

# ***Complete Convention Rules***

**Please read this section closely.**

*These rules lay the groundwork for conducting the business of this convention. You will vote on these items.*

Only persons who are duly registered shall be admitted to the business session of the convention.

Only accredited delegates shall have the privilege of making motions and of voting.

When addressing the chair, a delegate speaking from the floor shall identify himself by name and unit.

Any motion, except a privileged motion, shall be presented to the chair, in writing, at the time of presentation.

No literature may be distributed and no exhibits can be shared with attendees or displayed at the convention without permission of the Convention Chairperson.

New legislation may not be introduced from the floor unless previously submitted to and ruled upon by the Legislative Chairperson to be emergency legislation.

Emergency resolutions may not be introduced from the floor unless previously submitted to and ruled upon by the Resolutions Chairperson to be an emergency resolution.

Debate on each main motion shall be limited to ten minutes. Notes shall be placed in the Zoom Chat Box when five minutes remain, and when 1 minute remains.

All delegates may seek recognition using the Zoom Chat Box by typing their last name, followed by one of the following:

- a. "-F" (request to speak in favor);
- b. "-A" (request to speak against);
- c. "-Q" (request to ask a question, or if the requester is unclear of their position),
- d. "-M" (to offer a subsidiary motion, such as an amendment or calling the question)

Requests to speak followed by a -M should have the content of the motion to be made included.

On all debatable questions, no member may be recognized more than two times.

Members seeking to debate a second time on the same debatable question shall put a "2" after their name. Members wishing to suspend the rules and speak a 3<sup>rd</sup> (or more) time, shall put the number of their speech after their name.

No member may speak for more than two minutes on any debatable question after

being recognized by the chair, and no member may be recognized a second (or later) time until all who wish to speak a first time have been recognized.

Requests for Point of Order and Appeal may be made verbally at any time, even interrupting a speaker should it be necessary.

Requests for a Parliamentary Inquiry may be made verbally at any time when no one is speaking.

Requests for Information may be made verbally when no member is speaking; however, abuse of this rule (by using it to extend the number of times to speak or by using it to ask rhetorical questions) may result in the member no longer being recognized for this request, at the chair's discretion.

The chair shall observe the rules for recognition of delegates provided in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised insofar as the chair is able.

Voting on all questions shall be conducted via general consent or, if there is an objection to general consent, via Zoom Polling or other method determined by the chair.

For matters of procedure not covered by these rules of the state bylaws, **Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised**, 2000 edition shall apply.