

ELECTRICAL WORKERS, PAINTERS

Painting of Traffic Signals and Subsequent Interpretation—January 4, 1927

Memorandum of Agreement Reached January 4, 1927, Between The Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, and The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Pursuant to Action of Detroit Convention, 1926.

It is agreed that the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America shall have jurisdiction over all painting of traffic signals, ornamental boulevard light standards and street car poles incased, to be used for lighting purposes:

It is further agreed that members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers employed by the Public Utilities or Distributing Companies may do such painting of company equipment as they may be required to do for its proper maintenance.

In case of disputes arising in any locality, the local officials of the two crafts shall make an earnest endeavor to reach an amicable settlement. Where such settlement cannot be reached, the dispute shall be referred to the International Presidents of the organizations signatory hereto for final decision;

And be it further agreed that no cessation of work shall occur on account of any such dispute, pending the decision by the International President, or their representatives, and the craft designated by the employer to continue the work that may be absolutely necessary to be done pending the receipt of decision by International Presidents or their representatives.

BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPERHANGERS OF AMERICA
By

/s/ John M. Finan
/s/ Jos. F. Kelley
/s/ Arthur Wallace
/s/ Lawrence Raftery
/s/ F. H. Detrick
/s/ Geo. F. Hedrick

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS
By

/s/ Orville Jennings, Int. Rep.
/s/ Irwin Knott
/s/ Chas. Paulsen
/s/ Chas. P. Ford, Chm. Ex. Council
/s/ Jas. P. Noonan, Int. Pres.

Attest:

Frank Morrison, Secretary, American Federation of Labor
Wm. J. McSorley, President, Building Trades Department, A.F. of L.

The following extract from correspondence reaffirms the 1927 Agreement.

It also elaborates and interprets it somewhat.

At the request of General President L. M. Raftery, a meeting was held in Washington, D. C. May 31, 1956; President Raftery and General Vice President Michael DiSilvestro represented the Painters, and Frank Graham and I represented the IBEW, at which time the following tentative understanding was reached:

1. It was agreed that the existing agreement between the two International Unions (as contained in the agreement of January 4, 1927 and subsequent understandings pursuant thereto arrived at between former General President L. P. Lindelof of the Painters and former International Presidents Ed J. Brown and D. W. Tracy of the Electrical Workers) be respected.
2. It was agreed that when painting contractors are performing work for utility companies, that the IBEW should have an electrician as a safety man on the job when work is to be performed adjacent to energized equipment. This only applies to unorganized utility companies or when our members employed by the utilities do not claim the work.
3. The IBEW firmly insists that painters receive wages at least equal to wages received by members of the IBEW employed in the particular utility company where the work is being performed by painters.
4. It was agreed that overall painting of unenergized new work under contract was the work of the Painters, but not to include insulating varnish and insulating paint (glyptol).
5. It was agreed that the IBEW will not relinquish jurisdiction for painting energized equipment and energized transmission and distribution lines. However, this work will not be claimed by the

IBEW when the contract for this work is obtained by a painting contractor. The Painters will not claim such painting when the work is performed by employees of an electrical contractor or utility company.

6. It was agreed that nothing in this understanding would be interpreted to change the previous agreement or tend to change the jurisdiction of either organization.
