a voting delegate may move that a speaker be further heard, which on being seconded shall immediately be put to the vote.

## Rule 11: Adjournment of Debate

During the discussion of any matter, a voting delegate may move to a later time the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. The motion for adjournment must be seconded. Then two (2) voting delegates may speak against the motion, after which the motion shall immediately be put to the vote. In no case may a speaker move for adjournment at the conclusion of her speech.

## **Rule 12: Closure of Debate**

During the discussion of any matter, a voting delegate may move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion. The motion for closure must be seconded; then two (2) voting delegates may speak against the motion, after which the motion shall immediately be put to the vote. In no case may a speaker move for closure at the conclusion of her speech.

## Rule 13: Adjournment of Meeting/Session

During the discussion a voting delegate may move the adjournment of the meeting/session. If seconded, the proposal shall immediately be put to the meeting/session without discussion. The Chairman shall announce the result of the vote, and if the proposal be carried, the meeting/session is adjourned and will be reconvened at another time or place. The Chairman shall announce the time of resumption of the meeting/session.

## **Rule 14: Order of Motion**

The following motions shall have precedence in this order over all other motions or business before the meeting:

- 1. To adjourn the meeting/session.
- 2. To adjourn the debate on the item under consideration.
- 3. To close the debate on the item under consideration.

## **Rule 15: Abstentions**

A delegate who, on instructions from her society; withholds her vote or who does not vote for any reason is considered to be neither for nor against the motion and is taken as abstaining. When determining a majority, those abstaining must be counted in the total vote at each session but shall not be added to those voting for or against. If as a result there is no overall majority, the motion shall be considered withdrawn.

## **Rule 16: Majority Required**

Decisions of the meeting shall be made by a majority. A simple majority means more than half of the voting strength at each session. A two third majority means two-thirds or more of the voting strength at each session.

# Rule 17: Equally Divided Votes

If a vote is equally divided on matters other than elections, the motion shall be regarded as rejected.

### **Rule 18: Conduct during Voting**

After the voting has begun, no one shall interrupt the vote, except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. Brief statements by voting delegates consisting solely of explanations of their votes may be permitted by the Chairman, if she deems it necessary, before the voting has commenced, or after the voting has been completed.

#### **Rule 19: Suspension of Amendment of Rules of Debate**

Any of these rules of Debate may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds majority of the voting strength at each session. Notice of amendments to the Rules with the names of the proposer and seconder and their organizations must be given in writing to the General Secretary not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting at which they are proposed.



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# Tuesday, June 12

# Registration all day

- Heads of delegations to Pre-Conference Council and Conference to present credentials and to collect Pre-Conference Council/Conference voting papers at registration desk.
- Country greetings (25 words maximum) must be handed in at registration desk.
- Greetings from Heads of State must be handed in at registration desk.
- 09:00 Pre-Conference Council Chedoke Room, Salon C, Hamilton Convention Centre
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Council (continued)
- 15:30 Council ends

All Plenary Sessions will be held in the Hamilton Place Theatre

- **19:15** All must be seated for Opening Ceremony
- 19:30 Opening Ceremony
  - Women's Institute Centennial Fanfare: Anita McAlister and Darryl Eaton
  - Procession of Flags
  - Song of Peace (see page 13)
  - Welcome by Mrs. Christine Reaburn and Mrs. Arthena Hecker, Ontario Coordinating Committee
  - Welcome to Canada by Mrs. Elizabeth Rushton; ACWW Area President, Canada
  - Welcome by Mrs. Hilda Stewart, MBE, ARAGS, World President, ACWW
  - Opening of Conference by Mrs. Hilda Stewart, World President, ACWW
  - Address by Maria Fortunato, Tourism Development Officer for the City of Hamilton
  - Messages from Heads of State
  - Greetings to Conference
  - Choir
  - O Canada (see page 13)