**Proposal O – Add Notice Requirements with Rules for Member-Submitted Proposals**

**Date Heard:**

**Vote:**

**Articles 3, 11, & 17, Rules 1 & 4 (adding two rules) - Rules for Member-Submitted Proposals**

**Problem:** Creating a framework to allow members to submit proposals with notice (Proposal O) requires changes to the rules to allow member-submitted proposals to be heard.

**Solution:** Alter the rules to allow member-submitted proposals to be heard. Committee reports are given preference to member-submitted proposals with notice.

**Benefits:**  Creates the structure necessary to allow member-submitted proposals and floor proposals to be heard on the convention floor.

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| **Current Wording** | **Proposed Amendment** | **If Adopted, Will Read** |
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These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any regular convention.     2. Article 3, Section 1, or this Section, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a regular convention.  RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS The standing order of business for a regular convention shall be as follows:   1. Call to order 2. Credentials Committee report 3. Adoption of agenda 4. Treasurer's report 5. Audit Committee report 6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report 7. Election of Judicial Committee (in appropriate years) 8. Election of Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee 9. Platform Committee report 10. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years) 11. Resolutions 12. Other business  RULE 4: DEBATING AND VOTING – BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE […]   1. 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| *Proviso: This amendment shall not go into effect until the adjournment sine die of the convention at which it is adopted.* | | |

**SPONSORS:** Bracco

**MARK-UP LEGEND**

* In replacements, deletions precede additions.
* Deletions are in ***~~red bold italic strikethrough~~***.
* Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
* Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
* Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership