

STANDING RULES
2019 ACR Annual Council Meeting

1. The Speaker or Vice Speaker of the Council will serve as the presiding officer but may delegate this responsibility to another member of the Council.
 2. Any member of the ACR may address the open Reference Committee hearings. Non-members and guests may speak if permitted by the presiding officer.
 3. With the permission of the Speaker or Vice Speaker, the chair of the Reference Committee will preside during the open Reference Committee hearings. The Speaker or Vice Speaker retains the right to reassume the role of presiding officer at all times. A member wishing to speak shall rise, wait to be recognized by the chair and give his/her name and the chapter or subspecialty they represent, if any (e.g. I am Bob Jones, ACR Councilor from Texas). They do not have to ask permission to speak. Non-members or guests wishing to speak shall rise, wait to be recognized by the chair, give his/her name and identify their affiliation, and request permission to speak. Any conflict of interest must be disclosed by anyone addressing Council. The Reference Committee chair will strive to recognize individuals at the microphones in the order of their appearance.
 4. During the open session of the Reference Committee on Monday, all proposed amendments must be presented by oral testimony AND submitted electronically or in writing to be considered by the Reference Committee. Staff will be available to collect all handwritten comments following the presenters' testimony.
 5. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the Reference Committee before they adjourn to executive session. Proposed amendments submitted after the Reference Committee has adjourned will not be accepted.
 6. During the open Reference Committee hearings, the Reference Committee chair will strive to allow all members an opportunity to speak. If needed, the chair may limit individuals at the microphone to two minutes of presentation at one time on any one question.
 7. In debate, individuals at the microphone must limit their remarks to the merits of a question; personal remarks will not be in order. All comments must be germane to the question at hand.
 8. On Tuesday, during consideration of the Reference Committee reports, it is recommended that all proposed amendments be presented to the presiding officer electronically or in writing using ACR Amendment sheets. Normally, only Councilors will be recognized to speak during the Council meeting but other individuals may be recognized or invited to address the Council at the discretion of the presiding officer.
 9. At the discretion of the presiding officer, any vote may be decided by a voice vote, standing vote, electronic vote, vote by ballot or roll call vote by Councilors present and voting.
 10. Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (4th edition) shall govern the conduct of business where applicable and not in conflict with the ACR Bylaws or these Standing Rules.
 11. These Standing Rules may be rescinded, amended, or suspended by a majority vote of the Councilors present and voting.
 12. Candidate speeches, if any, shall be limited to two minutes each.
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