

Agreement

by and between

The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University

and

**Local Union No. 197 of the International
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO**

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Articles of Agreement

This Agreement has been made and entered into by and between the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 197, AFL-CIO (hereinafter referred to as the "Union" or "Bargaining Representative").

Article 1: Union Recognition

Section 1.01

The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining representative in all matters established and pertaining to wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment for employees appointed to status appointments in the classification of Electrician and Electrician Foreman at Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois, as provided for in Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 48, page 1701, et seq., certified by the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board on March 20, 1990 (Case No. 90-RC-0015-S), and such other classifications as may be added by agreement of the Employer and the Union.

Article 2: Dues Deduction

Section 2.01

The Employer agrees to deduct Union dues from the pay of those employees who individually request it. Upon receipt of an appropriate written authorization from an employee, such authorized deductions shall be made in accordance with law and the procedures of the Employer and shall be remitted monthly to the Union in accordance with the current procedures, and at the address designated in writing to the Employer by the Union. The Union shall advise the Employer of any revision in dues in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to its effective date.

Section 2.02

The Employer and the Union agree to comply with and abide by all applicable state and federal law pertaining to dues authorization.

Section 2.03

The Union shall indemnify, defend and hold the Employer harmless against any claim, demand, suit, cost, expense, or any other form of liability, including attorney's fees and costs arising from or incurred as a result of any act taken or not taken by the Employer, its members, officers, agents, employees or representatives resulting from the process of dues/fees collection from employees and subsequent transfer to the Union.

Article 3: Non-Discrimination

Section 3.01: Prohibition Against Discrimination

The Employer and the Union agree that they will not discriminate against any employee covered by this Agreement in a manner which would violate any applicable laws because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking), sexual orientation, order of protection, gender identity and expression, ancestry, marital status, age, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, unfavorable military discharge, or status as a veteran. Complaints involving discrimination or sexual harassment shall be reported to and handled by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access or the appropriate office as designated by the University.

Section 3.02: Non-Discrimination Against Union

Both parties agree that there shall be no discrimination against officers and members of the Union engaged in the negotiation of Agreements, the adjustment of grievances or the performance of any other legal Union activity in the interest of the Union and its members.

Article 4: Union Rights

Section 4.01: Activity During Working Hours

Upon receiving approval from a non-bargaining unit supervisor, employees, after giving appropriate notice to their immediate supervisor, may be allowed reasonable time off during regular working hours, with pay, to attend grievance hearings or meetings called and agreed to by the Employer, provided such employees are entitled or required to attend such meetings by virtue of being Union representatives, witnesses or grievants, and such attendance does not substantially interfere with the Employer's operations.

Section 4.02

Stewards, upon requesting permission from the appropriate member of Facilities Management (who shall be identified on an annual basis), shall be permitted to devote reasonable time during working hours without loss of pay to investigate or process grievances or disputes provided their absence does not substantially interfere with the Employer's operations. It is understood that employees who have been given permission to investigate grievances may be called back when operations require their immediate presence. No employees or Union representatives shall leave work to investigate, file or process grievances without first making arrangements with their immediate supervisors or designees as well as the supervisor of any unit to be visited. Such arrangements shall not be denied in an arbitrary and capricious manner. The Employer reserves the right to require reasonable documentation of time spent in processing grievances.

Section 4.03: Union Bulletin Board

The Employer agrees to furnish bulletin board space to bargaining unit employees. The items posted shall not be political, partisan, obscene, or defamatory in nature. All such notices shall be signed by an officer of the Union and approved by the Employer prior to posting.

Section 4.04: New Employees

The Employer agrees to inform new employees covered by this Agreement that they are eligible for membership in the Union.

Article 5: Employer Rights

The Union recognizes and supports the Employer's retention to itself of all rights, power, privileges, responsibilities and authority conferred upon and vested by either law or the rules governing the State Universities Civil Service System of Illinois or the rules governing the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, whether exercised or not, including but not limited to the right to operate, manage, control, organize and maintain the University and in all respects carry out the ordinary, regular and customary functions of management.

