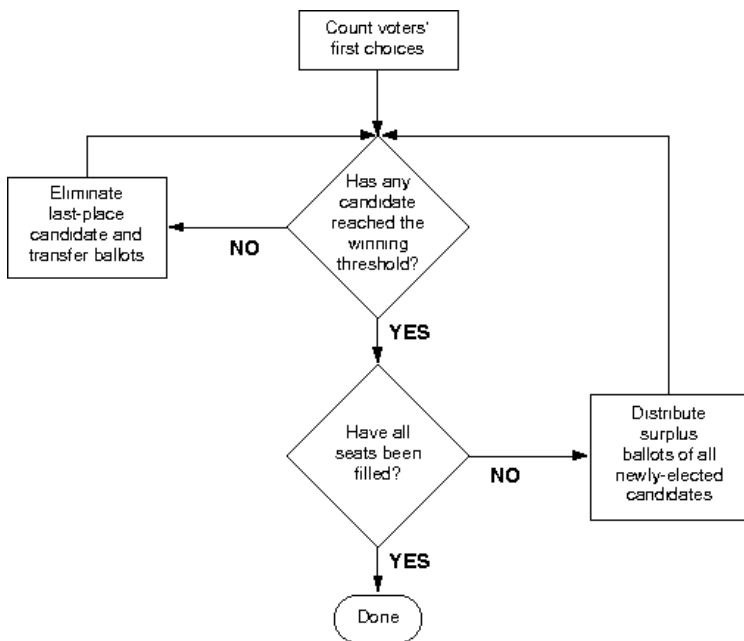


## Rules of Order to be Adopted by the 184th Convention

1. The Presiding Officer shall appoint members of Permanent Committees at each Meeting of Convention.
2. All resolutions from the floor shall be reduced to writing, presented to the Secretary, and read to Convention. A resolution from the floor that is not a part of a committee report may be introduced only at the time indicated in the Order of Business. All resolutions from the floor, whether or not a part of a committee report, after receiving a short explanation from the presenter, must receive a 2/3 majority vote of Convention before it may be considered by Convention.
3. When any member speaks to Convention, he or she shall address himself/herself to the Presiding Officer, state his/her name and church, and confine himself/herself to the point in debate.
4. A member, other than the Chairman of the Committee whose report is under consideration, shall not speak more than twice in the same debate, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without leave of Convention.
5. Any member of Convention may call for a vote by hands or standing vote. Every member of Convention who may be in attendance when such a vote is called shall be counted unless he/she be excused by Convention.
6. When a question has once been determined it shall stand as the judgment of Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate except on motion of reconsideration which must be made by a member who had previously voted in the majority.
7. All questions of parliamentary law not resolved by reference to the Canons or these General Rules shall be decided under Robert's Rules of Order.
8. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the Presiding Officer, without debate; an appeal may be made to Convention by any member.
9. The reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received without motion for acceptance, unless recommitted by a vote of Convention. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by Convention shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of Convention thereon. All annual reports shall be received and filed by the Secretary as presented before or during Convention, and may be called upon motion to be read and considered at any time during Convention.
10. The names of movers of resolutions shall appear in the minutes of Convention.
11. All motions and resolutions requiring reference shall be referred, so far as possible, to the Permanent Committees of Convention.
12. Except in cases where majority vote is required, all elections shall be by Single Transferable Vote Ballot utilizing such online balloting system as the Secretary shall have determined in consultation with the Presiding Officer.
  - (a) No later than the day before elections are to occur, the Secretary of Convention or his or her designee shall send an email to every member of Convention setting forth a unique voter access code.
  - (b) Each elector shall mark his or her ballot by numbering the names of all the candidates for each office in order of preference, with "1" being the highest (most preferred) ranking. For example, if there are three candidates, the elector places "1" beside their first choice, "2" beside their second choice, and "3" beside their third choice. The elector shall not give more than one number to any name, nor shall any name be left unnumbered. Any ballot which does not comply with the directions given in this section will be invalid and will not be counted.
  - (c) The persons appointed by the Presiding Officer to conduct the election shall count each valid ballot.

(d) Any candidate that receives more than a certain number of first-place votes (a quota based upon the number of electors and number of open positions) is elected. If the elected candidates receive more votes than necessary for election, their excess votes are distributed to the other candidates in accordance with the second-choice preferences of the electors. Once again, any candidate that receives more than a certain number of votes is elected and the redistribution procedure continues. If the redistribution procedures reach a point where there are no more votes to be redistributed and there are still more elected positions to be filled, the candidate with the least votes is eliminated and the votes for that candidate are redistributed (see following diagram).



13. The Presiding Officer may, having left the chair, enter into the debate on any question, but shall not then resume the chair until the main motion under consideration has been disposed of.

14. Once the Order of Business has been approved it may not be altered except by 2/3 majority vote of Convention, provided that the Presiding Officer may reorder agenda items at any time.

**Convention Tip:  
Speaking at Convention**

If you are coming to a microphone to address convention, you should begin your presentation or comments by saying the following:

**“The Right Reverend Sir and Members of Convention, my name is (your name) from (your church) in (your city)....”**