



**BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
REGION V COUNCIL MEETING
STANDING RULES**

1. The general authority controlling the Blacks In Government Region V Council Meeting shall be the Region V Bylaws, these Standing Rules of the Council Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised Tenth Edition.
2. The presiding official shall be responsible for maintaining order and decorum at all times to assure that the business of the organization is transacted fairly and judiciously.
3. All chapters in Region V shall be in good financial standing with the National Organization and the Regional Council before their representatives can be seated at the Regional Council Meeting, be allowed to make motions, speak in debate and cast a vote.
4. The presiding official shall also select individuals to tabulate the vote of council representatives on any issue before the Council Meeting, except for the election of officers, which shall be handled by the Election Committee, pursuant to the Region V Bylaws.
5. One-third (3) of the voting members in good financial standing with the Regional Council shall constitute a quorum. A majority of all representatives must be present to conduct business at any and all subsequent sessions. If, at any time after the Council Meeting has been called to order and is in session, and less than a majority of the council representatives are present, the Parliamentarian shall notify the presiding official that the body fails to have a quorum and any and all actions are unofficial and non-binding on the Council.
6. Council representatives addressing the Region after being recognized by the presiding official shall first state his or her name and chapter.
7. Each representative/speaker may speak up to two (2) minutes on any issue. No representative shall speak more than twice on the same issue. Discussion on any one issue shall not exceed ten (10) minutes with the exception of the Treasurer's report, the Audit Committee's report and the Bylaws Committee report.
8. Upon request of the presiding official, a motion shall be submitted in writing signed by the maker of the motion, and hand-carried to the Region V secretary of the Council Meeting.

9. The election of all Region V Officers shall be determined by a majority vote. If a majority is not obtained on the first ballot, the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall have a run-off election. The other candidates shall not appear on the ballot.
10. All candidates for Region V office shall present their platform to the Council Meeting within a two (2) minute time span. All candidates for the office of Region V Council President shall present their platform within a three (3) minute time span.
11. All cellular phones and pagers shall be turned off or placed on vibrate while the Regional Council Meeting is in session.
12. These rules require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by the council representatives present and voting for adoption. Those rules may also be suspended by a majority vote of the representatives present and voting.