



NCESP STANDING RULES

1. The President or designee shall preside at all meetings.
2. An Order of Business shall be developed by the President and presented for adoption by the Council. The Order of Business may be changed by a majority vote of the voting members present at any business session.
3. The Standing Rules shall be adopted at the beginning of the first business session and may be amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting.
4. The parliamentarian shall interpret the Standing Rules and shall so advise the chair who shall have the responsibility for the decision.
5. Each voting member desiring to obtain the floor shall rise and proceed to a microphone. When recognized by the Chair, (s)he shall give his/her name and state. The Chair will recognize any voting member to introduce new business items or to participate in debate.
6. Only voting members will be allowed on the floor during General Business Sessions. Visitors will be restricted to the visitor's area unless invited, by the Chair, to speak.
7. At least two speakers for and two speakers against will be provided the opportunity to speak, prior to a motion to close debate.
8. Motions shall be presented in writing on the forms provided, signed with the name and association of both the maker and seconder of the motion. The maker and seconder must be voting members of an NCESP member association.
9. All motions, and other items of business, shall be presented at the appropriate time and place in the order of business and placed on the agenda in the order received. Items submitted shall not be debated until they appear on the agenda.
10. No voting member shall speak more than twice to the same motion during the same session nor shall anyone hold the floor for more than two minutes on any one recognition. The chair may grant exceptions to the above with the consent of the majority of the members present and voting.
11. Speakers shall conform to the rulings of the timekeeper, who shall be designated by the President.
12. In the event only one candidate has been nominated for an executive office or directorship, that candidate shall be declared elected by the chair of the NCESP Elections Committee.
13. Smoking is banned in all NCESP official functions, including meetings, trainings, and banquets.

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