GROUNDPOWER SLATE

POTENTIAL BYLAW CHANGES

ANY AGENTS
have brought up the idea of term limits, and in the end if that is what the membership wants, our slate will support them as an item to vote on for bylaw changes. However, we would like to present another option that may be more effective in ensuring the membership can remove an unwanted representative without losing someone that they would like to continue in office.

The option we are referring to are runoff elections. It has been mentioned that this Local has had them in the past during a time when the membership was significantly smaller. Now, in many of our elections, especially those that have a wide fields of candidates, there is generally an established candidate or incumbent and then a number of individuals running on some type or even the same type of change. One of the results has been the vote being split among the many change seekers only to allow the aforementioned candidate to win another term with less than the majority of votes. A runoff election would change this result as the top two vote getters would face off again without those who split off less votes and give voters an opportunity to vote for a single candidate for change if removing a candidate is truly desired.

As an example, in the last Executive Board election where two slates of candidates ran for the top five positions(results on right), the two slate candidates were the top two vote getters in each category with the closest third place candidate losing by an average of over 1400 votes. Many of the votes seeking change were left with results that appeared more symbolic than meaningful. We believe that while runoff elections would represent an increase in costs

the majority of members desire is worth it. It is also worth noting that regardless of method, that poor voter turnout in LEB elections will continue to lead to unwanted results for many. These elections average a twenty to thirty percent turnout and that will also be an issue that needs to be addressed through organzing and education. We look forward to discussing this issue and others as we

visit stations throughout our campaign

to run elections, that getting the result

and appreciate your feedback as we look to improve the Local.

In Solidarity, **Groundpower Slate**

