



International DeMolay Congress Legislative Call

Call Item #1 – Standing Rules of the Congress

Topic: to considering adopting a set of Standing Rules to govern the International DeMolay Congress during the annual meeting.

Type: Resolution – Suggestion for DeMolay Congress Adoption

Proposed by: **International Supreme Council Congress Committee**

Action: Consider adopting proposal below:

Proposal:

Adopt the document on following pages.

The International DeMolay Congress Rules of Order / Standing Rules

Standing Rules:

- are procedures or general policies, not covered in the bylaws, that provide for the day-to-day operation of the International DeMolay Congress;
- make frequent/common actions simpler and provide for fairness and continuity of Congress actions;
- are adopted and/or amended by a majority (more than half) vote of the current Congress delegates; and
- are unique to the functioning of the Congress and do not necessarily need to parallel the Bylaws of DeMolay International;
- take effect immediately upon the approval of the Congress unless the Congress Officers and the Congress Advisors determine that the item is of such gravity as to warrant presenting the item to the DeMolay International Board of Directors.

Examples:

- Bylaws state how many meetings of the Congress are held. Standing rules tell when and what time these meetings are held.
- Bylaws give the number of officers and their titles for the Congress. Standing rules give the specific officers' duties and list the standing committees.
- Bylaws state that the Congress must elect its officers annually. Standing rules give the specifics of carrying out the election.

Article I
Conduct of Meetings / Session

Section 1 – Conduct of Meetings:

- A. Meetings of the International DeMolay Congress will be conducted by the Standing Rules of the Congress and using the standard procedures of Robert’s Rules of Order.
- B. The Agenda for the Congress Session will be developed by the Congress Officers and the Congress Advisor and presented at the beginning of the Congress session. The Congress Officers and Congress Advisor are charged with making necessary, ongoing changes in the agenda to facilitate the smooth and effective use of time during the Congress sessions.
- C. The necessary quorum (number of members needed) for carrying out the business of the Congress is 51% of the registered delegates at the closing of the roll call for that session.
- D. Legislative Call Items will be distributed to registered delegates thirty days prior to the Congress Session.
- E. Minutes of the Congress sessions will be taken and distributed within thirty days of the close of the Congress session. Minutes will at minimum record the full text of all motions made, name of the maker and person seconding as well as the voting results. Any amendments to motions will be recorded in the same manner.
- F. There will be no form of Executive Session ever used during the DeMolay Congress.
- G. Orders of the Day may be a part of the Congress Agenda and are to occur at the time and manner in which they are scheduled.

[An Order of the Day is an item that is scheduled to be received by the Congress for a specific time, unlike agenda items that flow in sequence from item to item as they come. As an example -the Election of Officers is usually a specifically scheduled item with a specifically scheduled time.]

Article II
Congress Officers

Section 1 – Nominations: The International Master Councilor and International Congress Secretary are self-nominated following the process laid out in the Congress Bylaws.

Section 2 – During Congress Session Nomination process:

- A. Nomination speeches may be made for all approved candidates.
- B. Nomination speeches may be up to three minutes in length.
- C. Persons making a second to the nomination will be recognized but not give speeches.
- D. Each approved and nominated candidate will be given up to six minutes to speak on their own behalf.

Section 3 – Duties of Appointed Congress Session Officers:

- A. Parliamentarian
 - a. The Congress Parliamentarian shall be knowledgeable of the standard Rules of Order and shall assist and advise the Congress Chair / International Master Councilor in keeping the proceedings of the Congress on track with Agenda and Robert’s Rules.
- B. Scribe
 - a. The Congress Scribe shall keep a written record of:
 - i. the full text of all motions, names of the maker of the motions and person seconding as well as a record of the voting results;
 - ii. Presentations and committee reports given;
 - iii. Any other actions of the Congress.
- C. Congress Session Officers are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the International Master Councilor.

