

Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure

The Judicial Committee shall take action only when its Chair receives a written request for a ruling on a matter identified in the Party's By-Laws as being within the Committee's jurisdiction.

If the Committee is called into action during a Convention, the Chair shall convene the Committee as soon as is reasonably possible, at which time the Committee shall hear arguments from the interested parties in person, in a meeting open to convention delegates.

When such a request is received at any time other than during a Convention, the Chair shall contact the other Committee members by phone or e-mail (where possible) within seven days of receiving said request. During the same seven days, the Chair shall forward one copy of the request to each of the other Committee members, along with any supporting material and counter-arguments that have been sent.

Committee members shall review all material they are sent within seven days of receiving it, and each member shall contact the Chair as soon as this has been done. Any member who wishes to contact other members directly may of course do so.

After the Chair has been contacted by at least two other Committee members, the Chair shall set a time for a meeting of the Committee to decide the matter at hand. Unless a majority of the members request a physical gathering, the meeting shall take place either by telephone conference or electronic discussion group. Members who are unable to participate in the meeting shall retain the right to vote by mail, by email, or by phone, provided their vote is transmitted to the Chair no later than 72 hours after the meeting.

When the Committee reaches a decision, the Chair shall notify the person(s) who requested the ruling, any other person(s) directly affected by the ruling, the State Chair and the State Recording Secretary. Preliminary notification may be made orally, either in person, by telephone, or by email; official notification shall be made in writing, as soon as all participating Committee members have provided the Chair with a signed statement giving their vote on the matter in question.