inaudible]

(Sigetti) Come before the microphone, Dave.

(audience – Dave) Mr. Chairman, I recommend that [inaudible] a lot of talk this afternoon. And, I know we have some [inaudible] of our local [inaudible] are planning an event tomorrow morning. I’m not sure that those [inaudible] should be a part of our convention.

00:46:28 (Sigetti) I didn’t hear you correctly sir.

(audience – Dave) Well, [inaudible] again. Well, we have delegates that are planning to come in tomorrow morning, on Sunday, and I’m sure that they’d like to be a part of this convention, and I know noticed that on the report her they have to be registered by one o’clock this afternoon.

(man) Well, Mr. Thompson, I am sure that the people that register will show you some kind courtesy that they’ll get them registered within that time. (applause)

(Sigetti) yes, Mr. Ladisick [SP]?

(no talking)

(Chairman) Well, if no remarks are coming.

(audience – Ladisick) Mr. Chairman, Larry Ladisick Local 1197, Cokeburg, PA. I think that rules should be abolished to allow anybody in this hall, at any time, because if you have a rule made, you got to live by that rule. We already passed that rule, that rule shouldn’t be allowed. According to the rules, nobody in the hall can register after one o’clock this afternoon, is that right?

(Sigetti) Well, Mr. Ladisick, let us, let’s put it this way, these people are on the road, they’re going to travel a distance, it’s practically impossible for them to get here today. These are members of the Coal Workers Union; I think we should show ‘em some courtesy.

(Mr. Ladisick) That’s why I’m asking that we abolish this rule, or else amend it. Maybe we should amend it to allow anybody that travels a distance should be allowed to register after one o’clock Saturday.

(Sigetti) Well, Mr. M, uh, Mr. Ladisick, do I hear amendment to this motion?

(Mr. Ladisick) I, I amend the motion that any delegate that wishes to be seated after one o’clock Saturday shall do so.

(Sigetti) Alright.

(audience) I second that. I’ll second that motion.

00:48:37 (man) Questions called for.

(audience) Questions on a motion.

(Sigetti) Question on a motion. All in favor, signify by saying I.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Opposed?

(no response)

00:48:45 (Sigetti) Alright. Now we go into the election of tellers. Does anyone have any suggestions on the, three or five, or how many tellers do you want to nominate to take care of the tallies of the votes of this convention?

(audience – Dave) Mr. Chairman? Dave Campbell [SP]

(man) Mr. Chairman

(Chairman) Just a minute, Mr. Campbell.

(audience – Edward) Edward [inaudible] District 2, Local 850. [inaudible] I would like to propose that there be five tellers elected [inaudible]. I’d like to make that a motion, Mr. Chairman.

(audience) I’ll second that.

(Sigetti) Mr. Mo, Mr. Longhorn [SP] has made a motion that he’d proposed five tellers. Do I hear a second to that motion?

(audience) I second that motion.

(Sigetti) All in favor, signify saying I to this motion.

(audience) I

(Sigetti) Those opposed?

(no response)

(man A) [inaudible] Mr. Chairman, [inaudible]

(man) just a minute, Mr. Chairman. I mean fellow members of this convention, at this time, I’ll open nomination for five tellers.

(man A) Mr. Chairman, at this time, I’d like to nominate Andrew Serma [inaudible]

(Sigetti) Mr. Serma

(man A). district two

(Sigetti) Any other nominations?

(audience) Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, delegate Tom Pizel [SP], Local Union 1110, District number 6, Moundsville, West Virginia. At this time, I would like to nominate Ted Burts [SP], Local Union 7690, District number 6, [inaudible], Ohio.

(Sigetti) Any other nominations?

(audience) Mr. Chairman, I.

(audience) Mr. Chairman.

(man) just a minute

(audience) Eli Latovich.

(Sigetti) Eli Latovich.

(audience) District 5.

(Sigetti) Recognize. Just a minute sir. The fellow in white, there.

00:51:01 (Mr. Mendez) Mr. Chairman, John Mendez [SP] Local Union 5921, District 17. I’d like to nominate George Ballard of Local Union 5813 of [inaudible] West Virginia.

(man) How do you spell that Mr. Mendez?

(Mr. Mendez). [inaudible]

(person) What’s the name?

