



Proposed Standing Rules of the General Body Business Meeting
LGBTQ Democrats of North Carolina

August 11, 2018

RULE 1. *President.* The state President shall have general direction of the meeting and shall be authorized to take such action as is necessary to maintain order. The President, with the guidance of the Parliamentarian, shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any Member.

RULE 2. *Members of the General Body Meeting.* One must be an active Member of the LGBT Democrats of North Carolina as an At-Large Member or Member of an organized and recognized Chapter to vote and speak to any matter of business before the body. The President may recognize non-Members for announcements.

RULE 3. *Quorum.* A Quorum for General Body Meeting shall be fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the duly registered delegates.

RULE 4. *Voting.* Business of the General Body Meeting will be conducted by voice vote. If a vote is too close to call, then a standing vote may be conducted.

RULE 5. *Suspension of the Rules.* Any standing rule may be suspended for a particular and specified purpose by a 2/3 majority vote.

RULE 6. *Obtaining Recognition.* When any Member is about to speak in debate, that Member shall rise from their seat and await recognition by the President. The President shall inquire of the Member the purpose for which the Member rises. If the Member's purpose in rising is in order, the President will recognize the Member. Upon recognition, the Member shall state that Member's name and county or, where appropriate, that Member's position.

RULE 7. *Limitations on Debate.* No Member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, or longer than three (3) minutes, without permission of the assembly granted by a majority vote without debate.

RULE 8. *Non-Agenda Business.* Any matter not listed on the agenda will be taken up during "Other Business", new topics or issues can be raised at this point by a Member.

RULE 9. *Etiquette.* No remark of a personal nature reflecting negatively upon any Member shall be in order.