

SGNA HOUSE OF DELEGATES STANDING RULES

1. Robert's Rules of Order 2000 will govern the House of Delegates except when superseded by these Standing Rules.
2. House of Delegates sessions are open to all SGNA members and will start on the published time.
3. It is the responsibility of the Delegate/Alternate, and preferably both, to attend all House Sessions to represent their Regional Societies.
4. Delegates and Alternates must wear the badge and/or ribbon issued by the credentialing staff upon registration and sit in the area designated for their respective Regional Society.
5. If an alternate is to replace a delegate, the alternate must register with the credentialing staff prior to voting. No changes may be made from alternate to delegate status once the House session has begun.
6. Delegates arriving late will not be seated while a vote is in progress.
7. Each resolution will be assigned to a Reference Hearing facilitated by a Reference Committee. Reference Hearings are for discussion and deliberation of the resolutions.
8. To obtain the floor, a delegate shall rise, proceed to the microphone, identify themselves by name and regional society, and wait to be recognized. Once recognized by the Speaker or Vice-Speaker, the delegate may state their position on the issue.
9. Any member may speaker on an issue. The member must indicate if they are speaking For, speaking Against, or asking for clarification.
10. All main motions shall be submitted in triplicate, signed by the sponsor, and presented to the Speaker. The original is for the Speaker, a copy for the secretary, and a copy retained by the sponsor.
11. During debate, each speaker shall be limited to two minutes per resolution, resolutions limited to a ten minute total and a participant may only speak once until everyone has spoken and that person may only speak one more time.
12. Any substantive proposal (late resolution), not of an emergency nature or discussed at one of the scheduled reference hearings, must receive a majority vote by the delegates for consideration. This vote is non-debatable. If delegates support consideration of the proposal, it is entertained as new business and requires a 2/3 vote for adoption.
13. Announcements of a vital nature and of general interest may be made from the platform. Announcements shall be written, signed, and given to the Vice-Speaker.
14. A committee of three(3) shall be appointed by the Speaker to review and approve the minutes of the current House of Delegates.