

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

The following rules will be used as the procedure for the Nineteenth Biennial C.O.P.E. Convention of the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO on April 11, 2026.

SATURDAY, April 16, 2026

1. The Credentials/Roll Call Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the USW Local 310L Hall, 125 Broadway Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.
2. The C.O.P.E. Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m., or at the conclusion of the executive board meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the USW Local 310L Hall, 125 Broadway Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.
3. The Rules Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the USW Local 310L Hall, 125 Broadway Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.
4. The Convention will convene at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the USW Local 310L Hall, 125 Broadway Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, and will not adjourn until all business has been completed.
5. Thirty percent (30%) of the delegates present may demand a roll call vote on any question before the Convention.
6. Robert's Rules of Order, in its latest edition, shall be considered as the authority on all questions of order not covered by the rules submitted to and accepted by the Convention by the Rules Committee.
7. Visitors may be excluded from the hall by a majority vote of the delegates present.
8. Each delegate, when asking for the floor, must give his or her name, city, international, and local union number.
9. On motion, the regular order of business may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at any time to dispose of any urgent business.
10. The endorsement procedure of the State AFL-CIO shall be as stated in the Rules Governing Committees on Political Education of Area and Local Central Bodies, which can be found as a handout in each delegate packet for 2026 C.O.P.E. Primary Endorsements.

11. In the event that thirty percent (30%) of the delegates present demand a roll call vote on any endorsement for any elective office, the following shall be procedure:

- A. A roll call shall be conducted on a motion for the endorsement of a candidate or on a motion for co-endorsement of two candidates. Full discussion shall be allowed prior to the roll call. A roll call may combine two different motions for endorsement. For example, a motion to endorse a candidate for Governor and a candidate for Congress could be disposed of by calling the roll one time.
- B. For an endorsement or co-endorsement to be made, it must be supported by 2/3 of the votes cast. A vote of no endorsement requires a simple majority of the votes cast.
- C. If the motion for an endorsement and/or co-endorsement fails, the result shall be no endorsement. A motion for a second candidate is in order. A motion for a formal “no endorsement” is also in order.
- D. A recorded abstention shall be considered to be a vote cast. The vote(s) of a delegate who does not vote will not be considered a vote cast.
- E. No candidate is eligible for endorsement unless they have:
 - 1. submitted a questionnaire with the requisite number of correct answers;
 - 2. completed the IFL Candidate Academy, and
 - 3. has been qualified by the Secretary of State to be listed on the ballot.

Each affiliated local, State Organization, local Central Body, Local Trades or Industrial Council, State Retiree Council, Officer and Auditor shall be entitled to the number of votes sent out with the Convention Call. The affiliated locals may divide their votes as the local determines, provided each delegate carries at least one vote.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE, I SO MOVE.