



Guidelines for Orderly Conduct of NFRC meetings

The following general guidelines apply to meetings of NFRC Committees and Subcommittees. As guidelines, committee/subcommittee chairs have the discretion in how rigidly to enforce these requirements (subject to being overruled by the members on a specific issue pursuant to a 2/3 majority). The intent is that committee/subcommittee chairs will use their good judgment in applying these rules to assist NFRC in conducting its meetings in an orderly fashion, while giving interested parties a reasonable opportunity to present their views. However, nothing in these guidelines, nor any flaw in committee and/or subcommittee conduct or procedure, will be construed to prohibit the NFRC Board from taking action on any matter if it deems it necessary in the best interests of the organization.

1. All material to be presented or discussed at an NFRC scheduled meeting shall be published as a listed item of the NFRC meeting agenda. The initial agenda shall be published 30 calendar days in advance of the meeting. All significant written or electronic presentations or documents to be handed out during the NFRC meeting shall be submitted to the committee chair and NFRC staff for review and determination of compliance with any applicable NFRC requirements. The presentations shall be submitted to the respective chair, who in turn would provide a copy to NFRC staff, no later than 15 calendar days before the NFRC meeting date. Any revisions to a published agenda shall be made by the chair no later than 12 calendar days before the NFRC scheduled meeting. The final meeting agenda shall be published by NFRC staff no later than 10 calendar days before a scheduled NFRC meeting. Issues not included on the published agenda can be brought up as announcements or for preliminary discussion only. No final action is to be taken on any item not specifically listed on the published agenda.
2. At a scheduled NFRC meeting, no person shall present his/her view until the chair recognizes the person to do so.

3. Minutes shall reflect all written ballot responses that are declared to be negatives and/or approved with comments and shall also reflect how each was addressed.
4. All motions put forth in an NFRC meeting **MUST** be written down on a Motion Form to be formally presented to the group and incorporated into the meeting minutes. Chairs shall provide enough time for the NFRC staff to collect all written motions and register them in the meeting minutes. The chair shall not proceed to a vote on an issue or to the next issue or agenda item until minute taker advises the chair that the needed action item has been duly registered, the motion form has been received, and the motion has been read to the group.
5. The minute taker shall register all action items in the meeting minutes. The minutes should try to contain a short summary of the proponent's reason for making the motion, so as to provide background for the intent. If modifications are made to the motion, there should also be a short summary of the intent for the modification. Unless recognized by the chair, minute taker shall not list any issues/notes other than the action items and short summary in meeting minutes.
6. Rules of common courtesy and Roberts Rules of Order generally apply to the conduct of NFRC meetings.