

2014 LULAC National Convention Rules

1. Only delegates, or alternates replacing a delegate, wearing their certified badges, will be allowed in the voting section. All other persons shall be seated in an observation area designated by the Credentials Committee. The only exception to this rule shall be to accommodate a physically challenged delegate or alternate who desires to be seated in a special area.
2. A member in good standing has the right to ask that non-members be removed from the election area. This shall include the news media.
3. An Election Judge shall be appointed by the National President to conduct the elections.
4. The Election Judge shall appoint a Time Keeper and three Official Counters for all elections.
5. Elections shall be by standing, show of hands or roll call vote. In case of a roll call vote, the head of each delegation shall announce his/her council's vote and the Election Judge shall repeat the vote to the floor. The only exception to this rule shall be to accommodate a physically challenged delegate who desires to be seated in a special area.
6. No delegate or alternate may have more than one vote in any one election.
7. Voting in absentia shall not be allowed.
8. A candidate not previously announced, as per the LULAC National Constitution, may run from the floor provided that a written certification endorsement by the total accredited delegations of a **minimum of five councils, including the candidate's home council**, is made to the Election Judge **prior** to the time of nominations for the office in question.
9. Each candidate has the right to appoint one counter. However, the only official count for any election shall be that recorded by the three Official Counters.
10. Each candidate shall have five minutes for speeches which shall follow the closure of nominations for the office in question.
11. In elections where candidates are running unopposed their elections will be combined and held by acclamation. In elections in which more than two candidates are involved, and no one receives 50 percent plus 1 majority of the certified votes, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall immediately go into a runoff. No speeches shall be allowed in runoff elections.
12. Challenges to any election must be issued to the National Legal Advisor **immediately** after the outcome is announced and **before** another election has begun. It shall take a two-thirds vote to overturn any ruling made by the National Legal Advisor.
13. First reading of all Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions will be presented immediately after the Assembly is convened.
14. The order of elections shall be as follows and will be conducted after resolutions/amendments are voted on:
 1. National President
 2. National VP for Women
 3. National VP for Youth
 4. Nat'l VP for Young Adults
 5. National VP for the Elderly
 6. National Treasurer
 7. Nat'l VP for the Southwest
 8. National VP for the Midwest
 9. National VP for the Farwest
 10. National VP for the Southeast
 11. National VP for the Northeast
 12. Nat'l VP for the Northwest
 13. 2017 Convention Site
15. The presentation of Constitutional Amendments from the floor **shall not be allowed**. Discussion on Constitutional Amendments shall be limited to 3 speakers for and 3 speakers against with each speaker having two minutes.
16. All resolutions must be type written and submitted in the form provided for in the LULAC website and submitted by a local council in good standing. Approved State resolutions must be submitted to the National Office within five days of passage. The Resolutions Committee shall read the resolved portion of each resolution and make its recommendation to the assembly. Discussion on each resolution shall be limited to two speakers for and two speakers against with each speaker having two minutes. A speaker must announce if he/she is speaking in favor of or against the resolution in question.
17. Resolutions from the floor shall be accepted. The resolution from the floor must be type written and submitted by using the form provided in the LULAC website and **signed by the total registered delegation of the offering council**. The written resolution from the floor must be presented to the Resolutions Committee and the State Director or his/her designee be notified. The Resolution Committee Chair shall read the resolution in its entirety and call for a vote. The same time limit, number of speakers, and announcement as in rule 16 shall apply to this rule.
18. Any issue not covered by these Convention Rules will be determined by the proper provisions within the LULAC National Constitution, By-Laws & Protocol, and Robert's Rules of Order (revised) in that order.
19. These adopted 2014 Convention Rules may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the assembly.
20. Delegates, alternates and guests must maintain proper decorum at all times. Whistling and whistles are not allowed. Individuals intentionally disrupting election proceedings as determined by the Convention Chair will be expelled from the floor. No photography, video and audio recordings will be permitted. Violators will be removed.
21. Any individual that uses profanity, verbally threatens or attacks another member on or near the voting floor will be removed from the voting floor and charges to expel the member for "**actions contrary to the principles of LULAC**" will be brought against the member by the presiding officer at the next Executive Committee or National Board meeting.