

## Rules of Multiple District 28 Convention

May 3 & 4, 2012

1. The Council of Governors shall arrange the order of business of the Multiple District Convention and the same shall be the order of the day at all sessions.
2. Except as specified or otherwise provided, Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, shall be the authority for the Convention. A Parliamentarian for this convention shall be appointed by the Council of Governors and shall not otherwise be a member of any convention committee or any reporting committee.
3. The Council of Governors shall appoint a Sergeant-at-arms and such assistant Sergeant-at-Arms as it deems necessary.
4. On all matters presented before the convention, each chartered-club in good standing of Districts U and T shall be entitled to one voting delegate or alternate; who must be present in person, for each ten members of said club or major fraction thereof, **who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held, PROVIDED, however, that each such club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate.** A major fraction may be five or more members. In addition, Past District Governors are entitled to voting delegate status upon proper registration.
5. Each delegate, or in his/her absence an alternate (unless he/she is a District Governor), upon proper verification, shall be certified as a delegate to the convention and shall be entitled to one vote on any matter coming before the convention.
6. The respective Credentials Committees shall prepare a list of certified delegates in duplicate. One copy is to be retained by the Credentials Committee, and one copy shall be provided to the Multiple District Elections Committee.
7. Immediately prior to the first vote taken at any session, a delegate count shall be taken to determine the presence of a Quorum. Thereafter, on any vote, a delegate count shall be taken only if a quorum is challenged.
8. New business will be in order each session at the conclusion of the regular business as decided by a majority vote of the delegates present.
9. All resolutions must be clearly written on one side of the paper only, and delivered to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions must be in the hands of the said Committee in time to receive due consideration and approval for presentation. One designated member from the Committee will read all resolutions.
10. Committee members reporting before the convention shall notify the Council of Governors in advance as to the time requested for delivery of his/her report. The Council of Governors shall then set the time limit for such report consistent with the limitation of time imposed by the session.
11. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice to a motion or proposition before the assembly, and not more than three (3) minutes each time. This rule may be waived by an affirmative vote of the majority of delegates present. Any person rising to speak from the floor shall state his/her name, the name of their club and whether or not they are a delegate.

12. Club members registered for the Convention may participate in the activities of the Convention, including speaking on the floor, but may not vote unless certified as a delegate. Non-registered club members and other persons may likewise participate in the activities of the Convention, except for speaking and voting; however, the privilege to address the Convention may be granted these persons by majority vote of the assembled delegates.
13. Nominations for Council Chair will be presented by the Nominations Committee, if timely received. If no timely candidates have been received, nominations will be taken from the floor.  
Thereafter, each candidate shall have not more five (5) minutes for seconding speeches and response by the candidate. Each candidate may use the time as the candidate and sponsoring group may decide.
14. Nominations for the office of Council Chair must be cleared through and by the Nominations Committee as provided in the By-Laws.
16. Voting for the office of Council Chair shall be done at a time and place selected by the Council of Governors consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.
17. Nominations for the office of MD Secretary/treasurer will be presented by the Nominations Committee, if timely received. If no timely candidates have been received, nominations will be taken from the floor.
18. Nominations for the office of MD Secretary/treasurer must be cleared through and by the Nominations Committee as provided in the By-Laws.  
Thereafter, each candidate shall have not more five (5) minutes for seconding speeches and response by the candidate. Each candidate may use the time as the candidate and sponsoring group may decide.
19. Campaigning in the general area of the balloting booths is prohibited.
20. Nominations for convention city will be presented by the Nominations Committee, if timely received. If no timely bids have been received, nominations will be taken from the floor.
21. Six minutes will then be allowed for nomination and seconding speeches and demonstrations as determined by each sponsoring group.
22. Nominations for convention city must comply with applicable provisions of the Constitution and be cleared through the Nominations Committee.
23. Voting for Council Chair, MD Secretary/treasurer, and convention city or on other Multiple District Resolutions, will be on ballots prepared for such purpose by the Elections Committee.
24. The Elections Committee shall provide, maintain and control the ballot boxes.
25. Each certified delegate shall obtain a Multiple District ballot from the Election Committee.
26. The Multiple District Committee shall be solely responsible for counting the ballots. Each candidate shall be entitled to one watcher.
27. The results of the balloting are to be announced at the District Governor's Banquet or at such other time and place determined by the Council of Governors. A member of the Elections Committee will announce the winners and the results of each election. No results are to be given until the time is do designated.