

PROPOSED STANDING RULES

1. The chair shall see that the agenda is followed as closely as possible, although the right is reserved by the chair to make adjustments as necessary.
2. Resolutions of each floor committee shall be presented normally in the numerical sequence published; however, the floor committee can present resolutions in the order it chooses.
3. Each delegate to the convention, when recognized, unless identified by the chair shall state his/her name and the name of the congregation, board or committee he/she is representing.
4. The 2-minute rule shall apply for all that speak from the floor.
5. While any voting delegate may call the question at any time, after 30 minutes of debate on any one motion, there shall be an automatic call of the question by the chair. You will not be allowed to speak on an issue and then call a question.
6. If a substitute motion is offered, the convention shall first decide by majority vote whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and the substitute motion is adopted, the original motion fails; if the substitute motion does not receive a favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again before the house. (This is the so-called “Behnken rule” for dealing with substitute motions.)
7. In the closing session of the convention the President shall have the privilege of calling up for action resolutions, which in his judgment must be acted upon by the convention before adjournment.
8. Resolutions prepared by the floor committees, which are not acted upon by the convention before adjournment, die. The subject matter may be reintroduced at the next convention.
9. The preface, preamble, and whereas sections shall be considered an integral part of the resolution or overture, and as such, subject to the same serious consideration and adoption in all its parts as the main motion itself.
10. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedure. Above all, the rule of Christian love and behavior shall always apply.
11. Except in the elections of President and Vice-Presidents, when a second or succeeding ballot is required for a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes and all candidates receiving less than 15 percent of the votes cast shall be dropped from the ballot.