



AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
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Standing Rules of the Governing Council

1. The distribution of campaign material related to candidates for APHA National Elected Office or items under consideration by the Governing Council is prohibited on the floor of the Council. The distribution of campaign material related to candidates for APHA National Elected Office may only happen at designated spots outside of the Council room but shall not block the registration or entrance of Councilors.
2. Access to the Governing Council Floor is restricted to sitting councilors and authorized APHA and event staff. Non-councilors are not permitted on the floor of the Council and must remain seated in the Gallery, which will be clearly marked. Annual meeting badges must be worn and visible by all on the floor and in the Gallery at all times.
3. The display of non-approved signs, banners, posters, and other items is strictly prohibited in the Governing Council and Gallery.
4. The use of audio and video recordings and photography is expressly prohibited in the Governing Council meetings.
5. The Speaker of the Governing Council, or their designee, may request the removal of any individual found in violation of the Standing Rules, APHA Governing Council Rules of Order, or the APHA Bylaws.

APHA Governing Council Rules of Order

As adopted by the Council

1. **APHA 15-Minute Discussion Rule:** Each policy statement, agenda item, and report is limited to discussion of 15 minutes. At the end of 15 minutes of discussion, the Speaker will poll the Governing Council as to whether it wishes to spend one or more additional 10-minute periods discussing the item.
2. **Prohibition On Bullet Voting:** When voting for candidates for Executive Board and the Nominations Committee, Governing Councilors are required to select the same number of candidates as open positions (i.e., if there are 3 open positions, each Councilor selects their top 3 candidates when voting). "Bullet voting," the process of selecting only one candidate as a tactic to reduce the vote total for other candidates thus maximizing the chance your favored candidate will be elected, is not allowed.

The Bylaws of the American Public Health Association establish the Parliamentary Authority for the Association's operations.

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