

**Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf
Standing Rules 2013 Conference**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the conference in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of TSID then these Standing Rules, which shall be in force.

1. No Person shall hold proxies unless they are a voting member of TSID.

2. Motions/Resolutions

A motion or resolution offered by an individual member prior the business session shall be referred to the Motions/Resolutions Committee. The motion or resolution shall be on an official motion form, signed by the maker and the seconded, each of whom shall be a voting member of TSID. Each member who offers a motion or resolution shall be given an opportunity to explain it to the Motions/Resolutions Committee if they so request.

Motions or resolutions that are not submitted to the Motions/Resolutions Committee prior to the business session may be offered from the floor as time allows. Motions or resolutions offered from the floor must be on an official motion form, signed and delivered to the Secretary prior to being proposed.

3. The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for determining who is eligible to be nominated for office or committee.

4. Election of Officers, Committees, and Trustees will begin at least one-and-a-half hours prior to the scheduled end of the new business section.

5. Nominations of each office to be filled shall be limited to one nominating speech of three minutes and one seconding speech of one minute for each nominee, other than the information cited by the Nominations Committee when presenting the slate of nominees.

6. On any motion or resolution, debate shall be limited to five members speaking in favor and five members speaking against.

7. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question until all members have had an opportunity to address the question; then a member may request the floor for a second time.

8. A speaker may hold the floor in debate for three minutes at any one time. A member who has spoken for three minutes in debate may ask permission of the membership for an extension of time; this can be granted by a 2/3 vote without debate.

9. Any member wishing to speak must select the appropriately colored card, available at the microphone, as explained by the President at the beginning of the business session.

10. Voting cards will be used, and turned in at the door before leaving the business session.

11. Voting members will be seated during the business session.

12. The Business Meeting Agenda may be modified by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at the 2012 Annual Business Meeting.

13. The minutes of the 2012 Annual Business Meeting shall be reviewed and edited by the Executive Board and shall be presented to the TSID membership for final approval at the 2013 Annual Business Meeting.

14. Notices for announcement to the Conference shall be in writing and signed by the person or proper

representative of the person under whose authority the announcement is issued.