

Rule 1: STANDING RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION OF KENT COUNTY

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Rule 1.1. COMMITTEES.

- a. For all County Conventions, the chair of the KCDP shall appoint the Credentials Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Resolutions Committee and announce them prior to the convention.

Rule 1.2. CONVENTION CHAIR AND OFFICERS.

- a. The chair of the KCDP will serve as Temporary Convention Chair and call the convention to order. A Permanent Convention Chair shall be elected after the close of credentialing.
- b. The Permanent Convention Chair shall appoint a Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian for the convention.

Rule 1.3. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The *suggested* agenda for County Conventions shall be:

- a. Doors open for credentialing
- b. Call to Order
- c. Close Credentialing
- d. Election of Permanent Convention Chair and appointment of other convention officers
- e. Adoption of Convention Agenda
- f. Reports of the Credentials Committee (e.g. number of delegates registered as present), Rules Committee (e.g. rules for voting and debate), and Resolutions Committee (e.g. number of resolutions received, number being recommended)
- g. New Business (e.g. election of County Committee, election of members of state convention committees, consideration of resolutions)
- h. Good & Welfare
- i. Adjourn

Rule 1.4. CREDENTIALS.

- a. When meeting in person, to facilitate identification and seating delegates shall be issued a physical credential (such as voting card or badge).
- b. For virtual meetings, a method must be in place that allows only credentialed delegates to vote.

Rule 1.5. RESOLUTIONS.

- a. All resolutions must be submitted online, via a Resolution Submission Form.
- b. The link to this form shall be provided with the Call to Convention, with instructions about completing the form and the deadline for submitting it.
- c. The committee may determine that a resolution submitted is technically inadmissible (e.g., would violate MDP rules). The committee may also combine two or more resolutions with essentially the same content.
- d. Individuals who offer admissible resolutions shall be given the opportunity to explain it to the Resolutions Committee if they so request.
- e. The Resolutions Committee shall submit to the convention, with the Committee's own recommendation as to appropriate action, all admissible resolutions referred to the

Committee. If the committee does not support a resolution, or rules a resolution inadmissible, the committee must explain its grounds for doing so.

Rule 1.6. NOMINATIONS. Anyone nominated from the floor for an elected position must either: a) be present to accept the nomination; or b) have previously indicated to the nominator their consent to be nominated, and the nominator should affirm that prior consent during the nomination.

Rule 1.7. DEBATE. All delegates are limited to two (2) two-minute comments per issue.

Rule 1.8. RULES OF PROCEDURE. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the convention in all cases to which they are applicable and consistent with the bylaws of the MDP and these standing rules.