

Annual Delegate Meeting Rules of Order

Welcome, Delegates!

In order to make the most of this time with you, we have put together some simple rules of order which will help us move through the business of the day.

- There are breaks scheduled throughout the day. Feel free to take self-care breaks as needed.
- We will use a modified version of the decision-making model used in board meetings. (See Delegate Meeting Voting Guide)
- Once a proposal has been presented, we will conduct an initial straw poll. If anyone votes yellow or red, each delegate may speak once, for up to two minutes, if desired and as time permits. We will ask to hear from the minority first. We ask that delegates who wish to speak share from the podium so all can hear.
- Time is precious so we ask that if someone essentially says what you were going to say, please take your seat and don't repeat it.
- A second straw poll will be taken after discussion.
- If there is a need for further discussion after the second straw poll, each delegate may speak a second time for up to one minute. Again, we will ask to hear from the minority first.
- If you need to ask a question for clarification, the question will not count against your time to speak.
- Each person may speak a maximum of two times on each proposal.
- We use red/yellow/green vote cards.
 - Green - I support this proposal.
 - Red - I do not support this proposal as it is currently stated.
 - Yellow - I still have questions or concerns about this proposal.
- The first straw poll requires 100% agreement for a proposal to pass. The second and third (if needed) straw polls require a substantial majority of 75% or greater to pass a proposal.
- Due to the full schedule, we will have a timer that will let us know when our time is ending for each section. For most sections there will be a two-minute warning, but some longer sections will have a five-minute warning.
- Please read the Safe Communication Guidelines, especially numbers 2, 7, and 8.