

## **Rules Committee Report**

The Rules Committee, consisting of Jeanne Slupik, Barbara Harrell, Naomi Narvaiz, Patrick Seiler, and Suzanne Lindergren, has prepared three (3) supplementary rules which the committee deems will assist in the orderly conduct of the business of the convention.

### **1. Debate Procedure on Platform Resolutions.**

- a. Time Limits on Main Motions. No delegate shall speak more than two (2) minutes on a main motion, which may not be yielded.
- b. Time Limits on amendments. No delegate shall speak more than one (1) minute on any amendment subsequently made with a main motion pending, which may not be yielded.
  - i. No more than two (2) subsequent amendments may be offered while a main motion is pending. A third amendment will NOT be allowed.
- c. No Motion for Amendment Until Debate Completed. To maintain order and prevent confusion, no person may move to amend a resolution until after debate on the prior motion is completed.
- d. Limitation of Speakers.
  - i. No more than three (3) delegates may speak "for" a main motion. No more than one (1) delegate may speak "for" an amendment. Those speaking "for" an amendment must hold up a green paddle when at the microphone. Delegates speaking "for" will only be recognized by the Chairperson when at the microphone.
  - ii. No more than three (3) delegates may speak "against" a main motion. No more than one (1) delegate may speak "against" an amendment. Those speaking "against" an amendment must hold up a red paddle when at the microphone. Delegates

speaking “against” will only be recognized by the Chairperson when at the microphone.

- iii. A delegate shall not speak more than once on a motion or an amendment.
- e. Resolutions will be read grouped by category and then subcategory. Each resolution will be shown on the screen. In the interest of time, only the “resolved” portion will be read to the delegates. The Resolutions Committee will make a motion for a “Vote by Acclamation.” If there is a request for debate, the delegate will come to the microphone and proceed in accordance with the Rules Committee Report, Item 1, a. and b. above.

## **2. Voting Methods on Platform Resolutions.**

- a. Voting by Voice. A voice vote shall be the primary method used by the Chairperson to determine passage of a vote.
- b. Voting by Hand. If the Chairperson cannot determine the passage of a measure through a voice vote, then the Chairperson shall ask the delegates to raise one (1) hand in favor of and in opposition to the measure.
- c. Voting by Delegation. If the chairperson cannot determine the passage of a measure through a hand vote, then the Chairperson shall ask each Precinct Chair or their proxy to count the votes in favor and in opposition in their respective delegation present or opt to vote by full precinct voting strength if requested. The Precinct chair will record the results on a form provided by the Chairperson, attached and incorporated herein. The Precinct Chairs shall then hand their forms to the Chairperson, who along with the Secretary, shall record the votes. Upon recording the votes, the Chairperson will announce whether the measure passed or failed.

## **3. Election of the Permanent Chairman of the Convention.**

- a. In the election of the permanent chairman, the floor shall be opened for nominations for the office. The person named by the Permanent Organization Committee, if that committee has been appointed, shall be placed in nomination automatically and shall be the first name placed in nomination. Then other nominations may be made. Following the close of nominations for the position of Permanent Chairman of the Convention, one (1) nominating speech of two (2) minutes duration and seconding speeches of two (2) consecutive minutes total duration may be made for each nominee for permanent chairman. Each nominee, in the order nominated, may address the convention for up to two (2) minutes. In the case of only one nominee, there will not be speeches.
- b. Voting Options – as listed in Item 2a. and b. above. If the vote cannot be determined by the passage of a measure through a hand vote, then each Precinct Chair or their proxy will count the votes in favor in of each candidate by the majority of delegates present or may be by full precinct voting strength if requested. If one (1) nominee achieves a majority of the votes on the first ballot, that nominee is elected. If no one achieves a majority (any amount over 50%) of the votes on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken. Any nominee may choose to withdraw prior to the start of the second ballot. If no nominee receives a majority of the votes on the second ballot, the two (2) nominees receiving the highest number of delegate votes will proceed to a third ballot. The nominee receiving the majority of delegate votes on the third ballot will be elected.
- c. Any nominee withdrawing before the second ballot shall be entitled to address the convention for not more than one minute in announcing withdrawal.