STANDING RULES OF THE REGION 6 2025 SPRING ASSEMBLY (VIRTUAL)

A. In all deliberations, the group conscience is more important than the technicalities of the actual motion. Let's work together in a spirit of mutual respect and kindness as we do the business of Region 6 – and when the group conscience is reached, let there be unity.

B. Only registered OA members are permitted at the R6 Assembly. Members who have not registered and people who are not in OA may not attend and should not be visible on screen.

C. R6 Representatives (or alternates) and registered visitors may attend Assembly business and committee meetings virtually. In committee meetings, visitors have a voice but not a vote. Only registered R6 Representatives (or alternates) and R6 Board members have a voice in R6 Assembly meetings.

D. If a registered representative is required to leave the Assembly for more than thirty minutes, a REGISTERED alternate from the same Intergroup may move up to Temporary Voting Representative until the Representative returns, provided that the transfer is made through the Region Six Coordinator.

E. Keep your video on unless you are moving around, texting, talking on the phone and/or eating. If needed, the Zoom tech will turn off your video.

F. No pictures may be taken. No recording may be done with the exception of the Secretary for the purpose of the Assembly minutes. By attending this meeting, you agree to not record the meeting or capture images.

G. To raise your hand, click on the raise hand "button" under Reactions at the bottom of your screen.

H. Technical and/or procedural issues arising from or pertaining to the R6 Assembly's utilization of the Zoom meeting platform shall be determined and resolved at the discretion of the R6 Chair.

RULES FOR LIMITED DEBATE:

I. Voting orientation instructions will be given during Assembly. The video/camera function must be turned on at the time of voting.

J. To be recognized, all speakers must send their question in the chat box, **privately,** to the center microphone (mic) monitor

K. The center mic monitor will review the questions then tell the presiding officer who to call on. The Chair will call on people in order; first pro and then con.

L. Speakers should state their name and intergroup.

M. Pro and con will be limited to three representatives for a main motion, and two representatives for each substantive amendment. Representatives are limited to two minutes for each main motion or substantive amendment. Representatives who are Non-English speakers or who are neurodivergent will be limited to three minutes. Members needing interpretation will have up to 6 minutes.

N. No questions will be entertained from the center mic until one pro and one con have been presented for each main motion.

O. To provide the opportunity for as many different representatives or alternates to speak during the Assembly, the Chair has the right to recognize those members who have not had the opportunity to speak.

P. Two copies of motions/amendments of more than a few words MUST be provided in writing: one to Region Six Secretary; one to the Region Six Chair through the Parliamentarian.

Q. No main motion and all amendments to that main motion will last longer than thirty minutes in total, including discussion. At the end of thirty minutes the question will be called automatically.

R. Any committee wishing to bring an emergency motion to the Assembly MUST present the motion in writing to the Board by 4:00 PM ET *the day before* the Assembly. The Board must have time to review the motion. No new business motions will be entertained on the day of the Assembly. Amendments to motions must be made via the Google Form link provided in Chat.

S. New business arising from Region Six Committee meetings and the R6 Board activities shall be brought to the Assembly floor after the new business included in the published agenda has been addressed. Such new business shall require a vote of two thirds in the affirmative to pass, because of the lack of prior notice to the Assembly.