

RULES OF DECORUM AT ANNUAL MEETINGS

It is the intention of the DTGCA Board to create an atmosphere where DTGCA members feel welcome to participate and to create an open, transparent and informed decision-making process. An Open Forum will be included in the Annual Meeting. It is the desire of the DTGCA Board to meet the needs of its members and to encourage the sharing of ideas and recommendations to improve the DTGCA.

Only Members with current membership may attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. Membership cards will be checked at the door before admittance.

The rules for the Open Forum are as follows:

1. Members present will speak first, then those who wish to participate electronically.
2. Those wishing to speak at the Annual Meeting will notify the Board President at least 30 minutes prior to the Annual Meeting. Those who wish to speak electronically will notify the Board President at least 24 hours in advance of the Annual Meeting. Notice of speakers is necessary to ensure those that desire to speak are provided the opportunity and that a process is in place for those who wish to speak electronically.
3. To allow all members who want to speak at the Annual Meeting an opportunity, speakers will be limited to three minutes each.
4. A microphone will be provided for the speakers who are present. A member shall approach the microphone and state his/her name and hometown.
5. Civil, respectful and courteous behavior are an important part of the democratic and decision-making process of the DTGCA. Uncivil discourse and/or discourteous and inappropriate behavior have a non-productive and negative impact on the productivity of DTGCA meetings.
6. All remarks shall be addressed to the DTGCA Board as a body, rather than to any specific member. Members shall speak in a respectful manner with no comments of a personal nature against any DTGCA member. Speakers shall not be allowed to make complaints, personal attacks, use swear words or make inflammatory statements against any member or the DTGCA Board.
7. Members shall silence their cell phones, refrain from any behavior that is inappropriate or disruptive, refrain from personal conversations during the meeting, come and go in the least disruptive manner and utilize no placards, banners or signs.
8. Failure to abide by these rules could result in the member be removed from the meeting.