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1. Except as specified in these Standing Rules and in the Constitution, the rules of procedure at this meeting shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
2. No person shall be admitted to the meeting without proper credentials.
3. Only active Members in Good Standing will be eligible to vote.
4. No person may speak until recognized by the Chair, except for motions listed in #5. To obtain recognition, in person participants shall raise their hand and wait to be recognized by the Chair. Virtual participants shall first use the virtual "Raise Hand" function and will be recognized by the Chair in turn; after recognition, the members shall state their name.
5. The following motions do not require recognition: Point of Order, Parliamentary Inquiry, Point of Information, Raise a Question of Privilege, Orders of the Day and Appeal*. May interrupt another speaker if urgency requires. Objection to Consideration of the Question and Reconsider do not require recognition but cannot interrupt another speaker.
    - Member uses virtual "Raise Hand" and clarifies using chat function to call out one of the above motions.
    - After Chair asks member to state the point, inquiry, etc., member will be unmuted to speak.

- **Appeal – a member may appeal the ruling of the Chair, and a majority of the assembly decides.*

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6. Members who wish to make or second a motion shall do so by raising their hand (in-person) or using the "Raise Hand" function (virtually).

7. Debate on motions is usually limited to ten (10) minutes after the question is raised by the Chair. The Chair shall advise when there are two (2) minutes remaining on the motion. For some questions of particular importance, the Executive Council may designate a longer initial debate period.

8. Motions to extend debate should be made before the ten (10) minutes have expired and are made for ten (10) minutes. (Requires two-thirds (2/3) vote for adoption.)

9. All motions shall be in writing and given to the Chair.

10. Speeches shall be limited to two (2) minutes.

11. Members may be eligible to speak for a second time only after all first-time speakers have spoken.

12. No one shall enter or leave the meeting while voting is in progress.

13. Any motions that have cost implications shall be presented at the same time as the budget is considered.

14. No resolution will be brought to the floor at a General Meeting which requires action or has financial implications unless it is an emergency resolution.

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