ARTICLE IX

FINANCES

SECTION 1. Affiliated locals shall pay a per capita of 3 cents per member per month which shall fall due on the 15th day of the month. There shall be a minimum payment of $5.00 per month.

SECTION 2. If any organization shall become unable to pay the per capita tax because of financial difficulties caused by strike, lockout, or other involuntary causes, it may report the circumstances to the Executive Board, which shall each month consider the case. If the Board is convinced the request is justified, it shall notify the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to exonerate such organization, subject to the approval of the membership.

SECTION 3. Any expenditure, contribution or donation, not normal in Council procedure, shall be first referred to the Executive Board.

SECTION 4. Any local union which has been suspended for failure to pay per capita tax and which seeks reinstatement to the Greater Boston (Mass) Labor Council, AFL-CIO shall have the right to present its case to the Executive Board which shall recommend what action shall be taken in each individual case to the delegates for approval.

SECTION 5. The financial books and records of the Greater Boston (Mass) Labor Council, AFL-CIO shall be audited at least once annually by a public auditor.

ARTICLE X

CHARGES AND TRIALS

SECTION 1. Any Delegate preferring charges against an Officer, Executive Board member, or delegate of the Council shall make the charge in writing, giving facts and must sign these charges. The charges shall be filed with the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, or his alternate, if he is charged, who shall furnish a copy to the accused within five days after they have been received.

SECTION 2. At the next meeting of the Council the presiding officers shall cause the charges as filed to be read to the Council. After discussion and consideration, the following shall be put to a vote by secret ballot: "Shall charges as read be deemed worthy of trial?"

SECTION 3. If the charges are by a majority vote of those delegates present and voting, found worthy of trial, they shall be referred to a special trial board of five delegates who shall be elected or appointed as desired by the Council. The defendant or person preferring the charges shall have the right to protest the election or appointment of any delegate to the board provided the protest is made at the time the board is elected or appointed; but neither the defendant not the person preferring the charges shall have the right to challenge more than three delegates.

SECTION 4. The trial board shall have authority to summon witnesses for both sides of the controversy, and shall notify all parties concerned in writing, requesting that they appear before the board. Any delegate in good standing may attend the trial as a spectator.

SECTION 5. The findings and recommendations of the trial board shall be reported to the Council at its next regular meeting for disposition of the charges. The accused shall have the right of defense before the Council.

SECTION 6. The presiding officer shall submit to a vote of the delegates present the question of guilt or acquittal. Two-thirds of the votes of members present and voted by secret ballot, shall be necessary to convict. If more than one offense shall have been charged, the vote shall be taken separately on each charge.

SECTION 7. Any Officer, Executive Board Member, or delegate of the Council if found guilty, shall vacate his office. He shall have the right of further appeal to the National AFL-CIO.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 28 OF THE RULES GOVERNING LOCAL CENTRAL BODIES"