

## **PROPOSED RULES OF ORDER**

The following are the proposed Rules of Order for the 123rd Annual Convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

These will be formally presented by the Rules of Order Committee for adoption to the members present at the CLLA General Business Session on Thursday, April 6, 2017. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed Rules of Order may email CLLA Executive Vice-President, Jeff Henderson at [jhenderson@tso.net](mailto:jhenderson@tso.net).

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1. The order of business of the convention shall be as printed in the convention program and as modified by any addenda thereto.
2. The proceedings of the convention shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except as provided for herein or in the Constitution of the Commercial Law League of America.
3. The rules as submitted by the President shall be adopted upon a majority vote of those present and voting. The rules may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote of the convention or upon recommendation by the President by a majority vote of the convention.
4. Elections at the convention shall follow the procedure as set forth in the Constitution. Subject to the following:
  - a. The report of the Nominating Council shall be published in the Convention Program.
  - b. In the case of a contested election, there shall be a debate among the candidates for the contested election. Those candidates will each have the opportunity to make a brief two (2) minute introduction of themselves before the debate and a one (1) minute closing statement following the debate. The candidates will be asked three (3) to five (5) Questions that were previously developed by the members of the Nominating Council. The order of the questioning will be determined by lots drawn prior to the debate. The candidate who drew the first lot will have two (2) minutes to answer the first question. In the order of lots chosen, the other candidate(s) will then each have two (2) minutes to respond. The second question shall be directed to the candidate who drew the second lot, who will have two (2) minutes to answer the question. In the order of lots chosen, starting with the candidate who chose the third lot, each of the other candidate(s) shall have two (2) minutes to respond. The questions and responses shall continue to be directed to the candidates in similar fashion in the order of drawn lots.

Candidates not involved in a contested election will each have two (2) minutes to address the membership to express their goals and objectives. The Nominating Council shall have the discretion to assign the order in which each such candidate will address the membership.

Time limits will be strictly enforced by the Timekeeper, Jeff Henderson or other staff member. Timekeeper will indicate when the candidate is to begin (START), when 20 seconds remain and when time has expired (STOP). Both the candidates and the audience should be able to hear the Timekeeper.

When time is up, the Timekeeper will sound the timer. If a candidate exceeds the time limit the Timekeeper will stand and ask the candidate to stop speaking.

- c. No candidate shall be allowed to speak for himself or herself in withdrawing his or her candidacy.
  - d. Only the names of candidates for offices for which there are more than one nominee shall appear on the ballot.
  - e. In the case where there are no contested elections, the president may determine the best time, place and manner to present information about the candidates to the convention.
  - f. Voting shall be conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 7, 2017.
5. Prior to the conclusion of the Annual Convention, the districts shall select members of the Nominating Council pursuant to Article XVIII of Constitution. If not so selected, the members of the several districts shall meet for the purpose of electing two delegates and two alternates of the Nominating Council for the 2017-2018 election of officers.