



## CMG Convention 2021

This VIRTUAL event has been scheduled to provide the membership with the opportunity to deal with urgent issues that can only be dealt with at Convention such as setting the budget for the cycle and Bylaw changes. Given the virtual format, the event will not be as dynamic or interactive as a regular CMG Convention. Issues that we cannot deal with here will be referred to the appropriate body for action – be it the NEC or the BEC. These Virtual Rules of Order have been discussed and agreed to by the NEC for use at this Convention.

### Virtual Rules of Order

1. The President or her designate will take the chair at the time specified and will preside at all sessions.
2. Hours of sitting will be determined by the Agenda adopted by the Convention delegates.
3. Delegates wishing to speak will proceed to the microphone provided on the Convention platform for that purpose. When recognized by the Chair, the delegate will provide their name, their Branch and Location, state the purpose for which they rise, and confine their remarks to the question at issue.

Delegates will use the camera function on their computer or phone when they are addressing the Convention floor.

On the platform, there is only one line up for speakers so **there will not be a pro and a con microphone.** The Chair will have the authority to “test” the views of those in the line up to ensure a balanced debate.

4. Speeches will be limited to three minutes.
5. A delegate may not speak more than once upon a resolution until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.
6. A delegate will not interrupt another speaker, except to rise on a point of order or a question of privilege.

On the platform there is only one line up for speakers, so delegates with a point of order will need to press the ">>" *go faster button*, and those with a question of privilege will need to press the "<<" *go slower button* on the reactions menu, in order to be recognized by the Chair.

Delegates experiencing technical problems with the platform or having questions regarding the convention are to seek technical assistance from the identified resource by writing their question in the “question” (chat) box for this purpose rather than asking their question at the microphone.

Alternatively, members can also telephone 416-694-3917 for technical assistance from The Monarch Park Group who is our platform expert. For issues where CMG can provide support, assistance will be available by email at [Sara@cmg.ca](mailto:Sara@cmg.ca).

7. Rulings of the Chair will be final and not subject to debate.

8. Any delegate may challenge a decision of the Chair, given there is a seconder. Immediately and without debate, except that the challenging delegate and the Chair may respectively give their reasons for the challenge and the decision. Following the challenge, the Chair will put the question: “Will the Chair be sustained?” The Chair will not have to accept a challenge if it is on a fact or a point of law.  
At the request of the Chair, a delegate called to Order will remain muted on the Convention platform until the point of order has been decided.
9. The resolutions committee determines the order in which resolutions are debated.
10. Late resolutions may be moved from the floor provided they are not Bylaw amendments. During Convention, any new resolutions from the floor can be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at [Resolutions@cmg.ca](mailto:Resolutions@cmg.ca). Resolutions can only be submitted (moved and seconded) by Convention delegates. Late resolutions that are, in the opinion of the Chair, of an emergency nature will be debatable at any time.  
  
Late resolutions submitted at Convention will be considered by the appropriate body (the NEC or BEC) following Convention.
11. All Bylaw amendments require a 2/3s majority to pass.
12. All other resolutions – excluding Bylaw amendments – require a simple majority.
13. Delegates, observers, and staff may speak to a resolution, however, only delegates have the right to vote on Convention business (this will be monitored).
14. When the “previous question” is moved and seconded, no further discussion is permitted on the main motion or amendment to the main motion. The Chair must immediately ask: “shall the question be now put?”, and if a 2/3s majority vote “that the question be now put”, the motion or the amendment shall be put to a vote without debate. If the motion or amendment is not adopted by a 2/3s vote, discussion will continue on the motion or amendment.  
If the previous question has not been adopted, it cannot be put for a second time unless at least 3 additional speakers have had the opportunity to do so.  
  
The previous question cannot be proposed by a delegate who has spoken on the motion or amendment.
15. None but accredited delegates of the Canadian Media Guild, observers, authorized members of staff, invited guests will be permitted on the Convention platform during sessions. All delegates must be registered on the Convention platform.
16. The chat and messaging function on the convention platform will be limited to technical assistance for delegates during resolution debate.