

Standing Rules For
Tennessee Federation Convention
National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

Revised April 25, 2016

- Rule 1. The Convention shall be called to order at the time and date designated in the printed program. Adjournment shall be at the completion of the business.
- Rule 2. The official printed program of this Annual Convention is hereby approved and the order of business as shown therein shall be followed unless changed by a majority of delegates.
- Rule 3. Each delegate must be registered, paid registration fee and must display the proper badge obtained from the Credentials Committee.
- Rule 4. If designated seating is provided, delegates shall be seated in the appropriate section in the convention room. Other members and guests shall also be seated in sections provided for them.
- Rule 5. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise and address the Chair. When recognized, he or she shall announce their name and chapter.
- Rule 6. A delegate shall not speak more than twice on the same question, unless given permission by two-thirds vote of those present. The first speech shall be limited to three (3) minutes, the second to two (2) minutes.
- Rule 7. No delegate shall interrupt a speaker who is addressing the Convention, except to call for a point of order to raise a question of privilege. If a call for a point of order is made while a delegate is speaking, the delegate shall pause until the question or order is decided.
- Rule 8. No motion shall be voted upon until the maker has had the opportunity to speak on it, if the maker so desires.
- Rule 9. Committees reporting proposed resolutions shall read as much of each resolution as **necessary for clarity and shall report approval or disapproval.**
- Rule 10. It shall require at least twenty-five (25) delegates to move for a roll or ballot vote. The presiding officer shall decide which it will be. Election of officers will be by secret ballot if two or more are running for the same office.
- Rule 11. If a Chapter is entitled to two or more delegates, a delegate shall be designated by the Chapter, or failing that by the delegates themselves to cast the Chapter votes, the votes of such Chapter to be divided according to the delegates' choices.
- Rule 12. When a vote has been ordered, no adjournment shall take place until the results have been announced.
- Rule 13. A motion to reconsider shall not be entertained unless offered by a delegate who voted on the prevailing side.
- Rule 14. There shall be no smoking in the convention room. Unless specifically authorized, cellular phones, beepers and other devices of distraction will be turned off while in the convention room.
- Rule 15. In the absence of a specific rule, Robert's Rules of Order newly revised shall prevail.

These rules were reviewed and adopted by the 60th Annual Convention as Standing Rules and have been incorporated in the Tennessee Federation Bylaws, Article VIII.

The rules are subject to revision in accordance with Article X of the Federation Bylaws.