

Annual Business Meeting Standing Rules

1. The Pennsylvania RID President or his/her designee shall preside at the business meeting.
2. The official languages of the business meeting are American Sign Language and English.
3. The membership chair shall report whether a quorum is present.
4. All voting shall be done with a valid voting card received from the credentials table. Each member is allowed only (1) voting card.
5. Any voting member in good standing may present motions by:
 - a. Presenting motions in writing to an executive board member one (1) hour prior to the start of the meeting;
 - b. Presenting motions from the floor after action has been taken on all motions previously submitted in writing.
6. Main motions and amendments must be in written form, signed by the maker and the member making the second, and delivered to the secretary immediately after being proposed.
7. Any voting member in good standing may participate in discussion by standing, and after receiving recognition by the chair, stating his/her name, district of residence and whether the member is "in support," "in opposition," or wishes to make any secondary motion (amend, refer, etc.). To indicate a point (Order, Question, Information, Clarification) members are to indicate such from the front of the room, be identified by the chair, then state the nature of the point.
8. A maximum of ten (10) members – five (5) speaking in favor of and five (5) speaking in opposition to the motion on the floor – may debate each motion. Each member is allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes for debate. A member may speak a second time to the same motion, only if there are no other speakers.
9. The working interpreters and transliterators who are members in good standing shall not vote. However, they may choose to assign their votes to other members (present and in good-standing).
10. The standing rules shall be adopted, amended, or suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present.
11. Under new business, motions shall be considered in the following order:
 - a. Motions presented prior to the start of the meeting;
 - b. Motions presented by the members from the floor.
12. The Business Meeting shall be adjourned at the stated time of adjournment, unless two-thirds (2/3) of the members present vote to extend time of adjournment.
13. Prior to the meeting, the Pennsylvania RID President shall appoint a committee of three (3) voting members to review and approve the conference minutes within thirty (30) days of the close of the meeting.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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