

Standing Rules of Order for MORHA Business Meetings

Introduction

This document sets down the parliamentary rules for all MORHA business. These rules take priority over Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Any situation that is not covered here will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The Standing Rules of Orders are to be approved annually at the MORHA April Business Meeting by a 2/3 vote of the assembly.

These standing rules may be amended or suspended, in part or whole, at anytime, pending a 2/3 vote of all MOCC's.

Article I-General Business

Section One-Debate/Discussion

A. Along with a timed discussion period, each member shall have only 3 minutes to speak on a motion, which includes all yields to others.

B. A MOCC who yields the floor to a member of their school can yield at any point to stop the member of their school from continuing.

Section Two-Amendments

A. Formal Amendments will be the only type of amendments allowed on a piece of legislation or main motion.

B. There will be no more than 2 amendments per motion/legislation. The first (primary) amendment applies to the main question; the second (secondary) applies to the first amendment only. This combination can be done in succession as many times as necessary but successive amendments cannot bring up questions already decided.

C. To end discussion and move to a vote, an MOCC must "move the previous question" or "call the question." To close discussion and move to a vote, there must be a 2/3 majority. If passed, the question is put to a vote; if it fails then we go back into discussion.

Section Three-"Point Of ..." requests

A. Point of Information-requests information on the motion or business being discussed at the time.

B. Point of Order-used only when you feel that a breach of the rules of order, constitution and/or bylaws is being done by any member.

C. Point of Privilege-used to voice concern about the conditions of the meeting room or of your personal comfort, e.g.-too hot/cold, too noisy, need to use the restroom.

Article II-Elections

Section One-Executive Board Officers

A. If there is only one candidate running for an office, the only votes allowed are “Yes,” “No,” or “Abstain” and a ballot must be cast on the vote for that office.

B. The election procedure for officers at the MORHA Annual Conference shall be the following:

1. 5 min. presentation
2. 5 min. Question and Answer (extendable)
3. 5 min. Pro/Con session over all candidates
4. 10 min. discussion over all candidates (extendable)

C. If the time has exhausted in the question and answer or discussion periods listed above they are extendable by a simple majority.

D. All of the final votes for each office shall be done by secret ballot only, and the results shall not be given until the closing banquet of the annual MORHA conference

E. If a special election for an office needs to be held during the MORHA year, other than the annual conference, the election procedure will follow the same rules as listed above.

Section Two-Awards

A. If a candidate for the MORHA School of the Year is running unopposed, the voting options are “Yes,” or “Abstain”

B. If there are two or more candidates for the School Of The Year, the only voting options are to choose one of the candidates or to abstain from voting.

C. The election procedure for School of the Year is as follows:

1. 10 min oral presentation
2. 10 min Q and A
3. 5 min pro/con (only if there is more than one candidate)
4. 15 min discussion over all candidates

D. If the time has exhausted in the Q and A or Discussion periods, they are extendable by simple majority.

E. All of the final votes for School of the Year shall be done by secret ballot and the results will not be given until the close of the annual conference.

Section Three- Business Meeting and Conference Host Sites

A. If a candidate for a business meeting site, or the MORHA conference host site is running unopposed the voting options are “yes” or “abstain”

B. If there are two or more candidates for a business meeting site or the annual conference the only voting option is to choose one of them or to abstain

C. The election process for a business meeting will be as follows:

1. 3 min. presentation

2. 3 min. Q and A

3. 3 min. Discussion

D. If the time has exhausted in either the Q and A or discussion, it is extendable by a majority vote of the MOCC's

E. The election procedure for the MORHA conference host site is as follows

1. 10 min. presentation(includes both oral and video, slideshow if applicable)

2. 10 min. Q and A

3. 5 min. Pro/Con

4. 15 min. discussion over all sites

F. If the time has exhausted in either the Q and A or discussion they can be extended by a simple majority vote.