

## 2022 DISTRICT LODGE MEETING RULES

1. The Regular Meeting of the District Lodge shall be one meeting, recessing from session-to-session within the meeting.
2. Member badges and voting materials will be issued at the Registration Desk upon proof of membership. ONLY duly authorized Members may vote - ONE vote per member.
3. Members shall be seated in their seats at least FIVE minutes before the scheduled session time. Doors will be closed when each session begins but may be opened for those awaiting admission at the direction of the chair.
4. The right to raise a point of order shall be reserved for Members ONLY. The Chair will decide its validity.
5. Any motion made at the convention must be put in writing and delivered by the marshal to the secretary.
6. ANY Member may speak to any motion before the Lodge. Any Member who desires to speak shall address the Chair by going to the microphone with identification paddle raised and state name and Lodge.
7. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of THREE MINUTES. No Member shall speak to the motion more than once, unless allowed otherwise by the Chair.
8. Any messages to Members shall be relayed by the Greeter, Marshall or Assistant Marshall.
9. If the Previous Question is moved, seconded and carried, Members who are in line at the microphone at the time the motion is passed will be permitted to speak.
10. Zone Directors are elected at their zone caucus. All other Officers are elected at large from the District Lodge. Ballots shall be used in cases where there are two or more candidates for any office, otherwise, election shall be by acclamation.
11. No smoking shall be permitted in any meeting rooms.
12. Any Lodge bidding to host the District Convention shall present its bid in writing to the District President no later than Thursday. Representatives of the bidding Lodges shall be permitted ten minutes to present their proposal. The vote on Convention site selection shall take place at the last session of the District Lodge.

13. Candidate applications for district officers must be submitted to the District Nominating Committee for vetting no later than **30** days prior to the District 2 Convention. The deadline this year is **May 2, 2022**.

14. If a board office is not filled, the District Board shall fill the position from among the District Lodge delegates.

### REMINDERS FOR DELEGATES

Perhaps this is the first time you are representing your lodge as a delegate to a District Two Convention. If so, the following paragraphs may answer some of your questions about convention procedures and help you to be a more effective delegate. Remember to bring your Lodge Fana.

To receive your Delegate Information Packet at the convention registration desk at the convention site you must present your current Sons of Norway membership card, driver's license or other form of ID.

**The Presidents reception dinner will be on Wednesday evening, June 1, 2022 at 6 p.m. and will include a Bunad parade. See enclosed form. All are encouraged to wear a Bunad if you have one.**

The Convention meetings will convene at **9:00 AM, Thursday, June 2.**

Convention dress code:

Delegates and Committee Members - business casual

District Officers — business attire

President's Reception and Evening Banquet - Bunads or semi-formal dress

Regalia is to be worn by District Officers during all convention sessions

Shorts, t-shirts and other casual attire is not to be worn during convention sessions

\*\* Many first-time delegates to a District 2 Convention ask us “what is appropriate attire for this type of event”. This is a time when SON members congregate to conduct important business that impacts us all. It is not a recreational event although there are some activities that are more relaxed and informal, such as Hospitality Rooms.

So, as a form of respect to the role all of our delegates play, clothing worn during the sessions should reflect the seriousness of the position and their representation of their lodges.

Please follow the "Dress for Success" business casual model. This is a classic look - clean cut office-type casual where a full suit is not required. This means slacks, khakis, or skirt; blouses, polo shirt, or shirts but no necktie; sweaters are fine, particularly Norwegian sweaters. No Flip-flops. No Jeans. No athletic wear. If you would wear it to the Beach, Bar or the Gym it should not be worn to the convention!

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER governs all business conducted. A motion must be presented in the positive mode, even if the committee presenting it has recommended rejection.

It is important to note that any change in the District Bylaws **MUST BE APPROVED BY A 2/3 MAJORITY** and receive subsequent approval by the International Lodge Board.

Amendments to the Charter & Constitutions of the entire Order may be approved by a **MAJORITY** vote of the members present and voting at the District Convention. Such approved amendments from each District are then submitted to the International Convention for approval by a **2/3 MAJORITY** of delegates in attendance and voting.

Sometime during the convention, the delegates from your Zone will hold a caucus to elect their Zone Director and consider qualifications of candidates for other District offices. This is where your homework studying the District Bylaws will pay off. You will need to know how these officers are elected, their term of office and duties. You should also know which officers are elected at large (from any area of the District) and how many officers may be elected from any one Zone. Your zone will also be electing delegates to the **International Convention in Minneapolis, MN.**

The last function requiring the delegates' attendance is the Installation of new officers. It is important to attend this ceremony as you may find it inspiring and helpful in conducting installations in your own lodge. Since your lodge has chosen you to be its representative and has gone to some expense in sending you to this convention, the members of your lodge will wish to be informed of the important actions which took place. You should, with the other delegates from your lodge, be prepared to report to your lodge meeting the important items that were acted upon.

It is hoped you will enjoy representing your lodge as a delegate and return to your lodge as a better-informed member.

