

Western North Carolina Association

2014 Standing Rules*

1. Voting delegates shall be issued name badges and voting cards. These voting cards shall be used whenever a vote is taken.
2. The President shall establish and declare the bar of the house for the meeting. The bar shall clearly distinguish seating for both voting delegates and visitors. No delegate will be allowed to vote outside the bar.
3. Routine matters may be disposed of by the President. If there is an objection, the president shall state the question on motion, allow any desired debate, and shall put the question to vote in regular manner.
4. Resolutions may be submitted by any voting delegate, congregation, commission or committee of the Association for action at the annual meeting. These resolutions must be submitted in written form to the Association office not less than 45 days prior to the annual meeting if they are to be distributed for review by churches and delegates in advance of the annual meeting.
5. A written copy of any main motion or resolution presented at the annual meeting must be given to the President and secretary immediately after the motion is made. If there is a second to the motion, the President will read, or direct the secretary to read, the motion again before placing it before the assembly for debate.
6. An amendment may be made to a main motion. If the amendment is brief and there is a second to it, the President may simply restate the amendment prior to allowing debate on the amendment. However, if the amendment is long or complicated and is seconded, it shall be submitted in writing to the President and secretary to be read prior to debate.
7. All delegates shall speak from one of the floor microphones and state their names and church or agency affiliation when they are recognized to speak.
8. No delegate shall speak without being recognized by the President.
9. No one may speak to the same motion more than twice.
10. Any individual (or his/her representative) who makes the main motion shall be granted five minutes to present the case for his or her motion after the President has put the motion before the assembly. Additional speeches for or against the main motion shall be limited to two minutes each. Debate on motions and resolutions will be limited in duration to 20 minutes.
11. In order to close debate on a motion, the proper motion is "I move the previous question" or "I move to close debate". The mover must gain recognition from the chair, and the motion must be seconded. The motion to close debate cannot be amended and requires a two-thirds vote for adoption. It is always out of order to merely call out "Question" if there are still delegates who wish to speak.
12. The Association may vote to allow a guest the right to speak to the Association, but shall not grant that person the right to vote.
13. These Standing Rules may be modified or suspended for the duration of this session by a majority vote of the Association.

* Same as 2008 Standing Rules