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**ELECTION SUPERVISOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT REGARDING  
RULES FOR ACCREDITATION PETITIONS**

On May 4, 2020, the Office of the Election Supervisor published *Rules for the 2021 IBT International Officer and Delegate Election*. The *Rules* as published included a new provision stating that an accreditation signature obtained under Article X will not be invalidated solely because the member declined to disclose the last four digits of his/her Social Security or Social Insurance number (SSN/SIN4), if the Election Supervisor, exercising discretion, can validate the signature from the other information the member provided.

After consultation with interested persons, the proviso of Article X, Section 4(a)(1)(v) is amended to provide the following:

(v) *Provided, however*, that a signature shall not be invalidated under the foregoing criteria solely because the signatory provided one but not the other of his/her mailing address or the last four digits of his/her Social Security number, if the Election Supervisor, exercising discretion, finds from the information the signatory provided that the signature may be validated.

The amendment accomplishes two things: First, it preserves the right of members unwilling to disclose their truncated SSN/SIN4s nonetheless to participate in the accreditation petition process by signing a petition and supplying their full mailing addresses. Second, it permits members who voluntarily disclose their truncated SSN/SIN4s to participate in the petition process even though they do not supply their full mailing addresses.

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