

***RULES OF DECORUM AND PROCEDURES FOR DEBATE AND VOTING ON PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
March 16-17, 2007***

MOTION: to adopt the following Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution Approved by the 217th General Assembly (2006) and Recommended to the Presbyteries for Their Affirmative or Negative Vote.

RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE for PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
(Based upon RONR 331)

1. Speeches limited to 2 minutes by those eligible to vote, alternating pro and con. There will be a pro and con microphone and those wishing to speak will line up behind the desired microphone and will be recognized on an alternating basis. The Stated Clerk will maintain a timer.
2. Each person may speak twice on a subject and may not speak a second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.
3. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question/issue/amendment and
4. Remarks shall not impugn another person or that person's motives.
5. All remarks shall be addressed to the moderator.
6. Persons' names should not be used, except by way of introduction of yourself when addressing the assembly.
7. Remarks may not refer adversely to prior acts or discussion.
8. Reports or documents are not to be read or distributed.
9. Persons shall not disturb the assembly.

PROCEDURES FOR DEBATE AND VOTING (Approved by the Agenda Planning Committee)

1. An * Order of the Day has been established with thirty (30) minutes docketed for debate and vote on all amendments.
2. Beginning with an Order of the Day at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday March 17, 2007 the schedule with an Order of the Day for considering and voting on each amendment is shown below. The order of the day will be observed should debate on a group of amendments extend beyond the time allotted. Should debate and the vote on an amendment be completed in a shorter time period than scheduled debate will proceed immediately to the next amendment (s).
 - * 9:00 a.m. Amendments 06-A; 06-B.1; 06-B.2; and 06-B.3 with Voice Vote
 - * 9:15 a.m. Amendment 06-C.; 06-D.; 06-E. and 06-F. with Voice Vote
3. The written report of the Bills and Overtures Committee in which they made no recommendation because they were not of one mind also included information on each proposed amendment prepared by the Association of Stated Clerks and was presented at the January 20, 2007 Presbytery meeting is included with the Call to this meeting and is advisory only.
4. A member of the Bills and Overture Committee (Commissioners to the 217th General Assembly) will move consideration of each of the twelve (8) proposed amendments as they are outlined in the *Proposed Amendments Approved by the 217th General Assembly (2006)* Booklet published by the Office of the Stated Clerk of the PCUSA and which was distributed at the January 20, 2007 Annual Meeting. Printed copies are available at the Presbytery Office or you may access this material electronically by clicking on the link provided on the Meetings Page of the Presbytery Website or by accessing www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend/proposed-amendments.pdf Voting will be by a Voice Vote on all amendments.
5. Presbytery could move to extend the time of floor discussion.