Any power or authority which the Employer has not abridged, delegated or modified by the express provisions of this Agreement is retained by the Employer. The rights of the Employer, through its management officials, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- determine the overall budget of the Employer;
- determine control and exercise discretion over the organization and efficiency of operations;
- direct the employees, including the right to assign work and overtime;
- hire, examine, classify, promote, train, transfer, assign, and schedule employees in positions with the Employer;
- suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against the employees for proper cause;
- increase, reduce, change, modify, or alter the composition and size of the workforce, including the right to relieve employees for health or safety reasons;
- set standards for services to the public;
- determine the locations, methods, means, and personnel by which operations are to be conducted, including the right to determine whether goods and services are to be provided or purchased.
- change or eliminate existing methods, equipment or facilities.

Article 6: Grievance Procedure and Arbitration

Section 6.01

The purpose of the grievance procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, a resolution of alleged violations of the Agreement. Both parties shall make an earnest and honest effort to resolve grievances expeditiously and cooperatively.

Section 6.02

A grievance is defined as a dispute by an employee or the Union concerning provision(s) of this Agreement. Any grievance filed shall be on a form prescribed by the Employer and refer to the specific provision of the collective bargaining Agreement alleged to have been violated. It shall set forth the facts pertaining to the alleged violation.

An employee allegation that a demotion, discharge, suspension, or other disciplinary action was unfairly imposed is subject to the State Universities Civil Service System Statute and Rules, as well as the grievance procedure, in accordance with Section 6.06 of this Agreement.

Grievants shall be permitted to attend their grievance hearings without loss of pay if the meeting is scheduled during working hours.

Section 6.03

It is agreed that the steward and/or foreman and the affected employee(s) will first discuss problems within the unit and attempt to settle the matter within the bargaining unit prior to accessing the formal grievance procedure.

STEP 1: If the matter is not resolved informally within the unit, within five (5) working days after the first occurrence, or within five (5) working days after the grievant knows or should have known of the conditions causing the grievance, the grievant and/or the Union shall orally present the grievance to the Assistant Superintendent of Building Maintenance. The Assistant Superintendent of Building Maintenance (or designee) shall provide an oral response within five (5) working days after such presentation.

STEP 2: If the problem is not resolved within the unit or at Step 1 and the employee wishes to formally file a grievance, the employee and/or a Union representative shall have five (5) working days from the date of the Step 1 response to file a written grievance. The written grievance shall be presented to the Assistant Director of Building Maintenance. The Assistant Director of Building Maintenance (or designee) shall respond in writing within five (5) working days.

STEP 3: If a grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the same written grievance shall be presented, by the Union, to the Director, Labor Relations within five (5) working days after the Step 2 response. The Director, Labor Relations (or designee) shall conduct a Step 3 meeting on the grievance within ten (10) working days. The Director, Labor Relations (or designee) shall respond in writing within ten (10) working days after the Step 3 meeting.

Section 6.04

- A. If the grievance is not resolved with the Step 3 response, the written grievance may be referred to arbitration by notifying the Director, Labor Relations in writing within ten (10) working days after the receipt of the third step response. The Director, Labor Relations or his/her designee and the Union shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator, but if they are unable to do so within ten (10) working days of the written notice to arbitrate, the parties shall jointly request the American Arbitration Association or other

mutually acceptable service to submit a panel of seven (7) arbitrators. The parties shall alternately strike the name of three (3) arbitrators, taking turns as to the first strike. The remaining person shall be the arbitrator, who shall be notified of their selection by a joint letter from both parties requesting that a date and time for the hearing be established subject to the reasonable availability of the parties.

- B. Both parties agree to attempt to arrive at a joint stipulation of the facts and issues to be submitted to the arbitrator. The Employer or the Union has the right to request the arbitrator to require the presence of witnesses and/or production of documents. Each party shall bear the expense of its own witnesses who are not employees of the Employer. The Employer shall not be obligated for payment of employee's travel expenses and/or time spent at the arbitration hearing.

The arbitrator shall have no authority to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to or subtract from any provision of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator with respect to arbitrability and the disposition of the case shall be final and binding on the parties. The expense and fees of the arbitrator and the associated costs of the arbitration shall be shared equally by the parties. Probationary employees dismissed before the end of the probationary period are unable to advance a grievance of such dismissal to arbitration.

