

Robert's Rules, or any standard Rules of Order, are designed to allow a Convention to follow the Will of the Majority, while respecting the rights of the Minority to be heard—in an effort to make themselves the majority on a specific issue. A Convention will establish its own Standing Rules which take a Majority vote, to be initially adopted, but then take a 2/3rd's vote in order for any Convention Standing Rule to later be suspended.

The Presiding Officer, or President, determines who “has the floor” to lend order to a Convention.

Committee Reports do not require a vote to “accept” a report, as the mere “presenting” by a committee already “has the floor,” but a vote is required if any action of the Assembly is proposed by a committee.

The Constitution and Resolutions Committees' Proposals are considered to be “on the floor” by Report of the Committee, as if any member of the Committee has already moved and seconded the Proposals “for purposes of debate.” Constitution proposals require a 2/3rd's positive vote to pass, and the first speaker speaks “for” any proposal. Resolutions are Main Motions which are considered already to have passed unless someone in the Hall objects. The Assembly later returns, after all the objections, to each objected to, and the first speaker is in the “negative” and is the person who objected to it. Binding Resolutions are Resolutions that Our Body can affect by ourselves and can be amended as needed. Non-Binding Resolutions are “Suggestions,” Non-Binding Resolutions are not amendable. Resolutions made at the State level to present Amendments to the National Constitution take only a majority to pass at State Convention, but then will go forward and then require a 2/3rd's “positive” vote to finally pass at National. Any Binding Resolution passed at a State Convention pertaining solely to the National Association would also be considered a Binding Resolution on the National Association.

Our Constitution provides that for any unopposed election, the Presiding Officer may simply declare the unopposed candidate elected. However, if a member wishes to make a motion, it is best to phrase it: “I move that Nomination be closed, and that _____ be declared _____ (the position).”