(person) Ballard

(Mr. Mendez) It’s George B-A-L-L-A-R-D.

(Sigetti) B-A-L-L-A-R-D. Thank you. Any other nominations?

(audience – John)) Mr. Chairman, John [inaudible], 9909, District 31. I’d like to nominate Harry Hay from, uh, 9909, District 31.

(chairman) Harry what?

(audience – John) Harry Hay.

(Sigetti) H-A-G-E?

(audience – John) H-A-Y.

(Sigetti) H-A-Y. Thank you. Any other nominations?

(audience - Mike) [inaudible] Mike [inaudible], Local Union 587 of District 5. District 25. I would like to make a nomination Edward [inaudible] from District 25.

(Sigetti) Edward?

(man) Henry

(man) Henry Sussick

(Sigetti) Henry?

(man) Edward

(Sigetti) Edward? How do you spell the last name sir?

(audience - Mike) S-U-double S-I-C-K, Edward

(Sigetti) Any other nominations?

(audience) I. E.W. [inaudible] District 6, 1782. I’d like to nominate Tony Testa [SP] from District 6, 1782.

(Chairman) Any other nominations.

00:52:50 (audience - Peter) Mr. Chairman, I’d like, Peter [inaudible] from 688, District 5. I’d like to slate Victor Shy [SP] District 4, Local 633.

00:53:07 Any other nominations? Announce three times.

(audience – Tom) Tom Cunningham, Local 1248, District 5. I’d like to put, uh, Michael [inaudible] is his name.

(Sigetti) Mickey Brevich. Any other nominations?

(audience – Joe) Mr. Chairman, Joe Gamble, Local Union 1619, District 2. I, uh, make a motion to close nominations at this time.

(Sigetti) Just a minute, I’ll ask for the calling. I’m going to go three times. Any other nominations? Any other nominations?

00:53:54 (audience) Uh, I’d like to nominate Ray Hutchins [SP] from District 22

(man) [inaudible] Philip, from District 28

(Sigetti) Ray Hutchins.

(man) Local Union 1374

(Chairman) John Gaisey [SP] would you report to the Sergeant of Arms at the back of the hall here please.

(Sigetti) Any other nominations?

(man) Once

(Sigetti) Any other nominations.

(man) Twice

(Sigetti) Any other nominations?

(man) Three times

(Sigetti) Nominations are now in closed.

00:54:37 (audience) Yeah! [inaudible] Local Union number 9603, District 17.

(Sigetti) I’m going to appeal before the convention, shall I accept this nomination?

(audience) No

(Sigetti) I’m sorry sir. As I read the names, and I’ll read them the way they were nominated, you answer if you accept or decline. Now listen carefully. Andy Serma, accept or decline?

(audience chatter)

(Sigetti) Accept?

(Serma) Yeah.

(Sigetti) Ted Burts.

(Burts) Chairman, I do accept the nomination.

(Sigetti) Accept. Eli Latovich?

(Latovich) I accept.

(Sigetti) Accept. George Ballard

(Ballard) Accept

(Sigetti) Accept. Mr. Ballard, do you accept?

(Ballard) Yes

(Sigetti) Yes. Alright. Harry Hay.

(Hay) I’ll accept

(Sigetti) Accept. Edward Sussick?

(Sussick) Accept.

(Sigetti) Accept. Tony Testa.

(Testa) Accept

00:55:57 (Sigetti) Accept. Vic Shy.

(Shy) Decline.

(Sigetti) Decline. Mickey Brevich?

(Brevich) Accept

(Sigetti) Accept. Ray Hutchinson?

(Hutchinson) Accept.

(Sigetti) Accept. Andy Serma, accepted. Ted Burts, accepted. Eli Latovich, accepted. George Ballard, accepted. Harry Hay, accepted. Edward Sussick, accepted. Tony Testa, accepted. Vic Shy, declined. Mickey Brevich, accepted. Ray Hutchinson, accepted.

(man) Mr. Chairman [inaudible] we have to go into an election.

(Chairman) Fellas, hopefully, I was hoping that we wouldn’t get into election, but that’s a democratic procedure. I’m only thinking of expediency. How many people have been nominated from district six? Ted Burts and Tony 00:57:04

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