

## One Vote Rule

NCCW follows the one person one vote rule at convention. The voting guidelines are listed below. An affiliate (parish, district, vicariate, deanery or diocesan) receives two votes and the president is to assign them. If the president of the affiliate is an Individual/ Supporting Member, she should designate delegates from her affiliate to use the affiliate's votes. Each person is able to use only (1) vote each. What a great opportunity to assign one to a first-time attendee and mentor her during the process of voting at the convention!

Be sure that the current president at the time of convention and her contact information have been submitted to the NCCW office.

### CONVENTION VOTING GUIDELINES

1. There is one vote per member at Convention.
2. Affiliates that are current with their dues receive two votes, each of which must be cast by separate members of the affiliate attending Convention. The two voting delegates for the affiliate will be named by the affiliate president.
3. Affiliate presidents will receive a Certification of Delegates form where they must list the two persons approved to cast the votes for their affiliate at Convention.
4. If an affiliate president is an individual member, she will cast one vote as an individual member and will assign the two affiliate votes to two affiliate members attending Convention, noting the names of those designated members on the Certificate of Delegates form.
5. The Certificate of Delegates form is found on the NCCW website and one form will be sent to each affiliate president. Kindly ensure that the current affiliate president and her contact information are listed with the NCCW Office.
6. Members may not vote by proxy.

### REFERENCES:

1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern NCCW except when inconsistent with these Bylaws, any special Rules of Order adopted by NCCW, or applicable law. (ARTICLE XVI, SUNDRY PROVISIONS Section 7. Parliamentary Authority.)
2. ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE. It is a fundamental principal of parliamentary law that each person who is a member of a deliberative assembly is entitled to one - and only one- vote on a question. This is true even if a person is elected or appointed to more than one position, each of which would entitle the holder to a vote. For example, in a convention a person selected as delegate by more than one constituent body may cast only one vote. An individual member's right to vote may not be transferred to another person (for example, by the use of proxies.)(Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th ed.), page 407, lines 1- 9)

***A Certification of Delegate form must have been submitted to the NCCW office 30 days prior to the start of convention.***