Board Resolution

From: WSDA Board of Directors

To: House of Delegates

 September 2025

**HD-02-2025**

**Rules for the House of Delegates – September 2025**

RESOLVED, that the following shall be adopted as the Rules for the House of Delegates at its annual meeting held in Tacoma, Washington, September 25-27, 2025:

1. The House of Delegates shall be organized and operated as outlined in the memorandum entitled “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” adopted in December 1960 and as amended by HD-01-2025 Re-establishing the “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” Document by the House of Delegates.

2. All resolutions and reports mailed to the members of the House of Delegates prior to the annual meeting may be read in part at the time of their introduction in the House, and such reading shall stand for reading the material in full.

3. If desired, at the request of the majority of the members of this House, any material shall be read in part or in full and amended or discussed at the time of the first reading.

4. Resolutions and reports not pertaining to amendments of the Bylaws may be acted upon by the House at the time of the first reading unless the House by majority vote, or the presiding officer, requests that the resolution or report be referred to a reference committee for further study and recommendations back to this House. Candidates for any position to be elected by the House at this meeting shall be ineligible to serve on a reference committee of this House meeting.

5. Except by majority consent of the members of the House of Delegates, debate on either side of a subject by one individual shall be limited to not more than two speeches, neither of which shall exceed five minutes.

6. The agenda for this House shall be the agenda as established by the Rules and Order Committee and submitted to the House of Delegates. New business not previously submitted and placed on the agenda by the Rules and Order Committee shall be considered only by two-thirds majority consent of the House of Delegates. Any business not receiving such two-thirds majority approval shall be referred to the next session of the House of Delegates by the presiding officer. The Bylaws amendment resolution pertaining to dues, HD-05-2025, and any increases, decreases or other amendments thereof, shall be in order for consideration by this House near the end of its final business session.

1. Voting for contested elective office will be conducted by electronic ballot. If the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled, and there is a difference as to the length of term, delegates shall vote for up to one less than the number of positions to be filled.
2. In the case of an elected office (such as board of directors) where more than one person is to be elected, the candidates receiving the most votes are each elected until the positions are filled, with the prevailing candidate receiving the fewer votes receiving the short term, if one is applicable.

In the event of a tie, necessary to be resolved to complete the election, the run-off election is only among the two or more candidates in the tie. The elected candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast as per WSDA Bylaws Chapter XIV.

1. To expedite the actions of the House, a list of referrals of known business shall be prepared by the Rules and Order Committee prior to the opening of the House of Delegates and presented to the members of the House at their opening session.

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