

RID National Bylaws Committee (NBC) (Version 07.08.05)

Purpose:

To assist national and Affiliate Chapter leadership in the efficient governance of the RID and its Affiliate Chapters through the use of parliamentary procedures in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order - Newly Revised.

Objectives:

1. When requested, to assist the Board of Directors in the oversight of the bylaws.
2. When requested, to review Board of Directors motions prior to final acceptance for possible bylaws conflicts.
3. To serve as the national Motions and Resolutions Committee during biennial conference years.
4. When requested, to assist the Board of Directors with referenda for bylaws amendments.
5. To be an ongoing, active resource to Affiliate Chapters in the development of Affiliate Chapter Bylaws and standing rules, and in maintaining compliance with RID national bylaws.
6. To continue to research alternative voting means for members who cannot attend the national business meetings until all possible options are explored.

Goals:

1. To maintain contact with the BOD and the National Office and review any motions before the BOD or the membership as a committee. Motions will be sent out on email to the committee members for comment and approval.
2. To, upon arrival of the national conference and throughout the conference, the NBC will collect and review all conference motions to ensure they are not in conflict with the RID Bylaws or organizational procedures.
3. To assist the Chair of the Business Meeting in directing members who are commenting on motions to stand / sit in appropriate places.
4. To maintain regular communication with the Regional Representatives and actively offer our assistance to the Affiliate Chapter presidents for any advice needed on their bylaws or issues pertaining to local business meeting or Parliamentary Procedure.
5. To, in so far as is financially equitable, strive to be available to AC leadership for consultation and assistance regarding AC governing documents or business-meeting procedures during each of the regional conferences.

Qualifications:

Members must. . .

1. be voting members in good standing (member of an affiliate chapter, and a certified or associate member of RID)
2. be detail oriented and have superior writing and editing skills.
3. have a basic knowledge of Parliamentary procedure.
4. have e-mail access and respond in a timely manner as the bulk of committee work is done via e-mail.
5. be willing to serve a two-year term commencing at the end of a national conference and to facilitate transitions for new committee members as needed * [Three (3) consecutive terms on the committee is a suggested maximum]
6. work cooperatively with other committee members and liaisons
7. be accessible to the National Office staff and the committee chair
8. be willing to attend conference calls and face-to-face meetings each year.
9. commit to attend the national conference and pre-conference meetings of the committee.
10. have a general understanding of how RID operates (Examples: RID Certification; Member of RID for a number of years, previous participation in RID on a National and/or Chapter level, etc.)
11. commit to obtaining a copy of “Roberts Rules of Order – Newly Revised” and study sections relating to bylaws before each conference and face-to-face meeting.
12. commit to taking additional training (workshops) pertaining to Bylaws and Parliamentary Procedure when possible.

* The suggested three (3) consecutive terms to serve on a committee would progress in the following manner. The member’s first (1st) term would be a learning curve. The member would work with a committee mentor to become knowledgeable and comfortable working on the committee. The member’s second (2nd) term would be as an experienced committee member and as such would be able to take the lead on projects, tasks and duties of the committee. The member’s third (3rd) term would consist of identifying potential committee members, recruiting, training behind, and wrapping up any projects that are in progress.