



# Industrial Workers of the World Branch Charter Application

Chartered IWW Branches are issued a physical charter, a branch seal, and are entitled to dues retention and direct representation in IWW Conventions.

**The following conditions must be met before the General Executive Board issues a Branch Charter:**

- Each application for charter shall include the name, card number, and signature by each member signing the application.
- The Body applying for a charter shall have convened a meeting and adopted By-Laws, and elected the minimum required number of officers to fulfill the obligations under the IWW Constitution, and copies of the minutes and By-laws shall be submitted with the Charter Application.
- A grouping of IWW members may not open a checking or savings account in the union's name until they have been recognized as a General Membership Branch(GMB) or Industrial Union Branch (IUB) by the General Executive Board. After receiving a Branch Charter from the GEB, the name of the Bank, Credit Union, or Financial Institution to be administered, along with any corresponding checking or savings account identification, shall be transmitted to GHQ within 60 days after such accounts have been opened.
- All dues and monies owed to GHQ must be settled before any Charter is granted, unless exempted by the GEB in accordance with the IWW Constitution.
- The GEB reserves the right, upon issuance of a charter, to regulate the name of the body, and shall hold exclusive jurisdiction on the issuance of local numbers.
- The petitioning members shall issue a letter to the GEB explaining the intent of the proposed organization.
- (within the U.S.) All bank accounts opened in the name of a new GMB or IUB must be established as designated non-profit bank accounts, in which multiple signers can have administrative access, to accommodate the annual election of branch officers. For this purpose, a copy of the union's 501(c)5 non-profit tax designation letter may be required (please contact GHQ for more information.)

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## Branch Charter Application Checklist

- Names and membership numbers of all elected officers provided (next page)
- Meeting minutes of electing officers, ratifying by-laws, and applying for a charter are attached
- Names, membership numbers, and signatures of at least ten petitioning members provided (next page)

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## Contact Information

Who is the contact person (or delegate) for this Branch?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State or Province /Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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The \_\_\_\_\_

General Membership Branch

Industrial Union Branch \_\_\_\_\_  
(IU Number)

Located in \_\_\_\_\_, on this date \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Secretary Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Membership Number

(if separate Officers, list both) \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Membership Number

Delegate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Membership Number

Petitioning Members - Include all names and membership numbers of all petitioners including those listed above  
(if more than 10 members petitioning, attach an additional sheet with names, signatures, and member numbers)

Name

Membership Number

Signature

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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