



Delegates Meeting Schedule

Opening Business Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Room: Travis A-B

Closing Business Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 7, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Room: Lonestar F

Standing Rules of Convention

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES

Each chapter and region designates voting delegate(s) to represent its chapter or region at the national convention. Any voting delegate must have been a member of the national Society of Professional Journalists for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the national convention.

If your chapter/region has four votes, it can have four delegates. Or, it can designate one delegate to cast all votes. The number of members in a chapter/region determines the number of votes. For every 50 members as determined by a count of members at national headquarters, a chapter/region is eligible for one vote. If a chapter/region designates fewer delegates than the number of votes that are authorized, the votes must be cast in whole numbers. Once a delegate is assigned a certain number of votes, however, the delegate must cast that same number of votes throughout the session.

Each delegate may have an accredited alternate delegate to vote in the absence of the designated delegate. The alternate delegates are made known to headquarters in advance of the convention. An alternate delegate will vote with the same number of votes as the delegate represented using the same voting mechanism (voting card or ballot). An accredited delegate from the chapter may, in the absence of another delegate, serve as an alternate for that delegate.

Annual reports to qualify a chapter for voting will NOT BE accepted at convention.

VOTING PROCEDURES

Only accredited delegates and alternates voting in place of accredited delegates may enter the delegate seating area.

Votes are cast by each delegate holding up the voting card that indicates the number of votes he or she has. A delegate may cast a split vote, dividing the number of votes held by the delegate, but only by leaving the seating area and moving to a microphone in the aisle before votes are counted.

In the event of ambiguity regarding the will of the convention, a roll call vote may be called. Chapter/regional delegates will reply to the call by holding up the voting

cards and announcing verbally the number of votes cast or the options of –“yes,” “no,” or “abstain.”

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The president runs the meeting. The sergeant-at-arms is deputized by the president to keep order on the floor. Volunteers will assist in tallying votes.

Only registered delegates and national board members may address business sessions of the convention. Others may speak only by permission of the convention. To guarantee accuracy, all main motions and motions to amend must be submitted in writing to the presiding officer (the national president) prior to the main business session.

Convention Resolutions Information

HOW TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION

Resolutions for consideration by the Convention should be submitted to Resolutions Committee Chairman Michael Savino by 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 via email at msavino@record-journal.com.

Resolutions may be submitted by a delegate or chapter in good standing with the national organization, or by a national SPJ committee.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

For more information on when and where the Resolutions Committee will be meeting, see the Convention Registration Desk.

RESOLUTIONS REVIEW

Resolutions reviewed and submitted by the Resolutions Committee for consideration by Convention delegates will be available for review Saturday, Sept. 7 after 11 a.m. Stop by the EIJ19 Registration Desk to pick up a copy of the resolutions in advance of Saturday afternoon's Business Meeting, which will include voting on resolutions. Resolutions are also available via the EIJ19 app in the “SPJ Business Meeting” session information in the “Schedule” view.

Resolutions will be considered by the delegates during the final Business Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in Lonestar F.

Bylaws

Proposed bylaws changes must be submitted to chapters for consideration 60 days prior to convention. Proposed changes (if submitted) are in this packet, available at spj.org and via the EIJ19 app in the “SPJ Business Meeting” session information in the “Schedule” view.