

Procedural Motions

A) To challenge the chair's ruling

If you believe that the chair has made an incorrect decision, then calling this motion will cause them to step down to a deputy and for all stations to vote on whether the ruling should be reversed.

B) To remove the chair for a specified time during the meeting

If you believe that the chair has a conflict of interest for an item of business, then calling this motion will cause them to step down to a deputy, and for all stations to vote on whether the deputy should remain for the rest of that relevant item(s).

C) To move to a vote

If you wish to skip debate of an item of business, calling this motion will cause the meeting to immediately move to a vote to decide whether or not the debate should continue. This ballot may also be requested to be a secret ballot.

D) To move to an informal discussion

Calling this will allow an item of business to move to an informal discussion for a set period of time.

E) To take the proposal in specific parts

This procedural motion allows you to separate out specific parts of a motion. To call this motion, you must specify which point(s) you wish to separate from the substantive motion. If this procedural motion passes, the chair will then decide the order for discussing the separate parts.

F) To refer the question or proposal to another meeting, body or person

If you believe that the current meeting is not the best place to discuss a matter, then you can nominate an alternative meeting, body or person, for that topic to be referred to. It must be clear where the matter is being referred before the chair can accept the procedural motion or pass to a vote.

G) To raise a point of information

This procedural motion should be called during a speech, when you have evidence contrary to a point being made. No opinion or argument should be stated, but just the simple fact that you believe is being contradicted. It is up to the discretion of the speaker as to whether they accept you to state your point of information.

H) To raise that a non-member be allowed to contribute

This procedural motion should be raised immediately before you wish to allow a non-member to speak as part of a discussion or debate