

Rules Of Order

1. At the beginning of a meeting, the President shall indicate guidance as to the mode of procedure.
2. The President shall direct the discussion, accord the right to speak, put questions to a vote, and announce decisions.
3. The President shall rule on points of order, and shall have the power to propose adjournment or closure of the debate, or adjournment or suspension of the meeting.
4. The President will be assisted in this role by the appointed Parliamentarian.
5. Resolutions shall be moved and seconded, and debate allowed to the question under consideration.
6. Proposed amendments to original motion shall be debated and put to a vote before coming back to debate and vote on original motion.
7. The President may call to order a speaker whose remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion and may call for the withdrawal of such remarks.
8. A speaker shall not speak more than once upon a subject until all who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so.
9. A delegate shall not interrupt another except it be to call a point of order.
10. Any person may at any time during the discussion raise a point of order which shall be decided immediately by the President
11. Any dissent from the ruling of the President shall be expressed in the form of a motion. A motion of dissent shall be put to the vote immediately, and the ruling of the President shall stand unless a three quarters majority of those organizations represented in person at the meeting and eligible to vote support the motion of dissent.
12. A motion for closure of any debate, proposed and seconded, shall be put to the vote without further debate
13. The time allowed to each speaker on any proposal shall be limited to five minutes unless an extension is permitted by the meeting
14. When a speaker has spoken for the allotted time, the President shall call her/him to order without delay. The proposer of a motion shall nevertheless be entitled to exercise a right of reply to the debate. This time shall not exceed five minutes.
15. The President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the meeting, declare the list closed.
16. Voting on proposals, seconded and discussed, and on procedural motions, shall be by a show of voting cards and counting of those for the proposal, those against the proposal, and those abstaining.
17. The chairperson shall have the same rights as other delegates to vote on any question. In the case of a tie vote, the chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
18. Secret voting shall be carried out for elections, and for such other issues as the General Meeting may decide by majority vote of those member organizations in good standing and represented in person
19. Proxy votes may be exercised with the exception of procedural motions.