

**Policy**  
**Announcements by Political Candidates or Allied Political Groups**  
**at HI General Meetings**

1. In general, no more than 10 minutes of any HI meeting will be used for announcements by political candidates (“candidates”) or political groups (“groups”). The co-chair opening the meeting (“presiding co-chair”) has the discretion of extending time for announcements when feasible.
2. Announcements may be made by HI members or non-members.
3. Persons wishing to make announcements must check in prior to the meeting with the co-chair opening the meeting (“presiding co-chair”). Announcements will be limited to candidates and groups known to the HI co-chairs and considered by them to be “politically progressive.”
4. The presiding co-chair will determine which of the eligible speakers who checked in before the meeting will be allowed to speak and the order in which they will speak. The order will depend on:
  - a. Only speakers who meet the guidelines described in this policy will be considered.
  - b. Among approved speakers, first come will be first served, based on who checked in first with the presiding co-chair (in person prior to the meeting). A sign-in sheet will be used to verify time of request.
  - c. Due to program priorities, not all speakers may be permitted to speak if there is not adequate time.
5. **Absolutely no solicitations for funds, announcements about fundraisers, or announcements for commercial enterprises will be permitted at an HI meeting. Any speaker violating this rule will be immediately stopped and will not be permitted to finish their announcement.**
6. Each announcement by a representative of a political candidate or allied group will be strictly limited to two minutes total. A timer will be used and each speaker must immediately stop his/her remarks once the timer rings.
7. The meeting will not be interrupted for the purpose of distributing printed materials promoting the person or event of which the representative is speaking. Such materials may be provided at the rear of the room at the end of the meeting if consistent with the guidelines in #5 as determined by the presiding co-chair.
8. HI reserves the right to interrupt and dismiss any speaker’s remarks if the speaker is not following the above guidelines.

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