

Phi Chi Theta
2016 National Meeting
National Meeting Standing Rules

1. Delegates' badges MUST BE VISIBLE AT ALL BUSINESS SESSIONS.
2. Designated seating will be provided for delegates during business sessions.
3. If a delegate must unexpectedly leave the National Meeting, an eligible alternate may be selected. Such alternate must be cleared through the Bylaws Committee prior to any business sessions.

To be eligible, the alternate must be a paid, national meeting attendee that is a current member of the said local chapter in good standing.
4. A local chapter not sending an official delegate may petition the National Chapter to approve the selection of an eligible member in good standing from another chapter in good standing, either Collegiate or Alumni, to represent the petitioning chapter during the business sessions.

Such petition must be submitted in writing no later than one month before the first day of the National Meeting and cleared through the Bylaws Committee. This petition should be accompanied by a check for the full amount of the fine (\$100 as stated in the bylaws) for not sending a delegate to the National Meeting.
5. A member of the Bylaws Committee, if present, shall present the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and move their adoption at the time of consideration.
6. With the exception of National Meeting Standing Rule # 5 only members of the voting body may introduce motions.
7. To seek recognition, a member must proceed to the nearest microphone and clearly state his/her name and chapter name or position.
8. All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the proponent (with name of chapter or national role) and shall be sent by a page to the Chair after the motion is made orally but before action is taken.
9. In discussion, the speaker shall state whether he/she is speaking in the affirmative or negative.
10. Discussion on a motion shall be limited to TWO (2) MINUTES for each speaker. Unanimous consent of the voting body shall be required if additional time is to be granted to a speaker. If there is an objection, a two-thirds vote shall be required to grant additional time.
11. The President shall appoint a timekeeper to serve each business session. The timekeeper shall use a sounding device to give each speaker a 30 SECOND WARNING before the expiration of time allowed. At the end of the expired time, the timekeeper shall use the sounding device again. The speaker, without further comment, shall immediately relinquish the floor. If the speaker fails to observe this Convention Rule, the sounding device should be used again.
12. No member may speak a second time until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so.

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13. No member shall be given the privilege of the floor more than twice on the same question without the unanimous consent of the voting body.
14. No subject shall be debated longer than TWENTY (20) MINUTES.
15. During a rising vote, only floor tellers will be permitted to move about. All doors will remain closed while the votes are being counted.

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Standing rules are:

Adopted by a majority vote--no notice required.

Amended or Rescinded by a 2/3 vote or a majority of the entire membership--without notice.

Amended or Rescinded by a majority vote--with notice.

Suspended (temporarily) by a majority vote--no notice required.