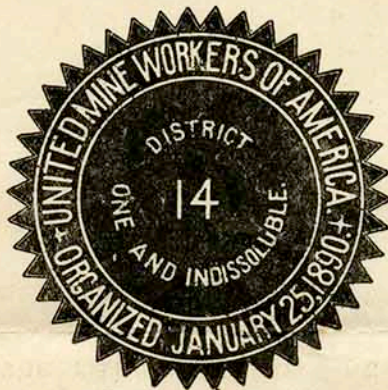


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United Mine Workers of America



Pittsburg, Kansas
Nov. 26, 1926

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,
ALL LOCAL UNIONS, DISTRICT 14,
U. M. W. OF A.

GRE TINGS: -

It has been brought to the attention of the District Executive Board that there are some erroneous statements being made before the Local Unions with reference to the Referendum Vote which was held, the tabulation of which has been sent you showing the assessment carried.

So there may be no further confusion on this question, we wish to advise you that after this vote was held upon the date as specified, there were in all, five Local Unions throughout the district who made an appeal to the District Executive Board requesting the privilege of holding another Referendum Vote, giving as their reason that their membership did not understand the situation when they voted upon it the first time.

The District Executive Board, in executive session, considered these appeals and granted these Local Unions the privilege of voting upon the question again. The vote as tabulated and mailed you is correct and legal.

The members of any Local Union have a right under our law to protest the vote of their Local Union for just cause. However, no individuals have the right to order the Companies to hold their check-off, or to take any other action except as provided in our Constitution, and any action except in accordance with our District Constitution, will be considered an act of disloyalty and insubordination, and your District Executive Board will have to take action accordingly.

This assessment should be sent in promptly, as it is only a short time until the State Legislature goes into session and many other additional expenses to your district, such as International Convention, the making of an International Scale, etc.

We trust this letter has been clear and that it meets with your approval.

With best wishes, we are

Fraternally yours,

M. L. WALTERS, President
DAN O'DONNELL, Vice Pres.
HARRY W. BURR, Secy-Treas.