

# NYSNA CONVENTION 2026

## OCTOBER 26 - 27

New York Hilton, Midtown, NYC



## **Proposed Standing Rules for the Conduct of Business at the 2026 NYSNA Convention**

### 1) Delegate Check-in, Credentialing and Seating

- a. Delegates must check in for the Convention using the information provided by NYSNA.
- b. Delegates must display their credentials at all times on the convention floor.
- c. Only credentialed convention delegates may be seated in the designated delegate seating area.

### 2) Convention Schedule and Record of Proceedings

- a. The Convention will convene on October 26, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:30 p.m. on October 27, 2026.
- b. The Convention will be in session each day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will recess and reconvene each day as set forth in the Convention Program provided that if a particular matter is being considered by the Convention and the discussion has not concluded by the designated recess time, the Chair may hold the Convention in session until the conclusion of consideration of the issue.
- c. The Credentials Committee will report on the number of registered delegates present each day at the beginning of the first business session.
- d. No recording, videotaping, or other transmission of the proceedings is permitted during any session of the Convention or Convention Committee meetings except for the official devices in use. There will be only one official transcript made of the proceedings.

### 3) Resolutions and Agenda

- a. Resolutions must be submitted in writing using the form provided.
- b. Only Convention Delegates may submit or second Convention Resolutions.
- c. Resolutions must have the support of at least 25 members from the bargaining unit or membership category the delegate represents (or 5 members if the bargaining unit membership or membership category is less than 50) in order to be considered by the Resolutions Committee and to be presented for consideration at the Convention, although one proponent may be designated as

lead proponent with authority to amend and agree to amendments of a resolution.

- d. The Resolutions Committee will consult with legal counsel in reviewing proposed resolutions and the legality of such resolutions under the NYSNA Bylaws and applicable law. The Resolutions Committee is directed to urge resolution proponents to modify resolutions prior to and during Convention to ensure that resolutions are consistent with the NYSNA Bylaws and applicable law. The Proponents of a resolution timely presented before the Convention will be notified of legal issues and given 10 days to modify the proposed resolution to bring it into legal compliance. If the Proponents do not respond within that time it will be considered a decision to not modify the resolution.
- e. The Resolutions Committee is directed to encourage the consolidation of similar resolutions.
- e. The Board shall determine the order of the Resolutions that will be considered by the Delegates. The Convention may change the order of business by a two-thirds vote.
- f. A resolution submitted after the 60-day deadline may only be considered by the Convention after all timely-submitted resolutions have been considered if two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates determine, without debate, that it was impossible or impracticable to have submitted the resolution in a timely manner. The Board of Directors may submit a late agenda item at any time.
- g. Resolutions submitted to the Convention on which no action has been taken by the Delegates shall be referred to the Board of Directors when the Convention adjourns.
- h. The Convention may only act on business which is on the advance published agenda approved by the Board of Directors and the Convention.

#### 4) Recognition to Speak

- a. Except as set forth in Section 5(h)-(j) regarding interrupting points, the Chair will recognize speakers in the order in which they are lined up at the microphones.
- b. A Delegate desiring to speak to a question before the Convention must line up at one of the designated speakers' microphones and may not speak until recognized by the Chair.
- c. No Delegate may speak until a motion and, if applicable, an amendment is displayed on the screen.
- d. Before speaking, a Delegate recognized by the Chair must state their name, their LBU, and whether they are in favor of or opposed to the motion or amendment.

#### 5) Debate and Voting

- a. Only Convention Delegates may participate in the debate and vote.

- b. Once an agenda item (main motion) is moved and seconded, it is open for debate and any Delegate may speak to the proposal. A Delegate may also make an amendment or raise one of the Points discussed in h, i and j, below. Amendments must be in writing.
- c. The “whereas” clauses of all resolutions and amendments before the Convention will not be read or displayed on the screen.
- d. A motion may be withdrawn by its mover and seconder before a vote is taken thereon, without objection from the Delegates.
- e. After a question before the Convention is put to a vote, all Delegates who are awaiting their turn to speak must take their seats.
- f. If, during debate, no additional speakers are lined up at the microphones, the Chair will close debate and put the question to a vote.
- g. Voting on all substantive motions will be by electronic voting devices unless otherwise agreed to by the body. Procedural motions initially will be by viva voce (voice vote). If the Chair cannot determine the result of the vote or if a request is made by a Delegate before proceeding with any other business, there will be a second vote during which voting devices will be used. A Delegate must be in attendance in the meeting to cast their vote.
- h. A Delegate may raise a Request for Information by lining up at the designated microphone. Requests for Information may not be used to provide information to the Delegates. A request for information must be framed as a concise question necessary to obtain factual information relating to a question under consideration. The Delegate has 20 seconds to ask their question and may not interrupt another Delegate who has the floor to do so. The request will take precedence over other speakers, except those raising a Point of Order.
- i. A Delegate may raise a Point of Order by lining up at the designated microphone. A Point of Order may only be used to raise a question as to whether the Chair is following the correct parliamentary procedure. If a Delegate raises a Point of Order, the Chair will ask them to state the parliamentary point and then will rule on it.
- j. A Delegate may raise a Point of Personal Privilege by lining up at the designated microphone only if there is a matter of urgency affecting the entire body or for serious matters involving the Delegates’ ability to participate in the meeting.
- k. A Delegate seeking to appeal a ruling of the Chair must state their reasons for the appeal, following which the Chair may state their reasons for the ruling. All appeals from rulings of the Chair shall be treated as undebatable.
- l. All cellphones must be silenced during the Convention.

## 6) Limitations on Debate

- a. A Delegate may only speak in debate for two (2) minutes and may not speak twice on any motion or amendment unless permission is granted by a 2/3 vote of the delegates, without debate, for a 30-second extension. A Delegate who has

spoken once in a debate may not speak again until all Delegates inline have had the opportunity to speak.

- b. Except for debate on a constitutional amendment,
  - i. The debate on any motion or amendment shall be limited to three (3) speakers for and three (3) speakers against unless the Chair, in her discretion, allows two (2) additional speakers for and two (2) additional speakers against.
  - ii. The debate on a constitutional amendment shall be limited to five (5) speakers for and five (5) speakers against unless the Chair, in her discretion, allows two (2) additional speakers for and two (2) additional speakers against.
  - iii. The debate on a motion to affiliate with an organization pursuant to Article IV,  
Section 3(x) of NYSNA's Bylaws shall be limited to seven (7) speakers for and seven (7) speakers against unless the Chair, in her discretion, allows two (2) additional speakers for and two (2) additional speakers against.
- c. A member seeking to close debate must make the motion to close debate from any one of the speakers' microphones and must be recognized by the Chair may not speak for or against the motion before moving to close debate.