UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Missouri Mid-South Conference

2026 Conference Annual Gathering
Business Meeting Standing Rules

1. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Conference Annual Gathering (CAG) non-business plenary, forums, and workshops. Article II of the Conference Bylaws defines the voting members for the Business Meeting. The MMSC website hosts the bylaws.
2. The MMSC Board of Directors (BOD) will set the Business Meeting agenda and publish it at least 20 days before the first day of CAG.
3. The proposed process for bringing resolutions/affirmations to CAG will be as follows:
    a. Resolutions/Affirmations will be available on the MMSC website at least 20 days before CAG. Send all non-BOD resolutions to the Board Chair at least 25 days before CAG to ensure proper publication.
    b. For a resolution/affirmation to be discussed, the sponsor(s) must be present in person at CAG. If the sponsor(s) are not available, the resolution/affirmation will not be considered and will be tabled until the next CAG, unless the sponsor(s) withdraw it.
    c. Unless the resolution/affirmation comes from the BOD, the sponsor must move to accept it, followed by a second from the audience.
    d. BOD resolutions come to the meeting with an automatic second.
    e. For the Budget and Bylaws/Constitution resolutions, there will be a minimum of two (2) Zoom meetings for each resolution before CAG. These meetings will cover each resolution in detail and answer questions. The dates/times of the meetings will be announced on the CAG website and within the eCourier.
    f. The sponsor will be given five (5) minutes to speak in support of the resolution/affirmation.
    g. After the sponsor speaks, the floor will be open to pro and con. Each speaker will have 2 minutes. A con speaker will start, then a pro speaker. The maximum discussion time, excluding the sponsor, is 15 minutes. No speaker may speak more than once. The Chair may add time if the meeting desires it.
    h. The Chair closes debate when discussion is complete. If a main motion or resolution has prompted pro and con discussion and the issue appears divisive, the Chair may, at the end of the debate, call for a moment of silent prayer and reflection before taking the vote.

    i. The Secretary will take and record the vote based on the delegates' votes.
4. The Business Meeting of CAG will remain in session until all agenda items are addressed or until 5:00 pm, whichever occurs first. If, at 5:00 pm, there is still unfinished business, the Chair shall call for a vote on whether to continue for 15 minutes.
    a. If the vote carries by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, the meeting will continue.
    b. If the motion does not carry a 2/3 majority, all remaining agenda items will be referred to the BOD. The BOD will handle those agenda items at its next meeting and report all decisions to the Conference.
    c. If the meeting attendees vote to remain in session, the process in Section 4.a will be repeated every 15 minutes until all business is completed or the meeting is adjourned, with any remaining items sent to the BOD under Section 4.b.
    d. At the close of the business meeting, the secretary will record the minutes and publish them on the MMSC website, subject to approval at the next CAG or Special Meeting.

Adopted by MMSC Board of Directors – August 29, 2026