



## **REPORT OF CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE**

2021 National Convention  
July 20-22, 2021

Jim Piateski, Chair

In accordance with Article VII, Section 3, of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) Bylaws, certain rules and regulations that previous conventions have shown to be fit and proper are hereby offered for your guidance.

These rules and regulations apply to the national convention regardless of whether the convention meets in-person or virtually, including by video or telephone conference or any other electronic means. Any reference in these rules and regulations to “the floor” or conditions under which any participant may address the convention applies equally to and regulates the conduct of delegates, guests and any other participant regardless of whether the convention meets in-person or virtually.

We have been informed by the National Office that in compliance with the Bylaws, more than 60 days prior to this convention, nominating committees were appointed for national officers, Executive Board and the IWLA Endowment Board of Directors.

The National President, Kelly Kistner, has appointed all other committees.

If there are absentee members of any committee, the committee chairperson shall, in writing, request the appointing person to fill those vacancies. A duplicate of the request shall be given to the chairperson of the Rules Committee. All other decisions shall be made on the basis of majority vote of those present at committee meetings and shall not be based on a majority of the total number of committee persons appointed. A majority of the committee's total strength shall constitute a committee quorum. It shall be the duty of the committee chairpersons to give their members due notice of their meetings.

Regular convention committees already appointed and designated as "Resource Committees" are: Agricultural Affairs; Energy and Environment; Environmental Education; Fish and Wildlife; Outdoor Ethics; Public Lands; Sustainable Resources and Water Resources.

Standing Committees for this convention so appointed and designated include: Convention Rules; Credentials Committee; Convention Site; Awards and Youth Convention.

Following the roll call of the National Directors on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, the next order of business shall be the reading of, or disposing of, the minutes of the previous meeting.

All resolutions offered from the floor, or otherwise, shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee automatically, and without debate. Committee Chair is Dale Braun of Iowa.

Resolutions will be offered by the Resolutions Committee on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, and shall be subject to floor discussion, pro and con, and subject to rule by the Chair as to length of debate or other action. Debate on any resolution shall be limited to 20 minutes, and if the resolution is not disposed of within that time period, the resolution shall be automatically referred to the Resolutions Committee and Resolutions Committee shall report such resolution for consideration by the delegates at the next national convention. While a teller or ballot vote

on final passage of any resolution is counted, at the discretion of the Chair, debate may commence on the next resolution submitted by the Chair.

Article XV, Section 4 of the IWLA Bylaws, provides that, prior to January 1, 2022, no resolution that would alter League policy be considered by the Resolutions Committee or the convention unless that resolution shall have been submitted to the League's National Office at least two weeks prior to this convention.

The slates of candidates for National Officers, including Directors-at-Large; Executive Board; and the IWLA Endowment Board shall be posted by the Nominating Committee Chairs: Jim Madsen - National Officer Nominating Committee; Miles Greenbaum – IWLA Endowment Board Nominating Committee; and Shawn Gallagher - Executive Board Nominating Committee. All slates will be posted on the IWLA website no later than July 19, 2021. A copy of the slates of candidates shall also be provided to the Executive Board Chair or a qualified representative. These slates shall consist of one name for each position, and the slate for the Executive Board and the slate for the IWLA Endowment Board shall include details regarding candidates nominated for 2 or 3-year terms. The reports of the nominating committees shall be read prior to voting, after which additional nominations will be received from the floor, as provided in the IWLA or IWLA Endowment Bylaws, as applicable.

The floor shall be allowed to: delegates and alternates, officers, directors, invited speakers, and other such persons as the Chair may recognize so long as the speaker confines remarks to the subjects on the program or special business before the meeting. Individual discussion shall be limited to five minutes, except as the Chair rules otherwise.

No speaker shall be permitted the floor more than once on a subject except the proponents of a measure who may be allotted up to five minutes for reply purposes.

Voting shall be by voice unless a teller or ballot vote is ordered by the Chair or demanded by at least five chapters. In such an event and during a virtual convention, delegates or alternates accredited in advance by the Credentials Committee will cast their votes by the method provided for a virtual convention. After all delegates have had the opportunity to have their votes counted, the totals will be checked, and the results of the voting announced. The Credentials Committee will accredit delegates, based on a list of delegates provided by the National Office, before the convention convenes. During a virtual convention, in order to accurately tabulate chapter delegate vote(s) and ensure efficient use of delegates' time, results of any teller or ballot vote(s), including for national officers and on resolutions, may be reported on the day following the day on which the vote(s) are cast.

Nomination speeches shall be limited to three minutes, and speeches seconding nominations shall be limited to two minutes.

In accordance with Article VII, Sections 5 and 6 of the IWLA Bylaws, a delegate or alternate to be accredited shall be a member of the chapter which he or she represents, and no member shall be accredited as a delegate or alternate for more than one chapter.

The National Office sent all chapters information regarding the number of delegates and alternates permitted by the IWLA Bylaws for each chapter. If a chapter's full contingent of delegates is not present during a virtual convention, those duly accredited delegates in attendance at any session may collectively cast the total number of votes to which the chapter is entitled.

Any challenge of a delegate or alternate as to his or her credentials shall be referred to the Credentials Committee for resolution.

When addressing the Chair from the floor, each speaker must clearly announce his or her name, chapter, and state before being allowed to talk. The foregoing applies to a virtual convention.

In all matters of parliamentary procedure or order not covered by these rules, or by the IWLA Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order Revised will govern.