

**WHERE IS IT IN WRITING THAT
WHEN AN ELECTION FOR
LOCAL STEWARD, IN AN OFFICE
THAT HAS A LOCAL STEWARD,
RESULTS IN A TIE VOTE, MEANS
THE CURRENT LOCAL
STEWARD RETAINS THE LOCAL
STEWARD POSTION?**

- February 12, 1987, Opinion Letter from Bill Peer
- "...Because the outcome of the vote for local steward was a tie, the incumbent local steward must, as a legal matter, be considered as retaining the position. ..."

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Dear _____

Mr. Olin Armentrout has asked me to respond to your recent correspondence, and I am pleased to do so.

I have advised the National Officers of the Association that in order for the State Steward to exercise his authority and/or to intervene in a local-steward election situation, there must first be a vacancy in the office of the local steward. Because the outcome of the vote for local steward was a tie, the incumbent local steward must, as a legal matter, be considered as retaining the position. Accordingly, no vacancy existed.

I trust that this clarifies the situation and resolves whatever confusion you may have had in the matter.

Very truly yours,

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