



# Proposed Rules and Order of Business

- 1 Members and guests attending an electronic meeting must provide their full names, union and local as they sign into the meeting. Those failing to do so may be barred or ejected from the meeting.
- 2 Members and guests may join the meeting on any computer or smart device with an internet connection (via the Zoom app). Members using desktop or laptop computers may use their computer microphones and speakers for audio connection, or may connect their audio through a smart device.
- 3 Each member is responsible for their connection to the Internet and teleconference; no action will be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented them from participating in the meeting, provided that at least a quorum of members was connected and adequately able to participate.
- 4 The chair may cause or direct the temporary disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the electronic meeting. The chair's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, will be announced during the meeting and be recorded in the minutes.
- 5 All members participating in virtual meetings may raise points of order, seek recognition to speak and submit motions for consideration.
- 6 **RECOGNITION**
  - A. To seek recognition by the chair, a member will use the chatbox and clearly express their intent (For/Against/Motion to.../Point of...)
  - B. Another member who claims preference in recognition will promptly raise (or raise again) their hand icon, and the chair will recognize the member for the limited purpose of determining whether that member is entitled to preference in recognition. If the chair fails to recognize the member, he or she may get the attention of the chair through the chatbox.
- 7 **CHATBOX**
  - A. A member intending to make a main motion or offer an amendment, will, before or after being recognized, post the motion in writing to the chatbox and the chair will display on a shared screen for all participants to view.
  - B. Use of the chatbox will be restricted to: posting the text of intended motions; recognition as stated in Rule 6; and for nominations from the floor, upon recognition of the chair.

## 8 VOTING

- A. All guests may be sent to a breakout room prior to voting.
- B. Any vote will first be taken and calculated using the yes/no voting feature. If Division is called, the chair will poll the participants use the Zoom polling feature, and such a vote will be treated as a Division of the Assembly.
- C. Participants calling in will be recognized by name and unmuted by the chair to verbally cast their vote
- D. A demand for a roll call must be supported by 25% of the delegates present. A roll call vote shall be preceded by a recess of at least ten (10) minutes. After a roll call has begun, the convention shall not recess or adjourn until the result of the vote has been announced.
- E. Proxy votes will not be allowed

## 9 RULES FOR DEBATE

- A. A motion is not debatable until it is allowed by the Chair.
- B. A delegate shall not speak on any questions for more than three (3) minutes the first time they are recognized or more than two (2) minutes the second time they have been recognized.
- C. No person shall be permitted to speak a second time on any questions as long as a delegate who has not spoken on the subject desires to do so.
- D. The maker of a motion may have two (2) minutes to close debate, unless debate has already been closed.
- E. A motion to lay on the table shall not be allowed until two speakers from each of the proponents and opponents of the question have had an opportunity to speak.
- F. A motion to call for the previous question (close debate) shall not be allowed until at least two speakers from each of the proponents and opponents of the question have had an opportunity to speak.
- G. Only delegates shall be allowed to speak on resolutions and motions unless permission for a non-delegate to speak is granted by unanimous consent.

## 10 ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED

- A. Shall govern when not in conflict with these rules, the constitution of the Washington State Labor Council or the AFL-CIO Rules Governs State Central bodies.