

SECTION IV. STANDING RULES OF REGION IV COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Rule 1 The general authority controlling this Regional Council meeting shall be the National Constitution, National Policies and Procedures, Region IV Council Bylaws, Region IV Policies and Procedures, these Standing Rules, and Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised.
- Rule 2 The Regional Council President shall appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms whose responsibility is to assist the Regional Council in maintaining order and decorum at all times to assure that the business of the Council is transacted fairly and judiciously.
- Rule 3 The Parliamentarian shall give parliamentary opinions upon request by the chair or by members of the Regional Council. Shall assist members in presenting motion to the body, if requested, to assure that the business of the Council is transacted fairly and judiciously.
- Rule 4 Only Representatives (3), or alternates (3), or a combination thereof of Chapters in good financial standing with the Region and National Office shall be seated on the Council. The Regional Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be responsible for the verification of eligibility of Council Representatives and alternates to be seated on the Council. Alternates assume the full right of their chapter representatives when substituting. No chapter shall have more than three (3) representatives—elected, alternates, or a combination.
- Rule 5 The quorum of the Regional Council is defined in the Regional Bylaws. If at any time after the Council has been called to order and is in session with less than a quorum, the Parliamentarian shall notify the Regional Council President that the body fails to have a quorum and any and all action of the body taken after notification is unofficial and nonbinding on the Council.
- Rule 6 All business shall be brought before the Council by a motion of a member or by the presentation of a communication to the Council.
- Rule 7 Members must be recognized by the Chair of the Council before addressing the body. Members addressing the Council after being recognized by the Chair shall first state his/her name and chapter.
- Rule 8 Before any subject is open to debate, it shall be put in the form of a motion, properly seconded and stated by the Chair. Debate shall be restricted to voting members of the Council; however, nonvoting members may address any subject if there is no objection from members of the Council.
- Rule 9 After a question has been stated by the Chair, it becomes the property of the body; the maker shall not be allowed to withdraw or modify it, except by obtaining permission from the body. The maker of the motion has the right to speak to the motion before any other member of the Regional Council.

- Rule 10 Discussion shall be limited to 2 minutes for each speaker and no speaker shall speak more than twice on any one issue. No speaker shall speak a second time before each member has had the opportunity to speak.
- Rule 11 These rules shall require a simple majority vote by the Council members for adoption. These rules may also be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Council members.