

STATE DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA AUXILIARY

CONVENTION RULES

Robert=s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern except as hereafter specifically stated.

1. For the purpose of recognition, a member at Convention must (1) Stand, (2) Address the Chair as ACommander@, (3) State their name and Unit, or State Department and Title, and (4) Proceed to speak only after recognition by the Chair.
2. Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker, except by two-thirds (2/3) consent.
3. Only fully accredited and registered delegates shall participate directly or indirectly in a vote on any subject of this convention.
4. Delegates or Alternates of any Unit that is indebted to State Headquarters, in any amount shall not be seated and cannot vote in the convention until such indebtedness is cleared.
5. Each Past State Commander and each Elected State Officer shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
6. Each local Unit shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for their charter, and one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) senior members or major fraction thereof whose current membership dues have been received by National Headquarters prior to April 30th. Each Unit delegation shall elect a Chairman, who votes the total Unit strength. When a poll of any delegation is demanded by a delegate entitled to vote, the Chairman shall poll the delegation without discussion or debate.
7. Nomination of State Officers shall be made by the State Nominating Committee and/or from the floor of the State Convention. Only one nominating speech shall be made for each candidate and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Seconding speeches shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each candidate.

Election of officers shall be by roll call vote. When there is only one candidate for an office, election shall be by voice vote.

In the event that more than one (1) candidate is nominated for any one office, the balloting shall continue until one candidate has received a majority of votes cast by the delegates present and voting.

8. Discussion of personal grievances, local conditions, or claims concerning one (1) individual with respect to their personal interest, shall not be in order before this convention, but may be discussed before a committee of this Convention, as directed by the State Commander.
9. There shall be no form of Unit Rule or voting by proxy at this Convention.