Section 6.05

- A. Grievances may be withdrawn at any step of the grievance procedure without prejudice. Grievances not filed or appealed within the designated time limits shall be treated as withdrawn grievances.
- B. The time limits at any step or for any hearing may be extended in writing by mutual agreement of the parties involved at that particular step.
- C. Grievances not responded to within established time frames shall be automatically moved to the next step for resolution unless an extension of the time frame has been agreed to by the parties.

Section 6.06

If the Employer finds it necessary to initiate discharge or demotion proceedings against an employee covered by this Agreement, both the Union and employee shall be notified of the intent to discharge/demote. If during the processing of the discharge/demotion through the State Universities Civil Service System process the employee wishes to protest such action, a grievance may be filed at Step 3 of the grievance system. The discharge/demotion proceeding shall not be finalized until the Civil Service System requirements have been met or the grievance, if one was filed, is responded to at Step 3, whichever is later. If a grievance is filed, the University's response shall contain an outline of the options available to the employee with respect to further pursuit of the matter. If the grievance is denied and the discharge/demotion process is moved forward, the employee may:

- 1) Elect to follow the procedures for review specified in the Rules and Regulations of the State Universities Civil Service System.

- 2) Alternatively, the Union may move the grievance toward arbitration pursuant to the grievance procedure of the collective bargaining Agreement. If the employee elects to follow the procedures specified in the Rules and Regulations of the State Universities Civil Service System, initiation of such action shall constitute a waiver of any rights which either the employee or the Union might otherwise have had to use the grievance procedure of this collective bargaining Agreement with respect to said discharge.

In the event that a grievance is resolved through the issuance of an arbitration decision, the decision shall be final and binding upon the Union, the Employer, and the employee.

Article 7: No Strike or Lockout

Section 7.01

It is hereby agreed by the Union and the Employer that since this Agreement provides for the orderly and amicable resolution of disputes, differences, disagreements, or controversies over hours, wages, and terms and conditions of employment, there shall be no strikes, work stoppages or slowdowns, or any other form of concerted job action during the term of this Agreement. No officer or representative of the Union shall authorize, institute, instigate, aid or condone any such activities.

Section 7.02

The Employer has the right to discipline, up to and including discharge, its employees for violating the provisions of this Article in accordance with State Universities Civil Service System Statute and Rules.

Section 7.03

No lockout of employees shall be instituted by the Employer or their representatives during the term of this Agreement.

Article 8: Limitation of Agreement and Waivers

Section 8.01

This Agreement shall be subject to and be controlled by the Rules and Regulations of the State Universities Civil Service System of Illinois, the Governance Documents of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, and the Rules and Regulations of the State Universities Retirement System, as they exist and/or as they are from time to time amended.

Section 8.02

Should any provision of this Agreement or any application thereof become unlawful by virtue of any Federal or State law, or Executive Order of the President of the United States or the Governor of Illinois, or final adjudication by any court of competent jurisdiction, that provision or application of a provision of this Agreement shall be null and void. However, the parties agree to meet in an attempt to modify the provision to come into compliance with law, executive order, or court decision.

Article 9: Benefits

Section 9.01

The employees covered under this collective bargaining Agreement shall be entitled to the specific benefits identified for non-exempt Civil Service staff in accordance with University Policy, as amended from time to time.

These benefits currently include:

1. Vacation
2. Sick Leave
3. Workers' Compensation
4. Holidays (as amended by this Agreement)
5. Other Leaves of Absence
6. Educational Benefit
7. Transfer of Benefit Credits
8. Tax Deferred Compensation Plan
9. Retirement
10. Group Insurance
11. Unemployment Compensation
12. Transfer of Benefits
13. Tuition Contribution Program

Section 9.02

Employees covered under this Agreement will be considered for a benefit offset provided to non-negotiated Civil Service employees in the form of a lump sum payment in the following manner:

If the overall percentage increase for employees covered under this Agreement during the previous fiscal year (rate as of June 30 compared to rate as of previous July 1) is equal to or greater than the percentage increase provided for non-negotiated employees, no benefit offset is provided.

If the overall increase for employees covered under this Agreement during the previous fiscal year is less than the percentage increase provided to non-negotiated employees, a benefit offset will be provided in the amount of the benefit offset or the amount of the difference between the percentage increases, whichever is less.

Article 10: Holidays

Section 10.01: Designation of Holidays

The University observes twelve holidays and except in emergency situations or in order to maintain essential services, University facilities will be closed on these holidays and employees covered under this Agreement are not to report to work.

