

Summary of Useful Rules

WSLC Virtual Convention, September 2020

General

1. All delegates participating in a virtual meeting may raise points of order, seek recognition to speak and submit motions for consideration. (RONR 1:4, 1:16)
2. A resolution from a section must be submitted by noon on the first day of the convention. (Constitution IV.22)
3. A resolution from an affiliate must be submitted by the close of the last meeting on the first day. If the resolution was not submitted 30 days prior to the opening of the convention, it may be considered at the convention only by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present. (Constitution IV.22)
4. Adoption of any amendment to the constitution or bylaws requires a two-thirds vote. (Constitution XVII.3, RGSCB I.7(a))

Voting

5. A motion for a roll call vote 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. (Constitution IV.10(a), IV.10(b))
6. After voting has begun on any motion, including a roll call vote, nothing may interrupt the vote until all have presumably voted, including a recess or adjournment. One possible exception is a vote taken by ballot. (RONR 45:6)
7. Proxy votes are not allowed. (Constitution IV.20, RGSCB I.9(d))

Debate

8. A motion is not debatable until the chair *states the question on the motion*, which places it before the assembly. (RONR 4:15, 4:20, 43:4)
9. The delegate who makes a motion may speak first in debate on that motion. (RONR 42:9(1))
10. No one is permitted to speak a second time on any debatable motion before any delegate who wants to speak the first time on that motion. (RONR 42:9(2))
11. As much as possible, the chair should alternate between those speaking in favor and those opposed to the pending motion. (RONR 42:9(3))

Parliamentary Authority

12. The rules in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 12th edition, govern the convention when not in conflict with the convention standing rules, the constitution of the Washington State Labor Council, or the AFL-CIO Rules Governs State Central bodies. (Constitution XVI, RONR page vii)

References

Constitution

Washington State Labor Council Constitution, amended July 2018. Reference format is “article.section”.

RGSCB

AFL-CIO Rules Governing State Central Bodies, amended March 14, 2017. Reference format is “part.rule”.

RONR

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th edition, September 2020. Reference format is shown on page vii.