

Rules and Orders

1. **Notions And Voting**: Motions shall be described as “Notions”. Via voice voting thereon shall be “Oui” for Yes, “Non” for No.
2. No person may be duly accredited as a delegate or alternate delegate unless registered for Rendezvous Nationale before 3:00 pm Thursday of the Rendezvous Nationale.
3. Delegates must vote with their Grande or Locale as certified and will not be permitted to change this designation after their certification.
4. **Obtaining The Floor**: A delegate desiring to propose a notion or to address the Rendezvous shall arise, go to the microphone and address the Chair as, “Madame La Presidente Nationale”. Upon her recognition by the Chair, she shall state her name and her Grande Cabane or Cabane Locale and may then proceed with the matter to be presented.
5. **Time Limit For Speaking**: No delegate shall be permitted to speak for more than five (5) minutes on any one subject or more than twice on any one subject; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, the chairman of the Rendezvous Committee shall be permitted to speak as frequently as necessary in connection with the report of the committee. A notion which would curtail debate shall not be in order until the chairman of the Rendezvous Committee involved shall have had an opportunity for the last rebuttal. The said Committee chairman shall not have the right to yield her time to La Presidente Nationale or any other person.
6. **Limitation On Debate**: Debate on any one (1) subject presented to the Rendezvous Nationale shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes.
7. **Limitation Of Number Of Speakers**: Only one (1) delegate from any Grande Cabane delegation shall be permitted to debate on any one (1) subject, unless there be a disagreement within the delegation, in such event two (2) delegates from the delegation are entitled to be heard, presenting opposing positions on the subject.
8. **Appeals From The Ruling Chair**: An appeal from the ruling of the Chair on any matter before the Rendezvous Nationale may be taken upon the request of three (3) or more Grande Cabanes and such appeal shall take precedence over any pending notion or question. The question to be put to the Rendezvous on such appeal shall be “Shall the ruling to the Chair be sustained”.
9. **Delegation Unit Voting Rule**: The delegates of a Grande Cabane and the Cabane Locale comprising said Grande Cabane and the delegates representing a Cabane Locale mentioned in Section 3 & 5 Article I of the By-Laws of La Societe de Femme, shall each comprise a delegation combined to this Rendezvous.

Upon roll calls, each delegation through its chairman shall announce its vote. Unit voting shall not be permitted. The Chairman and Secretary of each delegation shall be elected as the By-Laws of the Grande Cabane or Cabane Locale represented. Their names and the hotel where they will be staying during Rendezvous Nationale shall be reported to La Correspondante Nationale at least ten (10) days before the opening session of the Rendezvous Nationale except in the case of emergency when the names may be changed prior to the opening session. If a delegation is divided on any question, the vote of the absentees shall be cast by the majority of the delegation present, and voting of the minority of the delegates on such question is their actual vote. No person other than a delegate or alternate delegate entitled to substitute for a delegate not present shall participate in either via voice or roll call vote. Voting except upon election of officers shall be by acclamation unless a roll call is demanded by three (3) or more State delegations. When a roll call is necessary, the chairman of the delegation shall poll her delegation.

10. **Roll Call Votes**: Immediately preceding a roll call vote, La Presidente Nationale shall declare a ten (10) minute recess for purpose of polling delegates to prevent unnecessary delay in the ballot. A roll call shall be in alphabetical order and each delegation must vote in its proper alphabetical sequence. No passes or byes shall be permitted. The La Presidente Nationale may, upon request of any Grande Cabane, grant a two (2) minute delay. The Grande Cabane must thereafter either announce its ballot or declare its ballot forfeited. Once the delegation has cast its final vote, it shall stand.
11. **Voting Strength**: Voting strength shall be regulated by registered delegates present. Final tabulations must be made by the Credentials Committee prior to voting and the allowed delegate strength shall be voted if the Locale and/or Grande has answered roll call at this session and one or more delegates are present.
12. **Votes Of Les Presidentes Nationale Passe**: La Presidente Nationale Passé, if present, may cast her vote as Delegate at Large as long as she is not registered as a Grande or Locale delegate. No one delegate may represent both Locale and Grande.
13. **Tellers**: La Presidente Nationale may appoint three (3) or more Tellers to count and to advise her as to the vote on any matter or election upon which there is a roll call vote. Tellers appointed to serve for the entire election.
14. **Nomination Of Officers**: Nomination of Officers shall be made by the nominating committee and their recommendations shall be read by the Nominating Committee Chairman. Other nominations may be made from the floor thereafter by: 1. For La Presidente Nationale; Roll call of the delegation alphabetically by State. No notion to close nominations or to declare a candidate unanimous choice of Rendezvous shall be in order until the conclusion of the roll call. 2. All other offices; may be made from the floor without the roll call of delegation.

15. **Necessity Of Majority/Plurality Vote**: Subject to the provision of #14 herein, La Presidente Nationale shall be elected by majority vote and all other officers are elected by plurality vote.
16. **Decorum**: Those entitled to address the Rendezvous shall be accorded a respectful hearing. The Chair shall have the authority to direct the Conducteur to escort from the floor any persons who, after warning from the Chair, persists in disturbance or disorderly procedure. Garde de La Porte will be at the door at all times.
17. **Resolutions**: Any resolution emanating from a Grande Cabane shall be forwarded to La Correspondante Nationale postmarked at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the opening session of La Rendezvous Nationale. All resolutions must show date, place of origin and must carry the signed certification of the proper officers. Resolutions originating within a Rendezvous Nationale Committee shall be received and acted upon by Rendezvous Nationale.
18. No amendment to a report shall be considered unless the same shall be reduced to writing and be in the hands of the Chair at the time of its proposal and having first been furnished to the Committee Chairman.
19. **Order Of Business**: The order of business of La Rendezvous shall be as officially outlined in the Call unless, in the opinion of La Presidente Nationale, a change is for proper conduct and orderly business of La Rendezvous.
20. No candidate's name shall be placed in nomination unless endorsed by her Locale and Grande (if a Grande Cabane is organized) for a particular office and the resolution is received by La Correspondante Nationale postmarked at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the opening session of La Rendezvous Nationale.
21. Two (2) Nationale Officer can be elected from each Grande Cabane or Cabane Locale where no Grande is organized (two (2) elective officers per State).
22. Medical Personnel is allowed to depart and re-enter Rendezvous Nationale in case of emergencies, during elections.
23. All cell phones and pagers must be turned off or turned to vibrate before entering Committee Meeting Rooms and Rendezvous Nationale sessions. If it rings there will be a fine of \$ 5.00.
24. **Suspension Of The Rules**: These rules may be suspended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the voting strength of the Rendezvous Nationale. These rules remain in effect until such time as they may be changed by a subsequent Rendezvous Nationale.

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