Section 10.02: Paid Holidays

Probationary and status employees covered by this Agreement will be excused from work at regular rates of pay for up to four floating holidays and for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (third Monday in January). Probationary and status employees covered by this Agreement will also be excused from work at regular rates of pay for Juneteenth National Freedom Day (on the day observed by the University), even if Juneteenth National Freedom Day is not a paid holiday under the IBEW area agreement.

Section 10.03: Unpaid Holidays

Probationary and status employees covered by this Agreement shall be excused from work without pay on the following holidays or days observed as such:

New Year's Day	January 1
Memorial Day	As observed by Illinois law
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	first Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day	fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

Employees shall be extended the option of charging any unpaid holiday above to accrued vacation.

Section 10.04: Rate of Pay for Holiday Worked

In the event that work is required on any of the twelve University holidays listed above by employees covered by this Agreement, compensation will be at one and one-half (1.5) times the regular straight-time rate of pay. This is in addition to any holiday pay which may be provided on these days.

Article 11: Health and Life Insurance, Pensions and Disability

Section 11.01: Coverage

During the term of this Agreement, health insurance, life insurance, and other employee benefits shall be provided to members of the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement in accordance with the Illinois State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. The parties agree to accept the terms and conditions of health insurance, life insurance, and other employee benefits as provided by the Department of Central Management Services for university employees at a statewide level.

Section 11.02: Retirement, Death, and Disability Benefits

During the term of this Agreement, retirement, death, and disability benefits shall be provided to all members of the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement, in accordance with applicable Illinois Revised Statutes.

Section 11.03: Related Optional Benefits

During the term of this Agreement, related optional benefits (e.g., supplemental insurance, tax sheltered annuities) available to other eligible University employees, shall be available to members of the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement in accordance with applicable Board and/or University policies and guidelines.

Article 12: Hours of Work, Overtime

Section 12.01

Bargaining unit employees shall normally be scheduled to work seven and one-half (7.5) consecutive hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday with a one-half hour unpaid lunch period. Seven and one-half (7.5) hours constitute a work day and thirty seven and one-half (37.5) hours constitute a work week. Starting times may be changed up to two (2) hours by mutual agreement of the Employer and the Union. If the University schedule changes to a 40 hour work week, the Electricians will move to a 40 hour work schedule and overtime will be paid on the basis of 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week.

Section 12.02: Overtime

All overtime on Monday through Friday and the first seven and one-half (7.5) hours of work on Saturday shall be paid at one and one-half (1.5) times the regular straight-time rate of pay. All work performed on Sundays and after seven and one-half (7.5) hours on Saturday shall be paid at double (2) times the regular straight-time rate of pay.

Section 12.03: Second Shift

- A. Bargaining unit employees assigned to work the second shift shall normally be scheduled to work seven and one-half (7.5) consecutive hours starting at 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with a one-half (.5) hour unpaid lunch period. Seven and one-half (7.5) hours shall constitute a work day. Starting time may be changed up to two (2) hours by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union.
- B. All employees assigned the second shift shall receive the current rate of pay for their classification plus a \$1.00 per hour shift differential for hours worked.
- C. When two (2) or more bargaining unit employees are assigned to the second shift, one employee shall be designated as a working foreman and be paid \$1.00 per hour above the journeyman rate in addition to the shift differential. If four (4) or more bargaining unit employees are assigned to the second shift, the working foreman shall receive 10% above the journeyman rate plus the shift differential.

D. Employees shall have the opportunity to select their shift based on seniority. Bids shall be conducted for implementation on April 1st of each year.

Section 12.04: Breaks

Employees are eligible for two ten (10) minute breaks per full work day. Up to five (5) minutes of travel time is permitted in conjunction with each break.

Section 12.05: Call-Back

When a bargaining unit employee is called in to work on a day when work has been completed and the employee has left the University or on the employee's regular days off, the employee shall be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours of pay at the applicable rate. If the employee is required to work more than two (2) hours, the employee shall be compensated for all hours worked at the applicable rate.

