

## Proposed 2024 Region One Assembly Standing Rules

1. The Region One Assembly will be conducted under the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, except where it is inconsistent with the Bylaws, The Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, The Twelve Concepts of OA Service, or any other specially adopted rules of order.
2. In all deliberations, the group conscience is more important than the technicalities of the motion. At Assembly, we work together in a spirit of mutual respect and kindness as we do the business of Region One; and when the group conscience is reached, let there be unity.
3. All Region One attendees shall register and wear identification badges provided while in the business meetings.
4. Voting:
  - a. Voters will raise voting cards while remaining seated for all votes except by ballot.
  - b. Voters will stand for verification of votes, unless they are unable to stand, in which case a raised voting card is acceptable.
  - c. The presiding officer shall effect any necessary changes to this procedure, such as a counted rising vote.
5. Voice and vote shall be granted to registered Region One Representatives, Region One Board Members, and Representatives from unaffiliated groups. The Region One Trustee Liaison, Trustees who reside in Region One, Region Representative Alternates, current Project Team Chairs, immediate past Project Team Chairs not serving at the Assembly as Representatives, and Intergroup Chairs have voice but no vote. The Parliamentarian has no voice or vote unless requested by the Chair to address the Assembly on a specific topic.
6. At the Assembly, the only motions in order are those submitted prior to the Assembly, or motions made by Board Members, Registered Representatives or Project Team Chairs.
7. Members must be recognized by the Chair in order to speak or make a motion. No one without proper credentials will be recognized. When addressing the Chair, members shall first state their name and the Intergroup they are representing or Region One position held.
8. The Assembly Reference Committee shall be appointed by the Region One Chair. This committee shall meet to clarify motions referred to it by the Chair. The Committee will present alternate wording of the motion or a substitute motion to the Assembly.
9. The Assembly Reference Committee will present to the Assembly alternate wording or substitute motions for those referred to it in the order that they were referred, and before the consideration of Emergency New Business.
10. Emergency New Business motions must be submitted to the Assembly Reference Committee, no later than the start of business on Thursday afternoon to be considered at this Assembly. Emergency New Business motions require a two-thirds vote for adoption.
11. RULES OF LIMITED DEBATE:
  - a. Present the matter to be voted on: a motion, an amendment, or any piece of business. Main motions and lengthy amendments must be in writing by email, sent to the Secretary at [secretary@oaregion1.org](mailto:secretary@oaregion1.org).

- b. For proposed amendments to the Bylaws or Policies, the presenting body must clearly verbalize the purpose or intent of the amendment prior to consideration.
- c. Pro and con debate will be limited to three speakers for each main motion and two speakers for each subsidiary amendment.
- d. If more than three people wish to speak on either the pro or con side of an issue, they will choose among themselves the three they wish to represent them.
- e. Each speaker must speak from the pro or con microphone and will be limited to one speech of two minutes for each main motion or amendment.
- f. The Chair will recognize those wishing to speak in alternating order, if needed, first pro and then con, until debate is completed.
- g. After pro and con debate has concluded, the Chair will invite questions from the floor about the motion being considered. Questions will be limited to 10 minutes for each motion.

## 12. CENTER MICROPHONE GUIDELINES

The questions mentioned in 11 g. above and the following shall be made from a center microphone. The following motions will be made by representatives at the center microphone in the following order after consultation with the center microphone monitor and recognition of the chair:

- a. Point of Personal Privilege (serious infraction or personal need needing immediate attention)
  - b. Point of Order (violation of these Standing Rules or Robert's Rules of Order)
  - c. Parliamentary Inquiry (interpretation of these Standing Rules or Robert's Rules of Order)
  - d. Request for Information (questions of the chair). Each representative is permitted to ask one question per report or motion. Requests for clarification are not considered to be an additional question.
  - e. Other Ranking motions (including division of the Assembly, which is to request a standing vote), incidental motions, and motions that bring a question again before the Assembly.
13. Representatives are expected to be present during business sessions and should abstain from voting if they were not present during all debate for a current issue. If a Representative must be temporarily absent from the Assembly, a designated Alternate may assume his/her position and vote, provided the Alternate has been present during all debate on the current issue. The Alternate must wear the Representative's badge while voting.
  14. Any business not completed by the last business meeting of Assembly shall not be considered. The motion may be resubmitted to a future Assembly.
  15. A Minutes Review Committee will be appointed by the Chair to determine the accuracy of the business minutes. Final approval of the Assembly minutes will be completed by the Region One Board.
  16. No personal recording devices may be used during business sessions, unless approved by the Chair. Electronic communication devices (pagers, cell phones, etc.) may not be in operation unless in silent mode.
  17. A Consent Agenda consisting of routine or non-controversial matters shall be created. The Chair determines the motions that are placed on the Consent Agenda. Any voting member may go to

the center microphone to request that an item from the Consent Agenda be considered separately. The Consent Agenda shall require two-thirds vote for adoption.

18. The Secretary will take attendance at the opening of Assembly. This will be used to create the Credentials Report. The Credentials Report will be updated if a voting member checks in after the start of Assembly, or turns in their credentials prior to the close of Assembly.