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Collection Summary

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Summary: Labor organization. Photocopies of correspondence, memoranda, reports, court orders, court and hearing decisions, transcripts of hearings, charts, graphs, lists, rosters, rules, computer lists, printed opinions, questionnaires, ballots, and recommendations documenting the union's 1991 convention and the election of national officers.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Carey, Ronald.

Durham, R. V.

Holland, Michael M.

Shea, Walter J. (Walter James), 1929-

Organizations

International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Subjects

Labor unions--Elections.

Transport workers--Labor unions.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The records of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters were given to the Library of Congress by the Office of the Election Officer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in 1995 and 1996.

Processing History

The records of International Brotherhood of Teamsters were arranged and described in 1996. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

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Preferred Citation

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Chronology

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1989, Mar. 13	Agreement signed between the Justice Department and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters
1989, Mar. 14	Agreement (<i>Consent Order</i>) between the Justice Department and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters approved by Judge David N. Edelstein, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
1989, May 31	Judge David N. Edelstein appointed former Federal Judge Frederick B. Lacey as the International Brotherhood of Teamsters's independent administrator; Charles M. Carberry, former assistant United States attorney in New York City, as the investigations officer; and Michael Holland, former general counsel to the United Mine Workers of America, as the election officer
1989, June	Election officer notified the parties to the <i>Consent Order</i> of the development and promulgation of the <i>Rules for the IBT International Union Delegate and Officer Election</i> governing elections of delegates to the convention and union officers
1989, Oct. 18	In <i>United States v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters</i> , Judge David N. Edelstein upheld decision of independent administrator Frederick B. Lacey allowing the election officer broad powers under the <i>Consent Order</i> to supervise the International Brotherhood of Teamsters's 1991 election process
1990, Jan.	Survey developed by the election officer to determine past election practices mailed to locals
1990, Feb. 22	Proposed election rules issued for the election of delegates to the 1991 International Brotherhood of Teamsters convention and union officers First of eighteen advisories and related memoranda issued by the election officer interpreting specific provisions of the rules
1990, Mar. 6-27	Hearings scheduled and conducted soliciting comments regarding the proposed <i>Rules</i> throughout the United States and Canada in each International Brotherhood of Teamsters area conference
1990, Apr. 27	Final <i>Rules</i> issued
1990, June-July	Training sessions conducted for International Brotherhood of Teamsters members, officers, and their representatives at twenty locations throughout the United States and Canada regarding the promulgation of the <i>Rules</i>
1990, July 10	Final <i>Rules</i> reviewed by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
1990, Aug. 1	<i>Rules</i> revised to reflect changes mandated by the federal district court
1990, Sept.	Nomination process started for local union delegate elections
1991, Mar.	Completion of most local union elections
1991, June	Nominating convention held in Orlando, Fla.
1991, Dec.	Election for presidency and seventeen other national positions

Scope and Content Note

The records of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters span the years 1989-1992 and consist of photocopies of correspondence, memoranda, reports, court orders, court and hearing decisions, transcripts of hearings, charts, graphs, lists, rosters, rules, computer lists, printed opinions, questionnaires, ballots and recommendations documenting the union's 1991 convention and the election of national officers.

Court actions initiated by the Justice Department against the union date to the 1960s to rid the union of corruption and relations with organized crime figures. In March 1989, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, faced with a racketeering suit by the government seeking the ouster of many top union officials, agreed to a settlement. The agreement, or the *Consent Order*, stipulated that the 1991 election of officers at the national level would occur by direct, democratic, and secret ballot participated in by eligible voters from all of the more than 600 locals. Furthermore, a convention held six months prior to the final vote would serve as a vehicle for the nomination of candidates seeking national office. Three officers appointed by the court to supervise the election of delegates to the convention and international officers included an independent administrator acting as judge, an investigations officer, and an election officer. The leading candidates for the election of president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters included R.V. Durham, Walter J. Shea, and Ronald Carey. The incumbent president, William McCarthy, declined to run. After the 1991 election, won by Ronald Carey, the three overseers were replaced by an independent review board. In 1992, Judge David N. Edelstein, the government's chief review officer, assigned the independent administrator, Judge Frederick B. Lacey, to be the government's representative on the review board and the investigations officer, Charles M. Carberry, to be the new board's chief investigations officer. He also extended the term of the election officer through the 1996 International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

These records, generated by the Office of the Election Officer, Michael H. Holland, are arranged in a [Report](#) series and a file titled [Protest Decisions](#). The [report](#), *The Cookbook: How the Election Officer Supervised the 1991 Teamster Election*, includes an extensive appendix documenting the 1991 election process. Among the activities described are the manner and method of voting, election of local delegates, delegate voting, procedures for protest, plans for balloting, nomination of candidates, eligibility for office, conduct of participants, campaigning, and campaign contributions.

The [Protest Decisions](#) series contains memoranda and rulings from the election officer and hearing decisions from the independent administrator, Frederick B. Lacey. Decisions concerning questions regarding eligibility to run for delegate and alternate delegate to the convention appear under "E" class files. Each case within the file bears a set of numbers beginning with the designation "E," followed by a series of numbers and letters beginning with the case number, the local union number, and the area location.

All other decisions regarding pre-election problems, termed "P" files, follow the same numerical and alphabetical designation as the "E" files. The "P" files contain rule violations and dispute settlements regarding voting threats and intimidations, fund-raising problems, campaign illegalities, and other issues. Files termed "Post-election Protest Decisions" focus on procedural violations regarding delegate elections, and "Special and Miscellaneous Decisions" concern convention disputes and two special cases assigned to the independent administrator concerning the use of mass mailings.

Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in two series:

- [Report, 1989-1992](#)
- [Protest Decisions, 1990-1992](#)

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