Section 12.06: Compensatory Time

An employee may request compensatory time at the appropriate rate in lieu of pay. Such request shall be made prior to the acceptance of an overtime work assignment. The granting of such request shall be at the discretion of the Employer. If the request is denied, the employee shall be paid at the appropriate rate. If the request to accumulate compensatory time is granted, the use of accumulated compensatory time shall be granted based on the operational needs of the unit. Compensatory time may be accumulated to a maximum of 75 hours. Compensatory time is banked until used or paid out at time of separation of service with the Employer.

Section 12.07: Release Time

Employees covered by this Agreement shall be eligible for the same opportunities for release time as other Civil Service employees. Release time suggests that an activity or event is officially supported by the University Human Resource Office and supervisors are able to provide paid time off to attend such functions within operational needs of the unit. The University agrees to insure that employees covered by this Agreement are afforded access to this release time provision.

Section 12.08

Upon acceptable notification from the union, the University will approve time off without pay for employees to participate in union sponsored activities and training opportunities provided their absences do not interfere with efficient operation.

Article 13: Working Out of Town

When employees are sent outside the jurisdiction covered by the Agreement, transportation expense will be paid by the Employer, and room and board will be paid by the Employer if the employees are required to remain away from home overnight. Such payment is restricted to those charges and amounts as authorized for payment in Travel Regulations

for State employees as published by the Illinois Travel Regulation Council. Employees will be compensated for such travel and out of town work in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act as it pertains to government employees.

Article 14: Contracting

The Employer reserves the right to contract out work normally performed by employees covered by this Agreement when it is deemed such contracting out is necessary or desirable because of efficiency, economy, or related factors. If such contracting amounts to a significant deviation from past practice, the University will notify the Union and offer the Union an opportunity to discuss the intended action.

The Employer will not subcontract work normally performed by full-time status employees covered by this Agreement if any of these employees are on layoff or the crew is working on a schedule less than the work week defined herein. It is agreed that the Union will not prevent construction projects from being contracted even if full-time bargaining unit employees are in layoff status.

Article 15: Labor Management Conferences

Section 15.01: Purpose

The Union and the Employer mutually agree that in the interest of efficient management and harmonious employee relations, it is desirable that meetings be held between Union representatives and Employer representatives at least twice each year. The Employer will establish these meetings. Agendas will be shared at least five (5) days in advance of the scheduled meetings.

Additional meetings may be requested by either party by placing in writing a request to the other and providing the agenda for such meeting. Requests from the Union should be addressed to the Director, Labor Relations. Requests from the Employer should be addressed to the business agent.

Such meetings and locations shall be mutually agreed to before being held, and the purpose of any such meeting shall include but not be limited to:

- a) Discussing the implementation and general administration of this Agreement.
- b) Sharing general information of interest to the parties.

Section 15.02: Employee Attendance

The Employer will allow one (1) employee in the bargaining unit to attend such conferences. Attendance by the employee at the conferences during working hours shall be without loss of pay. However, the employee must give reasonable notice to the supervisor of the intended absence, and the supervisor may grant such time consistent with the operating needs of the University.

Article 16: Overtime Distribution and Equalization

Section 16.01

Overtime shall be distributed and offered as equally and impartially as possible among all eligible employees within a classification and unit.

Section 16.02

Overtime shall be in accordance with seniority, the most senior employee having the least number of overtime hours being given first opportunity. If all employees available to work the overtime hours decline the opportunity, the Employer shall assign the overtime in reverse seniority order; the least senior employee who has not been previously directed by the Employer to work overtime shall be directed to work the hours until all needed employees have been required to work, at which time the process shall repeat itself.

Section 16.03

For the purpose of equalizing the distribution of overtime, an employee who is offered overtime but declines an overtime assignment shall be deemed to have worked the hours assigned. It is understood that no employee is relieved from the obligation to work overtime if operations require it. It is also understood that exceptions may be made in cases of emergency or if the Foreman or the Assistant Superintendent of Building Maintenance (or designee) determines that the senior eligible employee is not fully qualified to perform the work. New employees shall start with the highest amount of overtime hours, at the time of hire.

Article 17: Seniority

Section 17.01: Definition

Seniority pertains to length of service in a classification. The accrual and application of seniority shall be according to the seniority provisions of the State Universities Civil Service System Statute and Rules.

Section 17.02: Seniority Lists

The Employer will provide current seniority lists that will be revised annually showing each employee's seniority and relative position.

