

LEGISLATIVE RULES FOR CONVENTION AND DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following rules have been adopted to govern Conventions and Executive Meetings unless amended or deleted by a two-thirds majority vote at such a meeting.

Robert's Rules of Order - In any matter not covered by the AMVETS National Constitution and By-Laws, Department of California Constitution and By-Laws or these Convention and DEC rules, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

Privilege of the Floor - All AMVETS shall have the privilege of the floor when properly recognized by the chair. When recognized, they will declare their **NAME** and **POST NUMBER**, also when making a motion or a second.

Time Limit on Debate - Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, except for the proponent of a resolution or motion who shall have two minutes for rebuttal. Debate on any one subject shall be limited to fifteen minutes unless extended by a two thirds vote of the members present.

Post Delegate Chairman - shall control his delegation with regard to monopolizing argument on the floor, pro and con on a question.

On Any Question - the Chair shall recognize proponents and opponents alternately.

The Floor - shall be permitted but once to any one individual on any one subject except the proponent of a resolution or motion, except by majority consent of the members present. However, Committee Chairman may speak as frequently as necessary in connection with their committee reports. In the event of controversy, the Chair shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman, or the proponent, an opportunity for a two minute rebuttal.

Resolutions, Requirements for Presentation - All resolutions to come before the meeting must be presented to the Resolutions Committee, or the Department Executive Director, for referral to the proper committee, before close of business on the first day of the meeting. They must be presented in three copies, typed or printed in proper resolution form. If submitted by a Post the resolution must be signed by the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant. A resolution may be submitted when sponsored by five AMVETS in good standing from five different Posts.

No Resolutions - shall be discussed on the floor until it has been reported out by an appropriate Committee after referral by the Resolutions Committee. All resolutions properly submitted must be reported to the floor of the meeting. No Committee shall give consideration to any resolution, the subject matter of which does not pertain to the duties or functions of that particular Committee. Under these rules, a Committee may originate such resolutions as pertain to the subject with which the Committee is charge. A two thirds vote of the delegates may accept a resolution which does not meet the above requirements.

Video & Recording Devices - in the audience are absolutely prohibited. Official minutes of this convention are property of AMVETS Department of California.

Voting - Only duly accredited delegates or, in their absence, the accredited alternates, shall vote on any question before the meeting. Any vote is subject to challenge by another delegate.

Voting shall be by voice or hand vote, except that the Chair, or the delegates of at least three Posts, may demand a roll call vote. Election of Department Officers shall be by VOICE VOTE.

(a) Final nominations for Officers shall be held at 9:30 AM sharp on Sunday morning and the election shall immediately follow the close of nominations.

Nominations, Invitations for Meetings - Nomination speeches for Department Officers, invitations for meetings and acceptance speeches shall not exceed three (3) minutes. Not more than two seconding speeches for any candidate or place shall be permitted. Such speeches shall not be more than one (1) minute.

Discussions, Personal and Local Grievances - Discussion of PERSONAL GRIEVANCES, LOCAL CONDITIONS OR CLAIMS CONCERNING AN INDIVIDUAL with respect to his personal interest shall not be permitted on the floor; however, such matters may be discussed before Committees with a majority approval of the members of such committee.

Time Keeper and Rules Administrator - The Provost Marshall shall be the Sergeant-at-Arms. The Judge Advocate shall be the administrator of the Rules of the meeting. A Time Keeper shall be appointed by the Department Commander. Each may appoint assistants with the approval of the Department Commander.

Election Rules - Delegates and Alternates who have paid their registration fees will be qualified to represent Posts in good standing.

Election of all Officers - shall be by a majority of the votes cast. After any ballot for any office, if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated. A candidate for any office receiving less than ten percent (10%) of the votes on any ballot shall likewise be eliminated when there are more than three candidates for the office. In case of a tie, the Department Commander will break the tie.

No Ballot - shall be taken on any office until such time as reports on the qualifications of all for the office have been submitted.

Each Office - shall be voted on separately in the order outlined in Article VI of the Department Constitution. As each Department Officer is elected, nominations will be in order for the next office indicated.

Voting Delegates - shall be furnished with some visible means of identification to facilitate vote counting. Offices would then be voted upon and filled in the order listed in Article 7. The election shall proceed under the supervision of three AMVETS appointed by the Department Commander. The candidates for office may have one personal representative to witness the counting of the ballots for the office he or she seeks. The election shall proceed for one office at a time.

During the Elections of Officers - the doors will be closed and no one will be allowed to come in; however, delegates may go out.