

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A188
TITLE: Amend HOD Rules of Order II
PROPOSER: President of House of Deputies
TOPIC: Rules of Order

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A152 Adopt New Rules of Order for the House of Deputies

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

None

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A188 Amend HOD Rules of Order II

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RESOLUTION TEXT

1 *Resolved*, the House of Deputies amends House of Deputies Rules of Order by inserting the following section at the end of Rule II:

2 *(F) Memorial Roll*

1. *The Secretary will prepare a Memorial Roll of all previous Deputies who have died since the last meeting of the House or who have not otherwise been remembered at a meeting of the House.*
2. *At each General Convention, time will be set aside to read aloud the names on the Memorial Roll and for prayers by the Chaplain.*

EXPLANATION

Provisions for a memorial roll were inadvertently omitted to the revisions of the Rules of Order. This Resolution adds that provision back under the new format.



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Title: Adopt New Rules of Order for the House of Deputies
Legislative Action Taken: Adopted as Amended
Final Text:

[Resolved, that pursuant to Canon I.1.2, the House of Deputies hereby repeals its existing Rules of Order and adopts the attached Rules of Order:]

II. General Rules

A. Duty of Deputies

- 1. Deputies will prepare for and give their attention to the business of the House.**
- 2. Deputies will attend all sessions of the House unless excused by the President.**

B. Communications Devices

- 1. The President may allow Deputies to bring cell phones, computers, and other communication devices to the House, except as provided in these rules during closed sessions.**
- 2. No talking on communications devices is allowed while the House is in session.**
- 3. All communications devices will be set to the silent mode.**
- 4. Deputies will respect those around them as they use such devices.**

C. Distribution of Printed, Digital, and Other Materials

- 1. Only official reports, papers, and documents necessary for the business of the House may be distributed to the House, except with the approval of: (i) the President; or (ii) the House by a majority vote.**
- 2. These rules apply to physical materials on the floor and digital materials distributed through official legislative software or devices.**

D. Quorum

- 1. To transact business the Constitution, Article I Sec. 4, requires:**
 - i. a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in this House must have at least one clerical Deputy present; and**
 - ii. a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation in this House must have at least one lay Deputy present.**

E. Minutes

- 1. The Minutes of the House will be kept by the Secretary or Assistant Secretaries and reviewed by the Committee on the Certification of Minutes.**

2. **The Committee on the Certification of Minutes will review, approve, and publish the final Minutes for each day before the start of the next day's session.**
3. **The Committee on the Certification of Minutes will report its action at the next scheduled session.**
4. **The House may require that the Minutes for any session be approved by the House.**

Citation: House of Deputies Rule of Order II is excerpted from the Final Text of 2015-A152, which revised the House of Deputies Rules of Order. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 558-586.