

Title: STANDARD RULES OF ORDER FOR CONVENTIONS

Proposer: Curtis Hamilton, Secretary of The Diocese of West Missouri

- 1 **RESOLVED:** That The Diocese of West Missouri adopt the following Standard Rules of
- 2 Order for Conventions held in person (see Attachment 1), and be it further,
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- 4 **RESOLVED:** That these Standard Rules of Order be incorporated as an Appendix of
- 5 the Constitution and Canons of The Diocese of West Missouri, and be it further,
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- 7 **RESOLVED:** That these Standard Rules of Order replace in its entirety the section
- 8 following Canon XXIII entitled “Rules of Order Governing the Conduct of Business at
- 9 Meetings of the Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri”.

Explanation:

This resolution proposes:

- 1. to redesignate the Rules of Order as ***Standard Rules of Order***, to more readily differentiate them from the *Special Rules of Order for Virtual Conventions* passed by a Special Convention of the diocese on October 3, 2020, and
- 2. to correct terminology and grammatical errors in the current Rules of Order.

In the text that follows, the current rules of order have been reproduced. Changes to the rules of order have be shown with deletions ~~struck through~~ and additions have been shown in *italics*.

- 47 3. When a question is under consideration, a motion shall not be received, except
48 to lay on the table, previous question, limit/extend limits of debate, postpone
49 definitely or to certain time, commit or refer, amend, division of a question,
50 postpone indefinitely~~lay it on the table, to postpone it until a certain time, to~~
51 ~~postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to divide it, or to amend it~~; motions for any of
52 these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named.
- 53 4. If a motion to lay an amendment on the table be carried, the matter before the
54 House shall be proceeded with as if no such amendment had been offered.
- 55 5. Motions to lay on the table and to adjourn shall be decided without debate.
- 56 6. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
- 57 7. Debate shall not be allowed upon a ~~resolution~~ *motion* to refer any ~~motion~~
58 *resolution* to a committee, or a motion to recommit any subject which has been
59 before a committee, but the member who offers such ~~resolution~~ or motion may
60 speak for five minutes for the purpose of explaining its object.
- 61 8. All amendments shall be considered in the reverse order in which they are
62 moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration a motion to amend
63 the same day may be made. An after amendment to such second amendment
64 shall not be in order, but when an amendment to an amendment is under
65 consideration, a substitute for the whole may be received. A proposition, different
66 from the one under consideration, shall not be received under color of an
67 amendment or substitute.
- 68 9. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the President,
69 without debate; an appeal, however, may be made from his or her decision to the
70 Convention by any member of the same.

71 72 **Voting Methods**

- 73 1. Elections to diocesan offices shall be by ballot.
- 74 2. All other voting shall be by visual show of Voting Cards: a green card indicating
75 an affirmative vote, a red card indicating a negative vote. When the President
76 calls for the vote, voters will raise one colored card to indicate their respective
77 votes.
- 78 3. All motions pertaining to voting shall remain available.
- 79 4. On a division of the assembly~~E~~, every member who may be in the House when
80 any question is put, shall, ~~on a division~~, be counted, unless he or she is excused
81 by the convention.
- 82 5. After the first ballot has been announced, the nominee (clergy and/or lay) with
83 the least number of votes shall be dropped from the list of nominees. This
84 process shall continue after each balloting until there is one more nominee than
85 the number of persons to be elected. This shall not apply to votes by orders.

86 87 **Procedures following Decisions of Convention**

- 88 1. When a question has once been determined, it shall stand as the judgment of the
89 Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate, except on motion for
90 reconsideration, which must be made by a member who had previously voted in
91 the majority.

93 **Rules of Order in Force**

- 94 1. In all matters of parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the
95 standard book of reference, excepting that these Rules of Order for the
96 Convention shall supersede in cases of disagreement.
97 2. The Rules of Order shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the
98 members present.

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BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA

- 102 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
103 2. Organizational Matters
104 a. Report of the Credentials Committee as to the seating of delegations.
105 b. Announcement by the Secretary as to whether a quorum is present.
106 c. Appointment of a Parliamentarian.
107 d. Adoption of Rules of Order.
108 3. Elections of Secretary of the Diocese, Treasurer of the Diocese, Assistant
109 Treasurer of the Diocese (if any), Chancellor of the Diocese, and Associate
110 Chancellor of the Diocese (if any).
111 4. Announcements.
112 5. Report of the Committee on Dispatch of Business.
113 6. Introduction of all resolutions.
114 7. Nominations and first ballot for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and
115 General Convention Deputies. Additional ballots (if any) will be taken and related
116 motions considered at times determined by the Chair.
117 8. Consideration of the Plan for Ministry and any resolutions related to financial
118 matters.
119 9. Reports from all officers and committees.
120 10. Consideration of all remaining resolutions.
121 11. Other elections, appointments, and nominations.
122 12. Fixing the time and place of the next Convention.
123 13. Closing Prayer and Adjournment.

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REGARDING RESOLUTIONS

128 Please see the Rules of Order section entitled "Business before the Convention" for
129 information regarding proposing resolutions to the Convention, including deadlines for
130 consideration without the leave of the Convention.

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