Article III Legislation / Resolutions

Section 1 – Presentation of items for consideration:

- A. Only those legislative items that have been presented and processed before the Congress Session will be under consideration.
- B. No Delegate shall be permitted to speak on a question unless it has been properly presented to the Congress in the form of a motion.
- C. During the Congress Session, motions may be made. They are offered verbally and in writing, utilizing the form available from the Congress Secretary or Scribe.
- D. The maker of the motion will be invited to speak for up to three minutes if there is a second for the motion.
- E. The Congress will receive up to three speeches (of no more than two minutes each) for and three speeches against a motion before it is appropriate to 'call the question' – thereby ending debate.
- F. No Delegate shall speak more than once on the same question until all who desire to speak have spoken.
- G. No Delegate who has spoken on a pending question shall at the close of his speech have the right to call for the previous question or move to lay the motion on the table.
- H. No Delegate who has the floor shall be interrupted except for a breach of order, or a misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of the Congress that the time has arrived for a special order of the day, or to raise a very urgent question.
- I. Every Delegate who is within the Session room at the time the question is put has the right to vote. A member who is not within the Session room at the time the question is put by the chair shall not be permitted to vote.
- J. A motion to reconsider an action of the Congress shall be in order any time if offered by a member who voted on the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.
- K. The application of any of the provisions of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Congress.
- L. In any parliamentary situation not covered in these Rules of Order, the Congress shall be governed in its action by the appropriate provisions of Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 2 – Disposition of approved items:

All legislative items, resolutions, etc. passed by the Congress will go to the Committee on Disposition for assignment, forwarding, and referral. That committee will be made up of: The International Master Councilor, the International Congress Secretary, and the Congress Advisors.

Article IV Code of Conduct

Section 1 – Working together

The International DeMolay Congress is a deliberative body that considers actions and legislation that governs the Congress sessions and the work of the Congress Officers and Teams throughout the year.

Since the Congress is made up of representatives from across DeMolay International, the actions of the Congress are to be in concert with the high ideals of the Order of DeMolay, its members and advisors.

Section 2 – Rules of decorum and respectful collaboration

- A. Show up on time and come prepared.
- B. One person speaks at a time; no side conversations.

- C. We will not interrupt others when they are speaking.
- D. Delegates seeking to be recognized will address the Congress Chair / International Master Councilor and wait to be called upon **before** proceeding. After being called upon by the chair, the speaker will identify himself by name and jurisdiction.
- E. Pay attention, show respect.
- F. We will recognize that it is appropriate to disagree on ideas, actions, and statements. It is not appropriate to attack a person or their self-worth.
- G. The Goal is for everyone to be involved in the process so we will keep our comments as brief as possible.
- H. We will strive to make our point only once and avoid repetition.

Section 3 - Resolution of Issues with Delegates

In the event that problems arise with the behavior of Congress Delegates, the Executive Officer of the Delegate's Jurisdiction will be consulted by the Congress Advisor or his designee. Disruptive behavior could result in the suspension of a member's rights and vote as a Delegate of the International Congress for that given year. Decision on punishment shall be decided by a 2/3rds vote from the Congress after which, it will go to the Executive Officer for decision.

Article V Amendments

Section 1 - (a) Any proposed amendment of these Standing Rules shall be presented in writing during a Session, signed by the member offering the same, read and entered upon the minutes and may be voted upon immediately. An affirmative vote of over half of the members present and voting shall be required for adoption. Amendments to the Standing Rules take effect immediately upon the approval of the Congress unless the Congress Officers and the Congress Advisors determine that the item is of such gravity as to warrant presenting the item to the DeMolay International Board of Directors.

(b) Any action of DeMolay International which may affect or alter these Rules of Order in any respect shall be regarded and formally communicated to the delegates as an amendment to them, and these Rules of Order shall thereafter be formally amended to conform therewith.



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Call Item #2 – Proficiency Pass Off-Exception

Topic: to urge the ISC and Board of Directors to consider adopting an official method to accept the return of a proficiency from members with the following impairments, but not limited to, and at the discretion of the Executive Officer, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Auditory Processing Disorder, Deafness, Autism, Asperger Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and those on IEPs and 504 Plans.

Type: Resolution – Suggestion for Board of Directors Consideration

Proposed by: Chase Gordon – DSMC - Arizona

Action: Consider proposal below:

Proposal:

A member who has one of the impairments listed above and who desires to utilize this policy will be tasked to write an essay after witnessing both Degrees of DeMolay (full form), following the below prompt: In an essay no lower than 500 words, write about how you interpret the teachings of our Degrees, as well as what the Seven Cardinal Virtues and Jacques DeMolay's story teach. The essay will then be read by the Chapter Councilors and Advisory Council, who will jointly make a decision on whether or not the essay meets the qualifications outlined below: Are the lessons of both the Initiatory and DeMolay Degree discussed? Are the Seven Cardinal Virtues explained in the member's own words? Is the essay 500 words? If accepted, the member will be granted full voting rights as if he had returned his proficiency in full to the chapter.

Sponsorships Form – Call Item #2 – Proficiency Pass Off-Exception

What is a Sponsorship: A sponsorship is a way that a delegate can show that this piece of legislation already has support prior to Session 2016. The names listed below have already expressed their support of the resolution presented. The number of sponsors submitted with each call item was how the 49th International DeMolay Congress determined the order of which the call items were brought to the floor.

Sponsors:

Jared Truettner, SMC, Arizona

Luke Walker, SMC, Washington

Gerrit Stultz, SMC, Virginia

Jason Golec, SSC, Michigan

Darien Koons, SMC, Indiana

Zachary Hall, DSMC, Arkansas

Justin Brian, DSMC, Oklahoma

Mason Winkie, SMC, West Virginia

Ben Allphin, SSC, Oregon

Daniel Cunningham, SSC, Iowa

Forrest Johnson, SMC, Colorado

Total Sponsors: 11



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Call Item #3 – By-Law Effect Date

Topic: to amend the DeMolay Congress By-Laws so that all By-Law changes to the DeMolay Congress that are approved by the Board of Directors go into effect at the close of the session that it is voted and approved at.

Type: By-Law Amendment

Proposed by: AJ Brendel, SSC, Minnesota

Action: Add bolded and underlined language to Article VII – Amendments, Section 3 Effective Date

Proposal:

Article VII – Amendments, Section 3 Effective Date

Amendments to these bylaws become effective upon approval by the Board of Directors of DeMolay International following their vote at the meeting following the International Supreme Council Session.



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Call Item #4 – Clarify “Delegate” in the DeMolay International Rules and Regulations

Topic: to urge the Board of Directors to close the loophole in the International Supreme Council Rules and Regulations by establishing firm guidelines as to who a delegate to the DeMolay Congress is, and to clarify qualifications for such positions.

Type: Resolution – Suggestion for Board of Directors Action

Proposed by: Jared Truettner, SMC, Arizona

Action: Consider making a change and adding the verbiage below to Article 10, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 210.2 of the International Supreme Council Rules and Regulations.

Proposal:

Rules and Regulations – Article 10 – Section 210.2 – DeMolay Congress

The International DeMolay Congress consists of DeMolay delegates from the Jurisdictions. **A delegate is an active DeMolay in good standing and holds membership in a jurisdiction that he represents.** The Congress shall adopt and may amend bylaws providing for its officers and meetings and other rules for conduct of its affairs. The adoption and amendments of bylaws are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. (2009)



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Call Item #5 – Establish an International DeMolay Congress “Purpose” Statement

Topic: to establish a written purpose statement in the Standing Rules of the Congress to give focus and clarity to the abilities and directives of the International DeMolay Congress.

Type: Standing Rules Addition – Suggestion for DeMolay Congress Adoption

Proposed by: Luke Walker, SMC, Washington

Action: Add the “Purpose Statement” below to the Standing Rules of the Congress.

Proposal:

The purpose of the International DeMolay Congress shall be:

- (a) to meet once a year on an international level and elect an International Master Councilor and an International Congress Secretary who will lead and serve as the heads of the body for one term lasting from the International Session they are elected at, until the following International Session;
- (b) form and work on committees set out by the International Master Councilor;
- (c) propose additions, deletions, and changes to the Congress Bylaws and Standing Rules that will better fit the efficiency and effectiveness of the Congress;
- (d) propose opinions to be discussed amongst the Congress body which are considered to be Resolutions;
- (e) give the International Supreme Council members an opportunity to hear the opinion of Active DeMolay; and
- (f) exchange ideas with DeMolay across DeMolay International.



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Call Item #6 – Move Congress Officer Duties to the Standing Rules of the Congress

Topic: to move the duties of the International Master Councilor and the International Congress Secretary to the Standing Rules.

Type: By-Law Removal – Suggestion for DeMolay Congress Adoption

Proposed by: *International Supreme Council Congress Committee*

Action: Move Section 5, Duties of the Congress By-Laws to the new Standing Rules of the Congress.

Proposal:

Delete Article 5, Section 5, Duties of the Congress By-Laws. Add the language previously in Article 5, Section 5 of the Congress By-Laws to Article II of the Standing Rules entitled Article II, Section 4, Duties of Elected Congress Officers.



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Call Item #7 – Continuance of Retention Long Term Program

Topic: to resolve as a DeMolay Congress to continue the long-term retention plan of the 49th International Congress, and to place in the charge of the 50th Congress Officer team to implement the plan before the 50th Congress meeting in Buffalo, NY in 2017.

Type: Resolution – Suggestion for DeMolay Congress Adoption

Proposed by: Jared Truettner, SMC, Arizona

Action: Consider proposal below:

Proposal:

Proposal to be presented in full at the 49th International Congress meeting in San Diego, CA, which will provide opportunities for questions prior to the vote of the Congress on this resolution for continuance.



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Call Item #8 –Continuance of Ritual Long Term Program

Topic: to resolve as a DeMolay Congress to continue the long-term ritual plan of the 49th International Congress, and to place in the charge of the 50th Congress Officer team to implement the plan before the 50th Congress meeting in Buffalo, NY in 2017.

Type: Resolution – Suggestion for DeMolay Congress Adoption

Proposed by: Braden Zimmerman, SMC, Oklahoma

Action: Consider proposal below:

Proposal:

Proposal to be presented in full at the 49th International Congress meeting in San Diego, CA, which will provide opportunities for questions prior to the vote of the Congress on this resolution for continuance.



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Call Item #9 – Omnibus Corrective

Topic: To correct all incorrect punctuation, grammar, have correct word placement, add clarification pertaining to a subject, and identify assumed procedures and duties within the International DeMolay Congress Bylaws.

Type: By-Law – Suggestion for DeMolay Congress Adoption

Proposed by: Luke Walker, SMC, Washington

By-Laws: Article I Article III Article V Section 1 (a), (c) Article V Section 2 (b) Article V Section 3 Article V Section 5 (a-v,vi,vii,viii) Article V Section 5 (b-iv,v,vi,vii) Article V Section 6 Article VI Article VII Section 2 Article VII Section 3 Article VII Section 4

Proposal:

Delete Language that is struck through, add language that is red

Article I – “Article 4 I” and The name of this body shall be "The International DeMolay Congress."-

Article III - The emblem of the International DeMolay Congress consists of a Maltese cross overlaid by a circle with the words, "International DeMolay Congress, Order of DeMolay."-

Article V Section 1 (A) - The elected officers of the International DeMolay Congress shall be the International Master Councilor, and International Congress Secretary.

Article V Section 1 (C) – All ~~elected~~ ~~and appointed~~ officers and cabinet members serve under the supervision of the Grand Master and the Congress Advisor.

Article V Section 2 (B) – Other Officers must be an active ~~of Senior DeMolay~~

Article V Section 3 – ~~During~~ Immediately prior to voting, the doors to the Congress will be shut and tiled to Congress delegates until voting is complete. If a majority is not achieved on the first ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes will be removed from the ballot and a new ballot will be held.

Article V Section 5 (A-v) - attend national and international Masonic meetings and functions when invited;

Article V Section 5 (A-vi) - publish an occasional newsletter for jurisdictional officers and Congress delegates; and

Article V Section 5 (A-vii) - execute a program during the month of March to increase membership in DeMolay International.

Article V Section 5 (B-iv) - attend national and international Masonic meetings and functions when invited; ~~and~~

Article V Section 5 (B-v) - assist in the publication of an occasional newsletter for jurisdictional officers and Congress delegates; and

Article V Section 5 (B-vi) - assist the International Master Councilor in executing a program during the month of March to increase membership in DeMolay International.

Article V Section 5 (C) - ~~Other officers~~ **Appointed officers and cabinet members** shall perform such duties as are appropriate to their stations and may be assigned to them by the International Master Councilor, the International Congress Secretary, or the Congress.

Article V Section 6 (A) - If the office of International Master Councilor becomes vacant the International

Congress Secretary will succeed to the office. With the advice and consent of the Grand Master and the Congress Advisor, ~~he~~ **the new International Master Councilor** shall appoint a new International Congress Secretary in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out in these bylaws.

Article VI - The International Master Councilor may appoint such committees ~~from among the delegates to the Congress as are~~ **as** necessary to carry out the objectives of the term.

Article VII Section ~~2~~ **3** - A proposed amendment must be adopted only upon the affirmative vote of ~~no less~~ **not fewer** than two-thirds of the Congress delegates present and voting.

Article VII Section 2 – The International Congress Secretary shall distribute proposed amendments to Congress delegates thirty days prior to the Congress.

Article VII Section ~~3~~ **4**. Effective Date. Amendments to these bylaws become effective upon approval by the Board of Directors of DeMolay International.

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