

## **Standing Rules of the Order (Revised March 14, 2008)**

**Rule 1.** The General Authority Controlling Blacks In Government (BIG) Regional XI Council shall be the BIG National Constitution, RXI Council By-Laws, these Standing Rules of the Council, and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

**Rule 2.** Regional XI President and Sergeant-at Arms shall be responsible for maintaining order and decorum of the Council meeting so that business can proceed in an orderly manner at all times to ensure that the business of the Council is transacted fairly and judiciously. Only Regional Representatives shall be allowed to make motions, speak in debate, or cast a vote.

**Rule 3.** Regional Representatives representing at least one quarter (1/4) of the total Chapters (in good financial standing) present at the opening of RXI Council meeting shall constitute a quorum. This quorum (25 percent) of all RXI Chapters must be present to conduct business at any subsequent meetings. If, at any time after the Council meeting has been called to order and is in session, less than one quarter of the Regional Chapters are present, the Parliamentarian shall notify the presiding official that the body fails to have a quorum and any and all actions of the body are unofficial and non-binding on the Council.

**Rule 4.** Regional Representatives and members addressing the Council after being recognized by the President shall first state his or her name and chapter.

**Rule 5.** All motions shall be in writing by the maker and signed by whoever seconded.

**Rule 6.** All Chapter Concerns shall be in writing and presented to the RXI Council Executive Committee prior to Council meeting.

**Rule 7.** Discussion will be limited to (2) minutes for each speaker and no person will speak more than twice on any issue. Debate on any issue will not exceed twenty (20) minutes.

**Rule 8.** Agree to disagree.

**Rule 9.** All special presentations and guest speakers shall be placed on the agenda after New Business or near the end of the business meeting for a time no longer than 25 minutes.

**Rule 10.** Minutes need only present basic information of the RXI Council proceedings based on Committee Reports, the motion made, the outcome as to whether a motion failed or passed, and Chapter Concerns.