



NGAM National Guard Association of Michigan

STANDING RULES OF ORDER: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PREFACE

These standing rules for the National Guard Association of Michigan (hereafter known as NGAM) Annual Conference and General Membership Business Session for the is presented for your review and subsequent action. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for adoption. These rules will be in effect during the duration of this conference, unless otherwise amended or suspended.

RULE 1

A. The Conference Committee (hereafter known as the Committee) shall report the number of voting members registered with proper credentials and shall submit a daily supplementary report to the NGAM Secretary at the beginning of each business session, after the acceptance of the initial report and acceptance to the membership.

B. A member registered by proxy can, with due cause, and upon authorization by the Committee, transition from proxy to voting delegate at any time during the continuance of business.

C. Members on officially Federal or state status, and, honorary, associate, or corporate members, shall not serve as voting delegates.

RULE 2

A. To facilitate identification, admission to the voting delegate seating area, delegates shall be required to wear conference identification furnished by NGAM and issued by the Committee. Executive Council members may wear their NGAM badges for this purpose.

B. At the President's discretion, special invited guests may be seated in the delegate seating area or at the head table with the Executive Officers for all or part of the business meeting.

RULE 3

A. A main motion offered by a delegate shall be in writing and signed by the author(s), who shall be a voting delegate of the conference. Delegates that second a motion must also sign the written document. This will be sent to the NGAM Secretary immediately after presentation.

RULE 4

A. All main motions, resolutions and other matters concerning the expenditure or commitment of funds will be referred to the Committee on Finance for review and appropriate action. This must be done prior to a final determining vote. The referral action shall be without debate.

RULE 5

A. Proposed bylaw changes submitted from the floor shall be accompanied with supportive information to include

1. The name, address and telephone number of the amendment advocate.



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2. A detailed explanation of the intent of the proposed change must be included.

3. The change will be forwarded to the NGAM Bylaws Committee for their review and appropriate action, prior to a final presentation to the general membership. The referral action shall be without debate. Bylaws changes presented from the floor at an annual conference must follow the rules of the NGAM Bylaws for review and adoption.

RULE 6

A. Recommendations contained in a report to NGAM have the force of a declaration of intent, requiring the adoption of subsequent motions/resolutions for implementation.

RULE 7

A. Each voting delegate shall be allowed to speak, no longer than three (3) minutes, twice on an issue on the same day. They shall not speak a second time on the same issue until other voting delegates, who have not spoken, have had the opportunity to do so.

B. A voting delegate may yield their floor debate rights to another non-voting delegate member. This is provided their allocated time has not been exhausted.

RULE 8

A. All reports, printed proceedings, and other material for the permanent record, shall be typed and distributed to the NGAM President. Any other printed copies will be made available to all NGAM Executive Council members, NGAM State Office, and general membership prior to presentation to the general conference.

B. Notice for announcements to the general conference shall be in writing, signed by the person responsible for the announcement, and forwarded to the NGAM Secretary for subsequent action.

RULE 9

A. Nominees for each elective office to be filled by the conference shall be limited to a nominating speech of three (3) minutes duration, during the conference.

RULE 10

A. When a roll call of Units is so ordered, the Association President will instruct the Sergeant-At-Arms to seal off the voting delegate area, to prevent further entry or exit of voting delegates. The gallery area will normally remain open to the membership.

RULE 11

A. These standing rules of order for the NGAM Annual Conference and General Membership Meeting shall be published as a separate document and provided to all members.



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B. The rules contained in the current edition of Modern Rules of Order, shall govern the conference in all cases to which they are applicable except in which they are not consistent with the Bylaws of the Association, these standing rules, or the state of Michigan.

RULE 12

A. The standing rules for the NGAM Annual Conference and General Membership Meeting consists of twelve (12) rules, which will be offered to the general membership for their approval. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required. Questions and comments concerning these rules should be brought before the Conference Committee prior to the first business session.