

Standing Orders for Convention 2021

Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the following Standing Orders which have been amended to facilitate the necessary restrictions given we are operating an online Convention:

1. The Executive shall appoint a Steering committee of five members of the Association to assist the Chairperson in the business of Convention. The Steering committee shall have the power to identify:-
 - (i) motions which are already ACCS policy and advise proposer(s) accordingly
 - (ii) categorise motions for Convention
 - (iii) create composite motions and advise proposers of composited motions
 - (iv) prioritise motions
2. Convention shall adjourn and re-assemble as determined by a simple majority of members present and voting.
3. Three tellers who shall count each subsequent vote when such is taken shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the consent of Convention. Should the tellers not agree, the Chairperson of Convention shall order a recount.
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 - (i) Voting shall be facilitated by using the Zoom poll function.
 - (ii) Resolutions, except where otherwise specified by the Constitution shall be decided by a simple majority.
 - (iii) Should the votes on any proposal be equally divided, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
5.
 - (i) Subject to the discretion of the Chairperson, the proposer of a motion shall be allowed five minutes and each subsequent speaker three minutes.
 - (ii) No speaker shall speak more than once, with the exception of the mover of the original motion who shall be allowed three minutes to reply to the discussion.
 - (iii) When an amendment to any motion is moved no other amendment shall be taken until the first amendment is finally disposed of.
6. Motions to terminate discussion:
 - (i) If the motion “to proceed to the next business” is proposed and seconded, the proposer of the original motion shall have the right to speak for two minutes in opposition, and the procedure motion shall then be put without discussion. If the procedure motion is passed, the original motion shall then be abandoned and the Convention shall then proceed to the next business of the Agenda.
 - (ii) It shall be open to any delegate by rising in his place to move “that the question be now put”. No such Motion shall be moved unless an opportunity has been given for the expression of both a pro and contra view of the motion under discussion. The acceptance of such a motion shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson. If such motion be accepted, it shall be decided without discussion on a show of hands, and if the majority of the delegates are in favour of terminating the discussion the proposer of the original motion shall have the right to reply as provided in 5 (ii), and the motion shall then be voted on. If such a procedure motion be lost, discussion on the original motion shall be resumed.
7. The ruling of the Chairperson on all points of order shall be final.
8. A Quorum of Convention shall consist of one-third of the accredited Board of Management delegates.
9. Any motion to suspend Standing Orders shall specify the Standing Order or Orders to be suspended and the period of such a suspension. Such a motion shall not be successful unless it is supported by not less than two thirds of the members of Convention present and voting.