



STANDING RULES OF THE REGION 6 ASSEMBLY (HYBRID)

In all deliberations, the group conscience is more important than the technicalities of the actual motion. Let's work together in a spirit of mutual respect and kindness as we do the business of Region 6 – and when the group conscience is reached, let there be unity.

A. Identification of Members

a. **Members who are attending in-person** must wear a name badge identifying themselves by first name and last initial, with their role and service body during all Business Meetings. (For example: Rozanne S, Vice Chair, Region 6 Board or Susan, Representative, Intergroup name or Brenda, Guest, Non Voting)

b. **Virtual attendees** must rename themselves on screen, according to the following Naming Conventions during all Business Meetings:

1. Representatives: R: First name last initial

2. Alternates: A: First name last initial

3. Non-voting trusted servants

a. NV: First Name Position

- Parliamentarian
- Tech Support volunteers

4. Visitors and Non-voting R6 Members:

a. V: First Name.

B. Only registered OA members, staff or invited guests are permitted at the R6 Assembly. Members who have not registered, children and people who are not in OA may not attend and should not be visible on screen.

C. In committee meetings, visitors have a voice but not a vote. Only registered R6 Representatives (or alternates) and R6 Board members have a vote in R6 Assembly meetings.

D. Each virtual attendee is responsible for their own audio and internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.

E. If a registered representative is required to leave the Assembly for more than thirty minutes, a REGISTERED alternate from the same Intergroup may move up to Temporary Voting Representative until the Representative returns, provided that the

transfer is made through the Region Six Coordinator.

F. Virtual attendees must keep their video on throughout the meetings, unless they are moving around, texting, and/or talking on the phone. Video is required during voting. If needed, a Zoom tech will turn off your video.

G. No pictures may be taken. No recording may be done with the exception of the Secretary for the purpose of the Assembly minutes. By attending this meeting, you agree not to record the meeting or capture images.

H. To seek recognition to speak:

- In person attendees go to the center mic monitor and wait to be called on.
- Virtual attendees: Use the raise hand button on the reactions tab at the bottom of your screen and send a direct message to the Center Zoom Monitor through the Zoom Chat function.

I. Speakers should state their name and intergroup.

J. Technical and/or procedural issues arising from or pertaining to the R6 Assembly's utilization of the Zoom meeting platform shall be determined and resolved at the discretion of the R6 Chair.

RULES FOR LIMITED DEBATE:

K. Voting orientation instructions will be given during the Assembly. Virtual attendees must have their video/cameras turned on at the time of voting.

L. To be recognized, in person speakers must line up at the center microphone (mic) to speak with the center mic monitor. Members attending virtually must send their question directly to the Center Zoom monitor through the Zoom chat function

M. The Center Mic Monitor will review the questions then tell the presiding officer who to call on. Then the Center Zoom monitor will do the same. The Chair will call on people in order; first pro and then con.

N. Debate will alternate between pro and con speakers, and between in-person attendees and virtual attendees as follows:

- First, speaker at the pro mic will be called on
- Then, the speaker at the con mic will be called on
- Then, a virtual attendee who wishes to speak for the motion will be called on.
- Then, a virtual attendee who wishes to speak against the motion will be called on.
- Then, a speaker at the pro mic will be called on
- Then, a speaker at the con mic will be called on.

- Then debate will end; the question period will begin.
- Questions will alternate between in-person and virtual attendees until the period for debate is exhausted, a maximum of 30 minutes for debate and questions.

O. Pro and con will be limited to three representatives for a main motion, and two representatives for each amendment. Representatives are limited to two minutes for each main motion or amendment. Representatives who are Non-English speakers or who are neurodivergent will be limited to three minutes. Members needing interpretation will have up to 6 minutes.

P. No questions will be entertained from the center mic until all pros and all cons have been presented for each main motion.

Q. To provide the opportunity for many different representatives or alternates to speak, members may speak only once in debate. A member who spoke in debate may ask a question only after everyone who has not spoken has had the opportunity to ask the question.

R. Two copies of motions/amendments of more than a few words MUST be provided in writing: one to Region Six Secretary; one to the Region Six Chair. Virtual attendees may send their written motions to the Secretary and Parliamentarian through the meeting chat.

S. Debate on a main motion, including all subsidiary motions attached to the main motion (e.g. amendment, refer to committee, postpone) will be limited to thirty (30) minutes in total, including questions. At the end of thirty minutes, discussion will end and the vote will be taken.

T. Any committee wishing to bring an emergency motion to the Assembly MUST present the motion in writing to the Board before the Lunch break. The Board must have time to review the motion. No other new business motions, that were not included with the meeting notice, will be entertained on the day of the Assembly. Amendments to motions must be made in writing—virtual attendees may send their motions through the chat as stated in rule Q.

U. New business arising from Region Six Committee meetings and the R6 Board activities shall be brought to the Assembly floor after the new business included in the published agenda has been addressed. Such new business shall require a vote of two thirds in the affirmative to pass.

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