

Virtual Conference Standing Rules

Due to the SIA mandate to “pause” all in-person activities throughout the Federation until further notice, the 2021 Founder Region Conference will be held virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing from April 27—May 2, 2021. Voting on the Founder Region & Fellowship Business, Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws, and election of the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee will be administered through Eballot.com.

Standing Rules for the Virtual Conference:

- 1. Registration** - All delegates must be registered before being added to the voter list of the electronic ballot system provided by e-Ballot.com.
- 2. Credentials**
 - a) The electronic ballot administrator shall provide User Name and Access Code for voting delegates.
 - b) Credentials Report #1 coincides with the opening of electronic ballot #1 which includes voting on Amendments to the Proposed Bylaws Amendments.
 - c) Credentials Report #2 coincides with the opening of electronic ballot #2 which includes voting on the elections, Bylaws Amendments as amended, and other conference business.
- 3. Communications** - Communications will be through email, the Founder Region website, Facebook page and conference calls.
- 4. Motions** - Main motions and amendments shall be written and sent to the chair electronically through email.
- 5. Debate** – If during a conference call there is a debate, then debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker, five minutes per question and ten minutes for each article, except when permitted otherwise by the voting assembly by a two-thirds vote. No member may speak more than twice to the same question, except by consent of the voting assembly on the conference call.
- 6. Decorum**
 - a) All scheduled conference calls will be called to order on time.
 - b) The Chair at all times shall be addressed as Governor Kris.
 - c) A delegate or other member shall be allowed to speak when the opportunity is open or called by district and having been recognized, shall state her/his name and the name of her/his club distinctly.
 - d) The Chair shall recognize each member desiring the floor in proper order by district.
 - e) Both delegates and non-delegates shall be allowed the privilege of the floor. Precedence shall be accorded delegates.
 - f) Region committee chairs shall be accorded precedence of the floor at the discretion of the Chair, with the consent of the delegates, if they are speaking to an issue affecting their committee, or to an issue proposed by their committee and which was sent with the Call to Conference.
 - g) Members should be respectful of those around them and turn off any equipment that would distract from the meeting: cell phones on vibrate, computer notifications on silent during conference sessions.
- 7. Publicity** - No discussion or action shall be released for publicity without the approval of the Region Governor.
- 8. Recording Devices** - Conference Calls may be recorded when announced by the Chair. Recording devices (i.e. tape recorders, video cameras) shall not be used during the Conference without the written consent of the Region Governor.



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