

Abbreviated Robert's Rules of Order

What is Parliamentary Procedure?

It is a set of rules for conduct at meetings that allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion. It is a time tested method of conducting business at meetings and public gatherings. It can be adapted to fit the needs of any organization.

Sample Order of Business:

1. Call to order and roll call of members
2. Present the Agenda
3. Consider minutes of last meeting· vote to accept amended minutes.
4. Special orders--important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting
5. Business--motions
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

Presenting Motions:

1. Obtain the floor
2. Make a motion--avoid personalities and stay on subject.
3. Wait for someone to second the motion.
4. Another member will second the motion or the Chairman will call for a second--if there is no second to motion it is lost.
5. The Chairman restates the motion.
6. Debate· concise and focused on content of motion.
7. Keep established time limits.
8. Put the question to the membership--if there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.

Note: Motion to Table -- This motion is often used in the attempt to "kill" a motion. The option is always present, however, to "take from the table", for reconsideration by the membership.

Voting on a Motion:

1. By General Consent -- When a motion is not likely to be opposed, the Chairman says, "if there is no objection ..." The membership shows agreement by their silence, however if one member