

Recommended Annual Meeting Debate Rules

- 1. A member wishing to speak shall raise their hand on the Zoom platform. They will be recognized with their name, member firm name and city.
- 2. No member shall speak more than twice to a question without permission of the assembly, the second opportunity being granted only after every other member desiring the floor for the first time has spoken.
- 3. Debate shall be limited to three minutes per person. Extension of time may be granted by the Chair with consent of the assembly or by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present.
- 4. Prior to calling for the question or vote, the Chair may request a "consensus of the assembly" from time to time to determine the voting posture of the assembly or to limit extended debate.
- 5. The right to the floor in debate will be granted to nonvoting members by the Chair. Voting members normally will have the right to debate prior to nonvoting members.
- 6. Only one individual representing a voting member shall speak for that office. A second individual may speak for that office only after all other voting members desiring the floor for the first time have spoken.
- 7. All motions made from the floor shall be presented to the Secretary/Treasurer in writing when requested by the Chair.
- 8. The Annual Meeting shall be one session, recessing from meeting to meeting within the session.
- 9. Rules of order shall be according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- 10. These convention rules shall be adopted by a majority vote or suspended or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting.