

Convention Delegate Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- If I am a delegate, what do I need to do at registration?
 - This is a two-step process.
 - You need to pick up your packet and pay the registration fee if necessary.
 - You also need to sign in with the credentials committee person (Sandy Williams). Then you will be counted as officially here and Sandy can determine if we have a quorum.
- If I am a visitor or guest, what do I need to do?
 - Simply stop at the registration desk and pick up your packet and pay the fee if necessary.
 - You do not need to sign in since are not a voting member.
- Do we need ballots to vote?
 - Most votes are done via voice vote. Some are done by acclamation. For instance, if we have enough nominees for committees and no nominees from the floor, the convention can vote to elect by acclamation.
 - If we have more nominees for committees then we will hand out the ballots, the #2 pencils and give you verbal instructions.
 - We also need the ballots for electing General Convention deputies.
 - For the bishop's election – we will use the ballots and we will give detailed instructions. We will need to vote by order (clergy and lay) so the process will be a little different than normal.
- What if I have a question while convention is in session or I have something really important to say?
 - The correct procedure is to go to the microphone and wait to be acknowledged by Bishop Brookhart. When he acknowledges, you, say, "Right Reverend, Sir, My name is ____, delegate from ____ and then state your point or ask your question.
 - Please wait for the microphone. (even if you think you don't need it) Our meeting room is large and it is hard for people to hear sometimes. Plus, when people are shouting out from their chairs, it is distracting. This process helps keep order and ensures everyone can be part of the conversation.
- What are resolutions?
 - Resolutions are statements of convention or calls to action – sometimes they are recommendations from the General convention.
 - They are due 60 days prior to convention
 - Except Courtesy resolutions – which are informal ways to thank people or recognize milestones. They can be taken from the floor.
- What is legislation?
 - Legislation involves changing the canons (laws) of the Episcopal Diocese. We are governed first by the Book of Common Prayer, then the Canons of the General Convention and finally the diocesan canons. We can only propose changes to the diocesan canons.
 - They too are due 60 days prior to convention.