

**CONVENTION STANDING RULES OF THE 2016 CONVENTION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BRIDGE, STRUCTURAL,
ORNAMENTAL, AND REINFORCING IRONWORKERS**

Rule 1. *Agenda.* The Convention shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m., recess from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m., and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. The General President may make such changes to the Order of Business as he deems necessary to expedite Convention proceedings or to accommodate guest speakers.

Rule 2. *Badges.* For admission to the assembly hall, to facilitate identification and seating, members, alternates and others shall be required to wear the badge issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration.

Rule 3. *Attendance.* No delegate shall be marked present arriving in the convention hall after 10:00 a.m. of the morning session or 2:30 p.m. of the afternoon session.

Rule 4. *Credentials.* The Credentials Committee shall make a supplementary report after the opening exercises.

Rule 5. *Announcements.* Notices for all announcements to the Convention shall be in writing, signed by the person (or a proper representative) under whose authority the announcement is issued, and shall be sent to the General Secretary.

DEBATE

Rule 6. *Appeals.* All appeals or grievances made to this Convention from decisions or actions of the General Executive Council and received by the International Association prior to the opening of the Convention be referred to the Grievance Committee. All such appeals must be in accordance with the Constitution, and be in writing and adequately set forth the facts along with the basis of the appeal as viewed by the member or the Local Union making the appeal.

Rule 7. *Recognition.* Before a delegate can make a motion or address the Convention, the delegate must rise to a microphone and address the presiding officers by the title, "General President," stating that, "I am" and the name of the "delegate from," and provide the number, the

city and the state/province of the Local Union the delegate represents. Upon recognition, the presiding officer will announce the delegate's name for authorization to speak.

Rule 8. *Limitation.* Each recognized speaker will limit his or her remarks to the merits of the question before the Convention and avoid personalities.

Rule 9. *Time.* No delegate shall speak in debate for more than twice on the same question on the same day, or longer than three (3) minutes each time, without permission of the Assembly granted by two-thirds (2/3) vote without debate.

Rule 10. *Same Local.* No two (2) delegates from the same local shall speak on the same question in succession of a delegate while another local-succession if a delegate from another local wishes to speak on the question.

Rule 11. *Motion to Amend.* A motion to amend, which involves a subject unrelated to the question before the Convention, will not be allowed.

Rule 12. *Total Time.* Total debate of any main motion and pending secondary motions, including amendments, shall not exceed a total of forty (40) minutes without the permission of the Assembly granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote without debate.

Rule 13. *Roberts' Rules of Order.* Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Edition, shall prevail on all matters not covered herein.

Rule 14. *Conclusion of Debate.* At the conclusion of debate whereupon a successful motion to vote on the main question, the General President, or his designee, shall then ask all in favor of the question to say, "aye," and those opposed to say, "no."

RESOLUTIONS

Rule 15. *Motion to Reconsider.* A motion to reconsider a vote must be made by a delegate voting with the prevailing side and a motion to reconsider must be made before the adjournment of the daily proceedings.

Rule 16. *Committees.* All Committees and Committee members shall be appointed by the General President. They shall serve at his pleasure. Each Committee shall take up any and all matters referred to the Committee by the General President.

Rule 17. *Resolutions.* The appropriate Committee will consider all of the resolutions pertaining to the Constitution in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the current Constitution.

Rule 18. *Referrals to Committees.* When a motion is made to refer a particular matter to the Committee, the General President shall determine to which Committee the matter will be referred.

Rule 19. *Recommendations.* The Committee to which a resolution or proposal has been referred shall give its recommendation as to the appropriate action to the Convention.

Rule 20. *Committee Reports.* Each Committee will submit a report to the General President on each matter referred to the Committee, and thereafter each report will be read to the Convention by a member of the Committee or another person designated by the General President.

Rule 21. *Authority.* Convention Committees shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the Convention, with the Committee's own recommendations as to the appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the Committee. The General President shall have authority to refer any resolution reported to the Convention back to the Committee for further review and hearings.

Rule 22. *Blocks.* Convention Committees may report on multiple resolutions, on the same matter, in one motion to be considered and voted upon as a block. The Convention by majority vote may remove any resolution from a block for separate consideration and a vote.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Rule 23. *Special Order.* The speeches in support of the nominees and the election of officers shall be a special order of business for the second day of the Convention beginning at approximately 9:30. The affidavits of the candidates which were filed with the General Secretary's

Office by June 1st of the Convention year shall be forwarded to the Rules Committee for review and action. The filing of said affidavit, in proper form, shall constitute the nomination for office of a candidate. The candidate's nominating delegate, and seconding delegate must make his or her intentions known to the Secretary of the Rules Committee no later than the afternoon recess on Monday.

Rule 24. *Speeches.* Speeches in support of the nominees shall be made from the floor and be limited to one nominating speech of five (5) minutes and one seconding speech of three (3) minutes. Seconding speeches for all uncontested nominees, except uncontested nominees for the office of General President, General Secretary and General Treasurer, shall be offered in written form into the record for the General Secretary.

Rule 25. *Uncontested Elections.* At the conclusion of all speeches in support of nominees, upon a motion made and approved, the General Secretary shall be directed to cast a single ballot for all uncontested candidates.

(5/19/16- Recreated from Proceedings. Original Rules Not Found)