

Business Session: Rules of Procedure:

1. The business session of the ISBA Convention will be conducted in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Association. Roberts Rules of Order and the adopted Rules of Procedure for that particular session will prevail during the session.
2. A "second" is not needed for the main motion to "move to adopt the resolution."
3. When an individual from the floor wishes to speak on a question, they are to identify their self by announcing their name and district or charter school.
4. Those addressing the chair must be recognized by the chair prior to addressing the resolution. Upon being recognized, the speaker may desire to give a very brief description of their qualifications or reason for addressing the resolution in order to provide delegates some background on the individual speaking.
5. Discussion on any resolution will be limited to 30 minutes total.
6. No delegate may address a resolution a second time until all others who wish to address the issue for the first time have had an opportunity to do so. Individual discussion of any item will be limited to three minutes.
7. Any person out of order or who does not follow the Rules of Procedure will be escorted from the meeting and not allowed to return until approval is granted by the chair.
8. The chair will call for the question at the end of the discussion.
9. The parliamentarian will have the final decision on matters concerning any point of order.
10. If a motion for an amendment is made and seconded, discussion on the proposed amendment may occur. Following discussion, we will use a voice or standing vote to determine if the membership wishes to include the amendment. If the President is in doubt, or if there is an objection, to whether or not the motion to include the amendment passed the voice or standing vote, we will move to a weighted vote using one of the blank ballots in the back of your packets.

If the amendment is approved, the membership will then debate and vote on the resolution as amended. If the amendment fails, the membership will debate the resolution as it has been submitted.

11. Those eligible to submit resolutions shall be member school districts or charter schools, the Government Affairs Committee of the ISBA, and the governing bodies of the Regions, or by a committee created to consider such proposals.

Resolutions presented from the floor must include a written justification for why the resolution was not submitted by July 31st and have the written endorsement of five other districts, three of which must be from a region other than the presenting district's region. The chair should be provided a copy of the resolution prior to the start of the meeting. (400 copies of the resolutions shall be available and distributed evenly to every table should the resolution be passed for consideration by the delegates).

Proposed resolutions which are submitted as provided for above shall not be considered by the convention unless 2/3 of the delegates present and voting elect to suspend these rules to consider such later proposals.

If a motion is made and seconded to hear a resolution from the floor, there will be a voice or standing vote to determine if the membership wishes to debate the resolution. If the chair is in doubt, or if there is an objection, to whether or not the motion to hear the amendment passed the voice or standing vote, the membership will move to a weighted vote.

If the motion to hear the resolution is approved, the membership will then debate and vote on the resolution. If the motion to hear the resolution fails, there will be no further discussion.

12. In the event no candidate for office receives a majority of the votes cast for that office, a run-off election will be conducted between the two candidates receiving the most votes, and this election will be held before the conclusion of this business session.
13. Motions to amend resolutions must be submitted in writing on the form provided in your convention book.

