



RULES OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES - 2020

Committees are the forums where recommendations for consideration by the International Executive Board or by the Convention assembled are determined. The final product of each Convention Committee may provide the matrix of key components for the future of our Fraternity. Because the time for Committee deliberations is limited and to ensure the orderly proceedings of all Convention Committees, the following Rules have been adopted by the International Executive Board:

RULE 1.

Convention Committees may be established and their membership appointed as provided for in the Rules of Convention.

RULE 2.

The Chair or Co-Chairs of the Committee shall first introduce himself/herself and then have any resource person(s) and each Committee member introduce himself/herself to the Committee by stating his/her name and chapter

RULE 3.

The Chair may appoint from among the Committee members: a Committee Clerk who shall keep the official records of the Committee; a Committee Recorder who shall serve as official time keeper of the Committee; and a Committee Marshal who shall maintain order during deliberation of the Committee.

RULE 4.

Each member of the Committee shall have one vote on each issue to come before the Committee, except that the Chair or Co-Chairs shall vote only in the event of a tie vote.

RULE 5.

Each member of the Committee and any resource persons shall be allowed to speak for not more than five minutes on any issue to come before the Committee, provided no one shall speak a second time on the same issue if a member who has not previously spoken on that issue desires to speak on it.

RULE 6.

The Committee shall have the authority to call upon any member of the Fraternity in attendance at the Convention to appear before it concerning any matter properly before the Committee. For those Committees that convene by conference call, the Chair, upon reasonable notice, may request any member of the Fraternity to participate in a conference call with the Committee. For purposes of this Rule, conference call shall be defined as telephone conference, video conference, internet conference or other such technological means as may be developed that allow for near “real time” interaction between participants.

RULE 7.

Any member seated by the Convention shall be admitted to the Committee room to observe the Committee and may address the Committee once on any issue being considered by the Committee if Committee meetings are being held in person at the convention site. At the opening of the Committee meeting, the Committee Chair shall set a reasonable time limit for any such presentation. For those Committees that convene for discussion by conference call, reasonable notice of that call shall be posted on the P.A.D. website with instructions on how to access that call. Any law, alumni, honorary and lifetime member of the Fraternity may participate in any call as an observer and may, at the discretion of the Chair, discuss any proposals before the Committee. The Chair shall set reasonable time limits for any such comment by an observer. For purposes of this Rule, conference call shall be defined as telephone conference, video conference, internet conference or other such technological means as may be developed that allow for near “real time” interaction between participants.

RULE 8.

All issues to come before the Committee shall be decided by majority vote of the Committee members.

RULE 9.

If the Committee is charged with presenting a report to the Convention or the International Executive Board, the Committee report shall be prepared by the Chair and/or Clerk of the Committee and submitted to the full Committee for approval prior to presentation of the report. Prior to submission of the report, the Committee Chair shall circulate the report to the Committee members so they have an opportunity to raise any issues with the accuracy of the report.

RULE 10.

Any 20% or more of the Committee members may present a minority report to the full Committee report or any portion thereof, which minority report shall be presented to the Convention or International Executive Board immediately following the presentation of the majority report.

RULE 11.

Any procedural matter not covered by these Rules or Rules of the Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition available.

Effective June 3, 2020