

Standing Rules for 2024 Partners of WHA Convention

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Any New Business items to be added to the agenda shall be communicated to the presiding officer prior to the beginning of the meeting.
2. A timekeeper will be appointed and will be responsible to inform individuals of specified time limits.
3. The presiding officer must recognize a member before members begin speaking.
4. The reading of papers of two pages or more will not be allowed to be read during the meeting.

VOTING DELEGATES:

1. Individuals must indicate that they are delegates when registering.
2. Delegate identification badges will be issued to each delegate, and they shall be worn while participating in the membership meeting.
3. A count of delegates shall be taken prior to the beginning of the membership meeting.
4. Only delegates may vote during the business meeting.
5. Delegates shall be seated in the delegate section of the meeting room.
6. Voting members in addition to the 2 delegates from each local organizations include Partners of WHA President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, District Chairs, Past Presidents in attendance, Community Health Education Chair, Public Policy Chair, Strategic Planning Chair. [Any member of the Board of Directors that holds more than one voting office is entitled to only one vote per question being voted on.]

REPORTS:

1. Each committee report shall be limited to three minutes.
2. Copies of the reports shall be included in convention folders.

MOTIONS:

1. Only delegates may make motions and amendments.
2. All main motions, and all amendments to main motions, must be submitted in writing.
3. (The exceptions to this rule are: the motions to accept the minutes, the budget, and the standing rules.)
4. Total discussion time on all main motions and any secondary motions (including amendments) shall be limited to 25 minutes.
5. Any delegate entitled to speak shall go to an appropriate microphone.
6. The presiding officer shall recognize delegates wishing to address a pending motion.
7. Delegates seeking to be recongnized to speak shall state their: name, city, and hospital affiliation.
8. No delegate shall speak for more than two minutes on any pending question, and not more than twice.
9. A delegate may not speak a second time, on the same question, until all delegates who wish to speak on the pending question have had an opportunity to speak first.
10. Comments must be confined to the current pending motion, or question.

11. A motion to close debate, ["Moving the Previous Question", with a second], will be recognized by the presiding officer, and shall be voted on before putting the pending question, or pending questions, to a vote.

ELECTIONS:

1. If there are multiple nominees, each candidate shall be allowed two (2) minutes to speak.
2. The election shall take place at the conclusion of the candidates' speeches.
3. An assigned teller and their assistants shall collect, count, and provide the results of the balloting to the presiding officer.
4. The presiding officer shall announce the results of the elections.