

insofar as they are known, and shall inform them of:

(a) The time, place, and nature of the hearings;

(b) The legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held; and

(c) The matters of fact and law asserted.

The Labor organization shall inform its members of the provisions of the notice and copies of the notice shall be made available for inspection at the offices of the labor organization.

#### §417.6 Powers of Administrative Law Judge.

The designated Administrative Law Judge shall have authority:

(a) To give notice concerning and to conduct hearings;

(b) To administer oaths and affirmations;

(c) To issue subpoenas;

(d) To rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;

(e) To take or cause depositions to be taken whenever the ends of justice would be served thereby;

(f) To regulate the course of the hearing;

(g) To hold conferences for the settlement or simplification of the issues by consent of the parties;

(h) To dispose of procedural requests or other matters;

(i) To limit the number of witnesses at hearings, or limit or exclude evidence or testimony which may be irrelevant, immaterial, or cumulative;

(j) If appropriate or necessary to exclude persons or counsel from participation in hearings for refusing any proper request for information or documentary evidence, or for contumacious conduct;

(k) To grant continuances or reschedule hearings for good cause shown;

(l) To consider and decide procedural matters;

(m) To take any other actions authorized by the regulations in this part.

The Administrative Law Judge's authority in the case shall terminate upon his filing of the record and his initial decision with the Assistant Secretary, or when he shall have withdrawn from the case upon considering

himself disqualified, or upon termination of his authority by the Assistant Secretary for good cause stated. However, the Administrative Law Judge's authority may be reinstated upon referral of some or all the issues by the Assistant Secretary for rehearing. This authority will terminate upon certification of the rehearing record to the Assistant Secretary.

#### §417.7 Transcript.

An official reporter shall make the only official transcript of the proceedings. Copies of the official transcript shall be made available upon request addressed to the Assistant Secretary in accordance with the provisions of part 70 of this title.

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#### §417.8 Appearances.

The Department of Labor does not maintain a register of persons or attorneys who may participate at hearings. Any interested person may appear and be heard in person or be represented by counsel.

#### §417.9 Evidence; contumacious or disorderly conduct.

(a) Formal rules of evidence or procedure in use in courts of law or equity shall not obtain. Rules of evidence are to be within the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. However, it shall be the policy to exclude testimony or matter which is irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious.

(b) Contumacious or disorderly conduct at a hearing may be ground for exclusion therefrom. The refusal of a witness at any hearing to answer any questions which have been ruled to be proper shall, in the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge be ground for striking all testimony previously given by such witness on related matter.

(c) At any stage of the hearing the Administrative Law Judge may call for further evidence or testimony on any matter. After the hearing has been closed, no further information shall be received on any matter, except where provision shall have been made for it at