Section 17.03: Partial Layoffs

Nothing in this Article shall prevent the Union and Employer from mutually agreeing to a program of spreading the work within the operating unit, in the event of a scheduled layoff of one (1) or more employees within such operating unit.

Section 17.04: Layoff and Recall

When making a reduction in the number of employees due to lack of work and when recalling employees, the following procedures shall govern:

- (a) Probationary employees will be laid off first, then employees with the least seniority.
- (b) Recall of employees will be in by order of seniority.

Article 18: Posting of Job Openings and Vacancies

Section 18.01: Job Openings

Job openings are posted on the website for Human Resources. Bargaining unit employees who possess the minimum qualifications required for these positions must submit an application through the online system and take the examinations required to be placed on the register for these positions.

Section 18.02: Awarding of Posted Jobs

The posted jobs will be awarded pursuant to the provisions of Civil Service Statute and Rules. New employees will spend their probationary period in the electrical shop at Facilities Management.

Article 19: Tools

Section 19.01

Members of the bargaining unit shall provide themselves with hand tools necessary to effectively and efficiently perform all functions of their classification and trade.

Section 19.02

The University shall provide power tools necessary to complete assigned tasks.

Section 19.03

The hand tools furnished by employees may be replaced by the University if the tool is broken, worn out, or stolen as a direct result of performance of assigned duties.

Article 20: Safety

Section 20.01

In order to have a safe place to work, the University agrees to comply with laws applicable to its operations concerning the safety of employees covered by this Agreement. Both parties agree that employees covered by this Agreement shall comply with all safety rules and regulations established by the University and those established for protection of the public.

Section 20.02

On all energized circuits of 440 volts or over, two (2) or more Electricians must work together. The wire or terminals upon which the work involved is actually being performed must be energized to be considered as governed by this section. In other cases, Facilities Management will make reasonable and prudent efforts to respond to safety concerns of its employees. No emergency checking of fuses or equipment shall be covered by this paragraph.

Section 20.03

The Employer agrees to provide a suitable place to eat and change clothes. It shall be heated in the winter and large enough to accommodate employees and their tools. Employees may use approved break facilities (vending site) for lunch and work breaks.

Article 21: Work Jurisdiction

Section 21.01

Work normally done by employees covered by this Agreement shall not be performed by management staff of the Employer except for the purpose of instruction or in emergency situations.

Section 21.02

In the case of jurisdictional disputes, representatives of the Employer and of the Unions involved will meet within ten (10) days to resolve the issue. This time period may be extended by mutual consent of all parties. It is understood that jurisdictional differences shall be settled among the Unions concerned and the Employer and that the Employer will not make any changes in an already established work assignment practice until there has been an agreement on the part of all Unions concerned and the Employer that such changes are in accordance with their mutual consent. Resolution of the issue will be reduced to writing and shall be binding on all parties.

If a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached within five (5) working days of the final meeting held to discuss the matter, the dispute will be referred to the Director, Labor Relations. The Director, Labor Relations or designee shall conduct a meeting to hear the issue and will render a written decision within ten (10) days following the meeting. This decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

If a question arises over a type of work for which no precedent has been established, the Employer will cooperate with the Union in expediting in every way possible the matter of final decision. The Employer reserves the right of decision, pending settlement among the Unions concerned, as to the work assignment and declares that such decision will be based not only on the Union agreements as above mentioned, but also on local prevailing practice covering the work.

Employees covered by this agreement perform duties particular to their trade following recognized procedures and techniques for such work and including new technologies and equipment as introduced.

Section 21.03

The handling of tools, machinery, appliances, and all materials necessary in the performance of the work covered by the Agreement shall be done by the employees covered hereunder.

Section 21.04

The University and Union agree to participate and support productivity and efficiency initiatives implemented by the Board of Higher Education, the Board of Trustees, or the University.

Article 22: Period Covered, Status During Negotiations, and Commencement of Negotiations

Section 22.01: Period Covered

This Agreement shall become effective upon ratification, approval of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and approval of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, and shall remain in full force and effect through the completion of the last shift beginning prior to December 31, 2025. This Agreement shall automatically be renewed thereafter from year to year unless either party notifies the other in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to December 31, 2025, (or, if renewed from year to year, at least sixty (60) days prior to the applicable expiration date) of a desire to modify or terminate it, in which event negotiations will be undertaken without undue delay.

