

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Quorum

At least one-half of all voting members must be present at to constitute a quorum for a legal vote. A majority vote of those members present is required to decide a pending matter on the floor.

Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall instruct our parliamentary procedures.

Proxy/Absentee Voting

Proxy and absentee voting shall not be permitted.

Speeches

All speeches during discussion will be limited to two minutes. A signal will be given one minute before the speaker's time ends. A second signal will be given one minute later at which time the speaker will return to their seat.

Discussion

Alternating Speeches

Insofar as is possible during discussion, a speaker on one side of the question shall follow a speaker on the other side. To facilitate alternating speeches, assembly members desiring to speak in favor of the pending matter should carry their green card and await their turn to be recognized at the microphone directly in front of this podium. Those members desiring to speak against the pending matter should carry their red card and await their turn to be recognized at the microphone directly in front of the other podium. A voting member, having spoken to a pending matter, may not speak again to that matter until all others desiring to speak have had their turn.

Purpose and Use of White Cards

A member wishing to offer an amendment to the pending matter, or some other motion that would be in order should approach either microphone carrying their white card to await recognition by the chair.

Etiquette of the Assembly

In the give and take of debate, both members of the assembly and visitors are asked to refrain from applause.

Moving the Previous Question

A member having spoken on the pending question(s) may not move (or call) the previous question(s). A motion to end debate by moving the previous question shall apply only to the immediately preceding motion.