

Social Workers Association of Alberta
2026 Special General Meeting
Proposed Special Rules of Order

1. Seeking Recognition

- a. To speak - to seek recognition to speak raise your “**virtual hand**” in the participant’s box and wait for the Chair to recognize you to speak
- b. To raise a point of order - Use the  icon to inform the Chair that you feel a rule is being broken. The Chair will recognize you to state what rule you feel is being broken.

2. Online Meetings

- a. Microphones should be muted when not speaking
- b. The chat box will be visible only to the meeting hosts and is restricted to technical issues such as connection or meeting platform issues. Only technical questions or concerns will be responded to by the hosts.

3. Voting:

- a. For routine motions and decisions, the chair may use general consent. This means the Chair will say “If there is no objection to ACTION, the ACTION will be taken”. Is there any objection to ACTION?
 - i. To express objection on a general consent decision the member will raise their virtual hand icon
 - ii. If there is no objection the action is taken, if one or more Members objects then the action can be debated and voted upon.
- b. For affirmative/negative votes, the Chair may use the poll function, the hand raised function, the yes/no circles, or another method as determined by the Chair