

Rules of Order

Convention shall be conducted according to Article 6 of the Uniform Constitution and by the following Rules of Order. On any other matter of procedure, the Chairperson shall decide subject to the approval of the delegates.

1. The President or designate shall preside as Chairperson at convention and shall interpret the constitution and Rules of Order on procedural matters.
2. All motions, including recommendations from the National Executive Board, shall be moved and seconded by a delegate.
3. Delegates may speak to a motion for three minutes unless otherwise determined by the meeting. A delegate will speak only once to each motion unless permission is granted by the meeting to speak again.
4. The regular order of business may be altered or new business added to the agenda by a majority vote of the delegates.
5. A motion to amend a motion is in order, but no amendment to an amendment shall be in order. An amendment to a motion which directly negates the intention of the main motion is not in order.
6. A motion moved by a committee shall be for concurrence or non concurrence. In the event that the recommendation of the committee is rejected, the motion shall be referred back to the committee. On the second presentation of such a motion amendments to the resolution are in order.
7. A debate may be interrupted by a call for a "point of order." The Chairperson shall ask the delegate what point of order they have. A point of order must be a procedural matter of immediate importance to the debate. The Chairperson shall rule on a point of order.
8. The Chairperson shall rule out of order any personal attacks or any language or argument which is offensive or in bad taste.
9. All voting on general resolutions shall be by a show of hands, unless 20% of the delegates request a per capita vote.
10. A motion to put the question on a resolution shall not be in order unless at least one speaker in the affirmative and one speaker in the negative have had the opportunity to speak.
11. A motion to reconsider shall be in order if approved by two-thirds of the delegates. If reconsideration is approved, the original motion shall be placed before the meeting for debate and a new vote.
12. A ruling by the Chairperson on any procedural matter may be challenged by a delegate. The challenger may briefly state the reason for the challenge and the Chairperson shall explain the ruling. The following question will then be put to the meeting: Do you uphold the ruling of the Chair? The Chair will be upheld if 50% or more of the delegates in attendance vote yes.
13. The Chairperson has the right to vote on any motion and to comment on any matter in debate. The Chairperson shall not engage in personal debate with a delegate.