

# STANDING RULES of the 2022 NID Convention

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- 2 1. ELECTRONIC DEVICES. Only recording devices approved by the president shall be
- 3 permitted. Mobile phones and pagers shall be kept in non-audible mode; vocal
- 4 phone conversations shall not be permitted.
- 5 2. CREDENTIALS. Delegates, guests and staff shall wear official badges during all
- 6 convention functions.
- 7 3. VOTING. Votes will normally be made with electronic keypads. At the discretion of
- 8 the chair, votes may be taken by voice, rising vote, voting cards, or standing
- 9 counted vote.
- 10 4. Nominations from the floor shall be seconded and a majority vote shall add the
- 11 nominee to ballot.
- 12 5. MOTIONS - RESOLUTIONS - OVERTURES
- 13 a. Motions to amend a resolution or to offer a substitute resolution shall be
- 14 submitted in writing in triplicate.<sup>1</sup>
- 15 b. Only voting delegates may make or second motions.
- 16 c. Floor Committee Resolutions
- 17 1. Omnibus A, B and C<sup>2</sup> resolutions shall be disposed of before taking up Floor
- 18 Committee resolutions.
- 19 2. Floor Committee representatives shall read only an overture's *resolving*
- 20 *clauses* unless, in the judgment of the committee, each *whereas clause* should
- 21 also be read.
- 22 3. Floor Committee resolutions not taken up during the convention fall to the
- 23 ground.
- 24 4. In connection with resolutions adopted during the convention, the
- 25 Constitution Committee shall be authorized to correct punctuation and
- 26 grammar and to make other technical and conforming changes as may be
- 27 necessary to reflect the intent of the delegates, including applicable
- 28 modifications to section designations and cross references in the bylaws.
- 29 6. DEBATE - DISCUSSION
- 30 a. Motions may be made from any microphone, however those speaking in favor of
- 31 a motion shall do so at the odd numbered microphones and those opposed shall
- 32 speak at the even numbered microphones.
- 33 b. Members seconding a motion need not go to the microphone nor be recognized
- 34 by the chair.
- 35 c. After recognition, a delegate shall state his or her name, congregation and
- 36 location or the administrative unit represented. If applicable, members shall
- 37 preface remarks with "I speak for/against the motion."

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<sup>1</sup> One copy each for the presiding officer, secretary, and parliamentarian.

<sup>2</sup> Prior to the convention, Floor Committees submitted certain overtures for Omnibus A, B and C consideration. The secretary consolidated them into one resolution for each category. The Floor Committees used Synod rules: A - when certain overtures should be presented first to a District Board or Committee (before asking the District Convention to take action); B - when certain overtures have been given adequate and appropriate response by a previous District or Synodical Convention, and C. - when the Floor Committee chooses to decline the overture.



- 38 d. Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes per speech and twice to each motion,  
39 the second time only after all who wish to speak have done so, except that Floor  
40 Committee members have unlimited time provided Rule 6e does not apply.  
41 Extension of these limits shall require a two-thirds vote.
- 42 e. If a substitute motion is moved and seconded, the framer shall have two (2)  
43 minutes to speak for consideration and a Floor Committee member shall have  
44 two (2) minutes to speak against consideration. Without further debate,  
45 delegates shall vote whether to consider the substitute; a majority is required to  
46 adopt. If the substitute is subsequently adopted, the original motion is not  
47 considered. If the substitute motion is (a) not considered or (b) is considered  
48 and not adopted, the original motion is then considered.<sup>3</sup>
- 49 f. The *previous question* (call the question) may only be made by a delegate who  
50 rises solely for this purpose.
- 51 7. THE PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY AND A HIGHER AUTHORITY. The rules  
52 contained in the current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall  
53 govern the convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they  
54 are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Lutheran Church—  
55 Missouri Synod, the Bylaws of the Northern Illinois District, and these convention  
56 standing rules. Above all, the rules of Christian love shall govern the convention.

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<sup>3</sup> This procedure is an adaptation of the “Behnken Rule” for substitute motions.

