2023 OKLP State Convention Annual Business Meeting Special Convention Rules of Order

1. All primary amendments to the Platform for Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the A/V Coordinator. All such primary amendments must be legible and: contain the names of the motioner and seconder; contain the full language of the proposed amendment; specify the Article and Section of any current bylaw, or the platform plank, that would be impacted.

Substitute motions to proposals from the Bylaws & Platform Committee shall be submitted prior to those recommendations being taken up by the assembly.

Motions unrelated to proposals from the Bylaws & Platform Committee shall be submitted prior to New Business, when such motions may be considered.

- 2. All resolutions, any motion to appeal a decision of the Judicial Committee, or any other action to be considered by the assembly not previously addressed on the agenda must be declared to the Convention Secretary and submitted in writing to the A/V Coordinator prior to New Business, when such proposals may be considered. All proposals must be legible, contain the full language of the motion or resolution, and include the name of the author.
- 3. Debate shall be limited to 2 minutes per person. Debate on the pending question is limited to 20 minutes, notwithstanding accommodation for an equal number of speakers on each side (if available).

Members wishing to obtain the floor will proceed to the appropriate microphone. One will be designated for those in favor and the other will be for those opposed to the motion.

The member who made the motion may speak to the motion first.

No member who has already had the floor in debate on the immediately pending question is entitled to the floor again so long as another member who has not spoken on that question is in line to speak to the question. If no other member is in line to speak to the question, the member may speak a second time to the pending motion. The chair will alternate the floor between those in favor and those opposed to the pending motion.

Once the chair is no longer able to alternate between those in favor and those opposed, and two members have spoken on the same side (in favor or opposition), debate shall cease and the question will be put to a vote.

4. Nominees will have the opportunity to speak to their nominations after the close thereof. Nomination speeches shall be limited to one (1) minute per candidate. The Chair shall have discretion to limit speeches further as necessary.