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Business Agenda



Business Agenda:

Business Meeting I, Thursday Morning

- ▶ Welcome – Introduction –
 - ▶ When your region (by state, province, or country) is called, stand up. DO NOT APPLAUD until everyone has been introduced.

 - ▶ Adoption of Credentials –
 - ▶ The total number of voting members present is announced. If for any reason you must leave during the meeting *and will not return*, leave your delegate badge at the registration desk, as that changes the credentials count.
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Business Agenda (continued):

- ▶ Adoption of Standing Rules*
- ▶ Delegate Briefing –
 - ▶ The chair explains steps taken to present and debate the motions.
 - ▶ The motions are introduced by the maker of the motion.
- ▶ Adoption of the Consent Agenda**

* Review Presentation 08 for more information on Standing Rules.

** Review Presentation 07 for more information on Consent Agenda.

Business Agenda (continued):

- ▶ Officer and Committee Reports
 - ▶ Read the reports in advance.
 - ▶ The reports explain what work the officers, trustees, and committees have completed during the past year.
- ▶ Delegates are permitted to ask questions of the person who wrote the report.*
- ▶ If items on the schedule take less time than expected, business proceeds to the next section.

* Review Presentation 06 Questions you may ask for more information.

Business Agenda (continued):

Business Meeting II, Thursday Afternoon

- ▶ Region and general service trustee nominees' speeches and questions period
- ▶ Candidates speak for 5 minutes followed by 10 minutes of questions.

* Refer to Presentation 11 for further information on elections.

Business Agenda (continued):

- ▶ New Business Motions Discussed.*
 - ▶ Read all the motions before the meeting.
 - ▶ Each motion is discussed in order of ranking (e.g., how many “yes” votes were cast for the item on the Agenda Questionnaire).
- ▶ If a motion receives an amendment, the amendment is discussed and decided upon before the main motion.
- ▶ If a motion receives three amendments, it goes to the Reference Subcommittee** for discussion. It will return to the floor and be presented after all the other motions have been considered if time allows.

* Review Presentation 12 for more information on motions.

** Review Presentation 10 for more information on Reference Subcommittee.

Business Agenda (continued):

- ▶ The first motions addressed are to request the Conference Seal of Approval on new or revised literature.*
- ▶ Then New Business Motions (policies) are considered.
- ▶ Bylaw Amendments are considered last.
- ▶ DO NOT applaud when a motion or amendment is adopted or fails.

* See presentation 09 for more information about literature motions.

Business Agenda (continued):

- ▶ Business Meeting III, Friday Morning
 - ▶ Region and GST elections*
 - ▶ The chair introduces the nominees.
 - ▶ Ballots are distributed.
 - ▶ Voting is explained and ballots are marked.
 - ▶ Ballots are counted.
 - ▶ Results are announced.

* Review Presentation 11 for more information on elections.

Business Agenda (continued):

Business Meeting IV, Friday Afternoon

- ▶ New business continues.
- ▶ Bylaw Amendments are discussed.

Business Meeting V, Saturday Morning

- ▶ Bylaw Amendments continue.
- ▶ Emergency New Business*, if any
- ▶ Committee and workshop reports
- ▶ Green Dot Ceremony
- ▶ Adjournment

* Review Presentation 10 for more information on Emergency New Business.