

ARTICLE VII – SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER FOR CONVENTIONS

Section 1. The convention shall be called to order and conducted according to the printed program as prepared by the convention committee and approved by the executive council, subject to any modifications that the convention may make.

Section 2. Delegates shall be seated upon acceptance by the convention of the report of the credentials committee. A list of delegates shall be made available to the members of the convention.

Section 3. The right of any delegate to be seated as a member of the convention shall be subject to challenge within a twenty-four hour period after he/she has been declared seated by the convention. Challenged delegates may vote unless or until successfully challenged and determined inappropriately seated by the credentials committee; however, in the event of a roll-call vote, a successful challenge invalidates the individual's vote.

Section 4. In the case of locals represented by fewer delegates than the number of votes to which they are entitled, the votes shall be distributed in accordance with the constitution provision expressed in Article IX, Section 7.

Section 5. A quorum for the conduct of business at a convention shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the delegates who have been seated.

Section 6. A copy of the rules should be provided to delegates and visitors upon convention registration.

Section 7. Limitation of speeches in debate shall be five minutes instead of ten minutes as provided in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised," unless time is extended by majority vote of the body.

Section 8. The order of business for the business sessions of the convention shall be as follows:

a. Report of Committee on Credentials (credentials committee shall make supplemental reports at the beginning of each business session of the convention);

b. Any action on minutes of the previous convention as summarized in the delegates' reports prepared by the convention reporter;

c. Reports of Officers and Executive Employees (such reports given prior to seating of delegates shall be referred to the appropriate committees without debate and without action of the convention).

1. The president or their designee shall give a written and/or verbal report to all seated delegates on dispositions including, but not limited to, all actions taken by the executive council as directed by each resolution pertaining to all resolutions passed or referred to the executive council at the previous year's convention.

d. Report of Executive Council; and

e. Reports of Convention Committees:

1. The constitutional amendments committee shall be heard in full prior to other committee reports, and shall report only the proposed amendments

which it recommends for adoption; those amendments shall then be considered.

i. At the conclusion of the report, any delegate may move adoption of a proposed amendment not recommended by the committee;

ii. The chair shall immediately put the question of whether the convention desires to debate the proposed amendment;

iii. If this motion prevails by a one-third vote, the proposed amendment shall be before the convention.

2. Each other committee shall select the two resolutions or items of business it considers most important for its initial report.

3. Committee reports shall be received at the time designated in the printed program.

4. Reports shall be made in the order determined by the chairperson of the convention committee and the president who shall make such assignments upon application by the chairs of committees, except that the convention may desire to receive reports in a different order.

5. Once a committee's first two resolutions or items of business have been considered by the convention, or at the end of an hour, whichever comes first, of each committee's partial report, debate shall be closed

and all pending questions shall be put to a vote immediately, unless the time of debate is extended by majority vote of the convention.

6. After all committees have had an opportunity to make their first reports, additional committee reports may be made in the order selected by the president.

Section 9. A delegate may move for a roll-call vote on any item being considered.

a. A motion calling for a roll-call vote shall require a thirty percent (30%) vote for adoption.

b. After a roll-call vote has been ordered, further debate on the question being considered shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. In the case of a roll-call vote for an election, the presiding officer shall immediately declare a recess, as in subsection (c).

c. Following the ten (10) minutes of debate, the presiding officer shall declare a ten (10) minute recess for the purpose of delegation caucus.

d. After caucus, the secretary will immediately begin the roll-call, announcing the local and the number of votes that the local is entitled to as prescribed by Article IX, Section 1, of the constitution.

e. The votes shall be voice vote and cast by the ranking delegate of each local represented.

f. The results of the roll-call vote shall be tabulated by the credentials committee (or, in the case of an election, the

elections committee) and reported to the convention immediately upon completion of the tabulation according to the following procedure:

1. The total votes shall be read;
2. If any delegates challenge the vote of his/her local, the roll of delegates from that local shall be read, and each delegate shall rise as his/her name is called, announce his/her vote and state the number of votes he/she is casting;
3. The report on the roll-call vote shall then be revised to agree with the oral vote just taken; and
4. A copy of the roll-call vote shall be posted showing the vote of each delegate, and shall remain posted until the end of the convention.

Section 10. The convention shall not adjourn unless all business of the convention has been properly completed.