

STANDING RULES

1. The chairman shall present the agenda of business to come before the convention in the session of that day, and the approximate time slots. The chair will see to it that the agenda is followed as closely as possible.
2. Each member of the convention, when recognized by the chair, shall state their name and the name of the congregation or administrative unit they represent.
3. In order to provide speaking privileges to all delegates, the three minute rule shall apply. No member shall speak in debate more than once, as long as there are others waiting to speak.
4. In addition to a voice vote, the chair shall ordinarily call for the raising of the right hand, also out of consideration for the deaf delegates to the convention.
5. While any voting delegate may call the question at any time, after thirty minutes of debate on any motion, there shall be an automatic call of the question on the termination of debate.
6. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
7. Only materials requiring convention action, e.g. resolutions, minutes, ballots, or supplemental materials from authorized Boards and Committees shall be distributed on the convention floor. Pages are at the service of the Convention Committee only.

ON FLOOR COMMITTEES

1. Delegates may request an opportunity to appear before a committee, but may not demand this request to be granted as a matter of right.
2. Open hearings are not a required procedure. The purpose of an open hearing, when held by a floor committee, is not to enter into debate, but to give and receive information which could not be given previously.
3. All convention business must be produced and filtered through these committees.
4. Floor committees meet in executive session unless the committee itself determines to make an exception.