

## **CONVENTION RULES OF ORDER**

- 1. The President, or in their absence, the Secretary-Treasurer or a Vice-President of the Local shall chair at conventions.
- 2. In all debates or discussions no speaker shall speak more than three minutes without the consent of the majority of the meeting, and no member shall speak more than once to a motion without the consent of the chair.
- 3. When a delegate wishes to speak, they shall proceed to one of the microphones provided for this purpose. When recognized by the chairperson, the delegate shall give their name and the bargaining unit they represent and shall confine their remarks to the question at issue.
- 4. Delegates wishing to speak in favor of a resolution should do so from a "Pro" mic. Those speaking against should do so from a "Con" mic. The chair, when possible, will alternate between pro and con speakers.
- 5. A delegate shall not interrupt another except to call a point of order.
- 6. If a delegate is called to order, the delegate shall, at the request of the chair, take their seat until the question of order has been decided.
- 7. Questions may be decided by a show of hands, voice vote or a standing vote on the basis of one vote per delegate. Any ten (10) members can request a count be taken.
- 8. The chairperson shall have the same rights as other delegates to vote on any question.
- 9. When the previous question is moved, no discussion or amendment of either motion is permitted. If the majority vote that "the question be now put", the original motion has to be put without debate. If the motion to put the question is defeated, discussion will continue on the original motion.
- 10. Committees may combine resolutions or prepare a composite to cover the intent of the question at issue. Reports of committees are not subject to amendment except such as is acceptable to the committee, but a motion to refer back to the committee for reconsideration shall be in order.
- 11. A delegate shall not move a motion to refer back after they have spoken on the question at issue.
- 12. A motion to refer back is not debatable and, when properly seconded, the question shall be immediately put back to the convention.
- 13. If the report of a committee is adopted, it becomes the decision of the convention.
- 14. When a question is pending before the convention, no motion shall be in order except to refer, for the previous question, to postpone for a definite time.

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- 15. A motion may be reconsidered provided the mover of the motion to reconsider voted with the majority and notice of motion is given for consideration at the next sitting and said notice of motion is supported by two-thirds of the delegates qualified to vote.
- 16. Revisions and amendments to the constitution and bylaws must carry a two-thirds majority.
- 17. Bourinot's Rules of Order shall be the authority governing all questions of order or procedures not otherwise covered by the above bylaws or by the constitution of MoveUP.

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