



## **Proposed Standing Rules of the USMS Annual Meeting of 2018**

### **Rule 1**

The first item of business of each meeting of the House shall be the Secretary's report of the number of certified delegates and others registered as present.

### **Rule 2**

The Secretary shall be the arbiter of certified membership in the House. Certification and membership decisions of the Secretary may be appealed to the Executive Committee. Decisions of the Executive Committee may be appealed to the House. Within the session of the House, once a member has been certified, they may only be de-certified by a 2/3's vote of the House.

### **Rule 3**

All meetings of the House are open to the public. However, the privilege of speaking in the House is limited to 1) certified House members or 2) Guests of the president. The president shall provide the Secretary with a list of Guests of the president prior to them speaking in the House. Guests of the president shall not be allowed to speak to or vote on any motions; however, guests may respond to "Requests for Information" if recognized by the presiding officer.

### **Rule 4**

Action items contained within annual reports or meeting minutes that require House action shall be presented as main motions to the House. Acceptance or approval of reports and minutes does not bind the House to actions described within the report.

### **Rule 5**

No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, on the same day, or for longer than three minutes, without Suspension of the Rules granted by two thirds vote of the House. A motion to suspend the rule allowing a member or members to speak more than once or for longer than 3 minutes, if made during debate on a question, requires a second, is non-debatable and is only in force while the question is before the House. However a member or guest of the president, at the direction of the presiding officer, may respond to a request for information from a member with the floor.



**Rule 6**

Motions shall be made from the microphones. Original main motions and amendments to them shall be submitted, in writing, to the clerk of the House prior to debate on the motion. Written submission may be waived by consent of the House. Requests to “pull” proposed amendments to code and budget line items may be made from the microphone or from the floor of the House.

**Rule 7**

All motions, in the House, shall be recorded, in writing, with the name of the maker.

**Rule 8**

If a motion to call for the question is made and accepted by 2/3 of the House, any member in line at a microphone shall be recognized to speak for their allotted time.

**Rule 9**

Elections shall be run in accordance with the USMS Election Operating Guidelines.