

# Regular Convention Agenda and Delegate & Alternate Selection Process

**Problem:** The existing document specifies items to be included in the business of a regular state convention, but does not include the order in which the business items are to be heard. Per RONR 2:20-21, 25:2 footnote 5, and 25:7, the business of the regular state convention is in the nature of a rule of order and it would be in order to suspend it. Additionally, the delegate selection process is currently housed within the Party bylaws, where it can be amended by the SCC without member consent.

**Solution:** Create a convention rules section which specifies both the order of the agenda of a regular state convention in a section separate from the constitution (as suggested by RONR 2:20) and contains the process by which delegates to the national LP convention are selected.

**Benefits:** Provides more structure to regular state conventions in a similar way that this structure is set up within the national LP bylaws. Gives the members at convention the final say over what procedure they will use to elect their delegates to the national LP convention.

<b>Current Language</b>	<b>Amendment Changes</b>	<b>Proposed Language</b>
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**MARK-UP LEGEND**

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~**red bold italic strikethrough**~~.
- Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
- Per LPVA Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, amending the constitution requires a 2/3 vote to pass.
  - Exceptions defined in Section 2 of the same article require 4/5 vote to pass and 90 days notice.
    - Article I, Section 2
    - Article VIII, Section 2
    - Article IX
    - Article X
- 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

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