

Standing Rules

For Annual Meeting

- 1. Debate on any motion shall be limited to two minutes per person. Voting members may speak twice on any debatable motion, but cannot make a second speech on the same question so long as anyone who has not spoken on that question desires the floor.
- 2. Total debate on nominations will be no longer than 10 minutes.
- 3. The meeting parliamentarian will serve as timekeeper, and will notify the Chair when a member's time has expired, at which time the Chair will lightly tap the gavel to notify the speaker.
- 4. No recording devices shall be permitted in the meeting room except that one may be used by the recording secretary.
- 5. Cellular phones and other electronic devices shall be set to silent or turned off.
- 6. Motions may be approved by unanimous consent when appropriate. If any member objects to the motion's adoption, or wishes to debate further, the member calls out "object!" when the Chair asks if there is any objection, at which time the vote proceeds to another method. Voting may be by voice vote or voting cards at the discretion of the Chair. For a voting card vote, members remain seated during voting. Voting by this method is ordinarily treated as a "simple division;" meaning that the vote is not counted, unless the Chair is uncertain of the result and wishes to have it counted, or the Council orders a counted vote by majority vote (the motion must be seconded, and is not debatable).
- 7. When speaking, members are to address the Chair rather than other members of the Council, and shall be respectful at all times never attacking the motives of other members.