

National Delegate Orientation

FEBRUARY 28, 2025



Welcome!

- Roles and responsibilities of a national delegate
- How to effectively advocate for policy changes
- Parliamentary procedure 101
- Q&A

Roles and Responsibilities



Review the policy draft in advance



Represent your state



Elect national officers



Consider proposed bylaws changes and other business affairs of the organization



Conduct yourself in a manner appropriate to a business meeting, including attire

How to Effectively Advocate for Policy Changes

Step 1: Present your proposed changes to the Policy Committee

- Sign up on site for one 5-minute presentation (first-come, first-served)
- Policy Committee room: Route 66
 - Saturday, March 8, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. (all times local / Central Time)
 - Sunday, March 9, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Bring 15 copies of your proposed amendment
 - Workroom: Mistletoe



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**Step 2 (if NOT adopted by the Policy Committee):
Raise your proposed amendment for consideration from the convention floor**

- Print **5** copies and drop them off at the NFU staff table
 - Name, state/region, page number, line number
- If lengthy, email your text to ashier@nfudc.org
- Propose your amendment at the appropriate time during policy consideration



How to Effectively Advocate for Policy Changes

What if I have a proposed amendment that I didn't present to the Policy Committee?

- We strongly encourage you to first present any proposed amendments to the Policy Committee. This is your highest chance of success!
- You may still bring amendments to the floor that have not been considered by the Committee
 - Upon objection from a delegate, the delegate body will vote (simple majority)



BACKGROUND

Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance

* Not amendable

TO DO THIS	YOU SAY THIS	MAY YOU INTERRUPT SPEAKER	MUST YOU BE SECONDED	IS THE MOTION DEBATABLE	WHAT VOTE IS REQUIRED
*Adjourn the meeting	"I move that we adjourn	NO	YES	NO	Majority
Recess the meeting	"I move that we recess until..."	NO	YES	NO	Majority
*Complain about noise, room temperature, etc.	"Point of privilege"	YES	NO	NO	No Vote
*Suspend further consideration of something	"I move we table it"	NO	YES	NO	Majority
End debate	"I move the previous question..."	NO	YES	NO	2/3 Vote
Postpone consideration of something	"I move we postpone this matter until"	NO	YES	YES	Majority
Have something studied further	"I move we refer this to a committee"	NO	YES	YES	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move to amend this motion"	NO	YES	YES	Majority
Introduce Business (a primary motion)	"I move that . . ."	NO	YES	YES	Majority
*Object to procedure or to personal affront	"Point of order"	YES	NO	NO	No Vote Chair Decides
*Request information	"Point of information"	YES	NO	NO	No Vote
*Ask for a vote count to verify a voice vote	"I call for a division of the house"	NO	NO	NO	No Vote
*Object to considering some matter	"I object to consideration of this"	YES	NO	NO	2/3 Vote
*Take up a matter previously tabled	"I move to take from the table..."	NO	YES	NO	Majority
*Reconsider something already disposed of	"I move we reconsider action on"	YES	YES	YES	Majority
*Consider something not in scheduled order	"I move we suspend the rules and	NO	YES	NO	2/3 Vote
*Vote on a ruling by the chair	"I appeal the chair's decision"	YES	YES	YES	Majority

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Parliamentary Procedure 101



REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS, ELECTIONS AND RULES COMMITTEE
TO THE
2024 CONVENTION OF DELEGATES OF
THE FARMERS' EDUCATIONAL AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA
March 10- 12, 2024

1. **Points of Order**

The Chairperson shall preserve order and decide all questions of order. Any ruling shall be subject to appeal to the delegates, who shall sustain or overrule by a majority vote.

2. **Recognition by the Chair**

Every delegate desiring to speak shall arise and remain standing until recognized by the Chair. When recognized, the delegate shall first state his or her name and the Division he or she represents.

3. **Speaking, Number of Times, Duration, Yield**

No delegate shall be recognized to speak a second time on the pending motion or subject until every other delegate desiring to speak on that motion or subject shall have spoken. No delegate shall speak on the pending matter or motion for more than five minutes the first time.

If and when recognized to speak a second time on the same pending matter or motion, the delegate shall be allowed only an additional 2 minutes.

If and when recognized to speak a third time on the same pending matter or motion, the delegate shall be allowed only one additional minute without the consent of a majority of the delegates.

Any delegate may yield a portion of his or her speaking time to another delegate but may not yield any portion of his or her time to a non-delegate without the consent of a

Voting Procedure/Rules

- Delegates adopt the rules of the Convention
- These rules provide several different voting mechanics delegates may elect to use:
 - Voice vote
 - Division (clicker)
 - Weighted vote



Thank you!
Questions?

- Email mstranz@nfudc.org
- Find any NFU staff member
- See you in Oklahoma City!

