The parties have reached the following mutual understanding regarding the appointment of stewards under the provisions of Article 17 of the National Agreement.

- 1. For purposes of certification of stewards under Article 17, Sections A and B, the appointing official is the local union president or designee.
- 2. For purposes of certification of stewards under Article 17, Section C, the following will apply:
  - A. Steward certification for offices represented by an area local will be the responsibility of the president of the area local or designee. Certification under this section will be made in writing to the appropriate installation head. The appropriate District Manager of Human Resources will be provided a copy of such designations.
  - B. All other certifications under this provision will be made in writing to the appropriate installation head by the Regional Coordinator, or designee. The appropriate District Manager of Human Resources will be provided a copy of such designations.
  - C. Such certifications shall remain in effect until a new certification is made or until the certification is revoked by the appropriate official.
- 3. For purposes of certification of stewards under Article 17, Section D, the following will apply:
  - A. Steward certification for offices represented by an area local will be the responsibility of the president of the area local or designee. Certification under this section will be made in writing to the appropriate District Manager, Human Resources on a case-by-case basis.
  - B. All other certifications under this provision will be made in writing to the appropriate District Manager, Human Resources by the Regional Coordinator or designce, on a case-by-case basis.

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