Section 22.02: Status During Negotiations

Once the notice called for above has been given, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until a new Agreement is reached or until this collective bargaining Agreement is abrogated by one party giving the other ten (10) days' notice that it shall be terminated on or after the natural expiration of the Agreement.

Section 22.03: Commencement of Negotiations

The party giving notice of a desire to modify the Agreement shall commence negotiations by submitting in writing a detailed list of the modifications or changes desired. The party receiving said notice may propose additional changes in the Agreement in writing.

Article 23: Wages

Section 23.01: Method of Establishment of Rates

The pay rates specified herein have been arrived at by negotiations between the parties being guided by this Agreement.

Section 23.02: Effective Date of Wages

All wages stipulated in this collective bargaining Agreement become effective at 12:01 a.m. on the dates specified.

Section 23.03: Hourly Wages

The negotiated hourly rate for journeyman and foreman classifications within the bargaining unit (referred to elsewhere in this Agreement as the journeyman rate and the foreman rate, respectively) shall be equal to those wages paid to comparable local craft classifications pursuant to the local area AFL-CIO Collective Bargaining Agreement and which are certified by the Department of Labor for McLean County. In the event that the prevailing wage laws are changed, the provisions set forth in this Article will continue in full force and effect until a successor Agreement is reached.

Section 23.04: Foreman

- A. Foreman:** The Foreman shall be selected by and be the agent of the Employer. The Foreman shall be a competent electrician at his trade and be subject to the terms of this Agreement and its working rules. If the unit supervised includes more than 15 employees (Extra Help, Apprentices, second shift employees are included in this calculation), the Foreman shall receive an additional 5% of the journeyman rate.
- B. Replacement Foreman:** If a Replacement Foreman is designated by the Assistant Superintendent of Building Maintenance (or designee), this substitute shall receive one of the following Replacement Foreman differentials, depending on the number of employees in the unit supervised:
- If the unit supervised includes 15 or fewer employees (Extra Help, Apprentices, and second shift employees are included in this calculation), the Replacement Foreman differential will be the difference between the journeyman rate and the foreman rate.
 - If the unit supervised includes more than 15 employees (Extra Help, Apprentices, and second shift employees are included in this calculation), the Replacement Foreman differential will be (a) the difference between the journeyman rate and the foreman rate, PLUS (b) an additional 5% of the journeyman rate.
- C. Working Foreman:** A Working Foreman shall be designated and shall receive a \$1.00/hour differential when management determines that the addition of such Working Foreman is in the best interests of efficiency and when workload dictates. Each Working Foreman shall be designated by the Assistant Superintendent of Building Maintenance or designee. There shall be no impact on the Foreman's rate if a Working Foreman is appointed. If a Working Foreman supervises more than 6 employees, the differential shall become 10% of the journeyman rate. A Working Foreman shall supervise no more than 14 employees.

Article 24: Job Scope

Employees covered by this Agreement perform all duties peculiar to and normally required in the Electrician trade, following recognized procedures and techniques for such work. (See Civil Service specifications for guidelines.)

Article 25: Extra Help

The parties have agreed that the use of Extra Help positions and appointments is in the best interests of the employees and the Employer. Individuals hired on an Extra Help basis will receive wages as provided at Section 23.03 in this Agreement. The prevailing cash rate for the following fringe benefits will be provided to the Local on a monthly basis: Pension, Health and Welfare, and the National Electricians' Benefit Fund.

Employees hired on an Extra Help basis will not accrue seniority nor will they be entitled to receive any of the following benefits referred to in Article 9: Vacation, Sick Leave, Paid Holidays (unless required to work), Administrative Closures (unless required to work), other leaves of absence (Bereavement, Jury Duty, Military, etc.), Educational Benefit, Tax Deferred Compensation Plan, Retirement, Group Insurance, or Tuition Contribution Program.

Employees hired on an Extra Help basis may have Union dues remitted to their Local through payroll deduction and with proper authorizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized officers and representatives this 24th day of January, 2023.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

BY /s/ Michael D. Kruger 1/18/2023
University Chief Negotiator Date

BY /s/ Terri Goss Kinzy 1/24/2023
President, Illinois State University Date

BY /s/ Janice Bonneville 1/23/2023
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BY /s/ Dan Stephens
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