

**BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
REGION IX
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING STANDING RULES
AMENDED JANUARY 31, 2009
TO ADD PARAGRAPH 15**

1. The general authority controlling this Regional Council shall be the National Constitution, Regional By-laws, these Standing Rules, and Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
2. The Parliamentarian shall give parliamentary opinions upon request by the Chair.
3. Only Chapters financial with the Region and the National Organization shall be seated on the Council. Only financial members of Chapters, in good financial shall represent the Chapter and be seated on the Council. The Regional Assistant Treasurer shall be responsible for the verification of eligibility of Council Representatives to be seated on the Council.
4. The quorum of the Regional Council is defined as five (5) financial chapters. If at any time after the Council has been called to order and is in session with less than a quorum, the Parliamentarian or Secretary shall notify the Chair that the body fails to have a quorum and any and all actions of the body taken after notification are unofficial and non-binding on the Council.
5. All business shall be brought before the Council by a motion of a member or by the presentation of a committee to the Council.
6. Members must be recognized by the Chair before addressing the body. Members addressing the Council after being recognized by the Chair shall state his/her name and chapter.
7. Before any subject is open to debate, it shall be put in the form of a motion, properly seconded and restated by the Chair.
8. Upon request of the Chair, a motion shall be submitted in writing, signed by the maker of the motion, and presented to the recorder of the meeting.
9. Debate shall be restricted to voting members of the Council; however, nonvoting members may address the Council if there is no objection from members of the Council.
10. After a motion has been restated by the Chair, it becomes the property of the body; the maker shall not be allowed to withdraw or modify the motion, except by obtaining permission from the body, or by moving to amend the motion.

The maker of the motion has the right to speak to the motion before any other member of the Regional Council.

11. Discussion on all issues including motions shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker and no speaker shall speak more than twice on any one issue. No speaker shall speak a second time before each Council member has had the opportunity to speak.
12. All Chapter Reports shall include issues/action items and a summary of your accomplishments for the quarter. It is recommended that Chapter Reports be submitted in writing to the Corresponding Secretary, five (5) business days prior to the Regional Meeting electronically or hard copies made available to all members of the Council. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes to give major highlights of chapter actions or accomplishments. Reports shall be accepted by a motion and carried by a simple majority of the Council.
13. These rules shall require a simple majority vote by the Council members present for adoption. These rules may also be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Council members present.
14. Regional Chapter assessments shall be \$5.00 per member payable each year in January prior to the January Regional Council Meeting.
15. Regional Council meetings will not be recorded electronically without prior approval of the Region IX Council.



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