

**NEW MEXICO STATE ORGANIZATION
THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
2023 STATE CONVENTION STANDING RULES**

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY - *ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED* (current edition) shall govern the proceedings of **New Mexico State Organization** and the chapters in all cases not provided for in the CONSTITUTION.

- #1. **REGISTRATION:** All NMSO members shall be registered before being admitted to state convention business and educational meetings. Registration badges are to be worn at all times.
- #2. **VOTING BODY:** The voting body of the convention general session shall be all registered members at the convention. At the Executive Board meeting the voting body is the elected state officers, chapter presidents, and past state presidents.
- #3. **QUORUM:** A majority of the voting body present and registered at the opening of the executive board meeting and general business session shall constitute a quorum.
- #4. **MOTIONS and DEBATE:** All motions shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary (or Chair) at the time they are made. Any member may speak, but only members of the voting body may make motions and vote. When addressing the Chair, the speaker shall rise, be recognized, and state name and name of chapter.

Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker and ten (10) minutes for each question. No member may speak more than twice to the same question unless all others who wish to speak have done so.

The official timekeeper shall call time at the end of two minutes and/or ten minutes.

The Chair may assume the motion on any committee report requiring action.

- #5. **ORDERS of the DAY:** The official spring meeting program constitutes the orders of the day.
- #6. **DECORUM:** During business meetings members should refrain from speaking unless assigned the floor and should suppress unnecessary noise in the corridors adjoining the assembly hall. All cell phones should be turned off/put on vibrate during all sessions and workshops.
- #7. **COMMUNICATIONS:** All communications to the platform or to persons in the assembly shall be made by an official page.
- #8. **MINUTES:** The President shall appoint a committee of three (3) members authorized to check and approve the minutes of the convention. Questions not resolved by the committee shall be referred to the Executive Committee for decision.
- #9. **SALE ITEMS:** No chapter, individual, or vendor is permitted to sell materials or gift items except those approved by the Executive Committee.
- #10. **SUSPENSION:** These rules may be suspended by a majority vote, except the second paragraph of #4, which takes a 2/3 vote.

These standing rules must be adopted (or amended) by the Executive Board or General Session prior to the conducting of business. They expire at the end of this meeting.

***According to the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* (12th edition), Section 59:30-34, pages 585-587, when convention and other official meetings have adopted the same standing rules not substantially changed, and every delegate/member has been provided a copy, either printed or posted on the state website, the rules do not need to be read—just officially adopted.