

## Proposal O – Add Notice Requirements with Rules for Member-Submitted Proposals

**Date Heard:**

**Vote:**

## Articles 3 & 17, Rules 1 & 4 (adding two rules) - Rules for Member-Submitted Proposals

**Problem:** Creating a framework to allow members to submit proposals with notice (Proposal O) requires changes to the rules to allow member-submitted proposals to be heard.

**Solution:** Alter the rules to allow member-submitted proposals to be heard. Committee reports are given preference to member-submitted proposals with notice.

**Benefits:** Creates the structure necessary to allow member-submitted proposals and floor proposals to be heard on the convention floor.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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**RULE 4: DEBATING AND VOTING – BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE**

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<p><i>Proviso: This amendment shall take effect upon the final adjournment of the convention at which it is adopted.</i></p>		

**SPONSORS:** Harlos

**MARK-UP LEGEND**

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~red bold italic strikethrough~~.
- Additions are in blue bold underline.
- Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership