



# AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION

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### ATTENTION DIVISION 757 MEMBERS

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By vote of the ATU 757 Executive Board, all Charter and Continuation Meetings are canceled for the month of June.

Please visit our website or Facebook page, or call the Union Hall for any questions or updates.

Fraternally,

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Office of the International President

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ATU Local Union Presidents and Financial Secretaries

**FROM:** John A. Costa, International President 

**DATE:** May 20, 2020

**RE:** June 2020 Membership Meetings

In light of the continuing health, safety and legal challenges accompanying the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this office extends the guidance and interpretation of its April 1, 2020, memoranda to June 2020 membership meetings. Despite the reopening of some states and provinces, numerous local unions still are subject to “stay-at-home” orders and business closures. Likewise, the health risks and enhanced familial responsibilities remain for our members.

In order to ensure that effective action can be taken by local unions during this incredibly important time, a local union Executive Board may vote to suspend the regular membership meeting for June 2020. A local Executive Board may suspend a meeting only if in good faith it determines by majority vote of the total membership of the executive board that a quorum cannot be achieved at that month’s membership meeting because it cannot be held or members cannot attend it as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, whether due to government order or exigencies related to public health. Notice of such a suspension must be posted on the property and disseminated in other customary ways used by the local union to advise the membership of important matters.

In light of the inability of local unions to hold meetings which have a quorum of members present, it is the International President’s interpretation of the CGL that the failure to hold such membership meetings in June 2020 will be the result of a lack of quorum. Accordingly, any decisions of the local union Executive Board which would have been reported at a June membership meeting shall become final and binding upon the local union without further action, consistent with CGL Section 13.3, Meetings.

Please be advised that the International President will not approve any amendments to bylaws if any part of the approval process as outlined in CGL Section 13.2, Bylaws, took place in a month for which the Executive Board has voted to suspend the membership meeting. Moreover, every member should be given credit for attending any suspended meeting for purposes of eligibility to run for local union office.

All ATU locals should communicate as much as possible with their members and keep members up-to-date with the actions of the local during this difficult time. Please reach out to the COVID-19 hotline if you need assistance with communications matters.

c: Javier M. Perez Jr., International Executive Vice President, ATU  
Kenneth Ray Kirk, International Secretary-Treasurer, ATU  
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(above via email)