



# Alcoholics Anonymous

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## Georgia District 16B

### Robert's Rules of Order



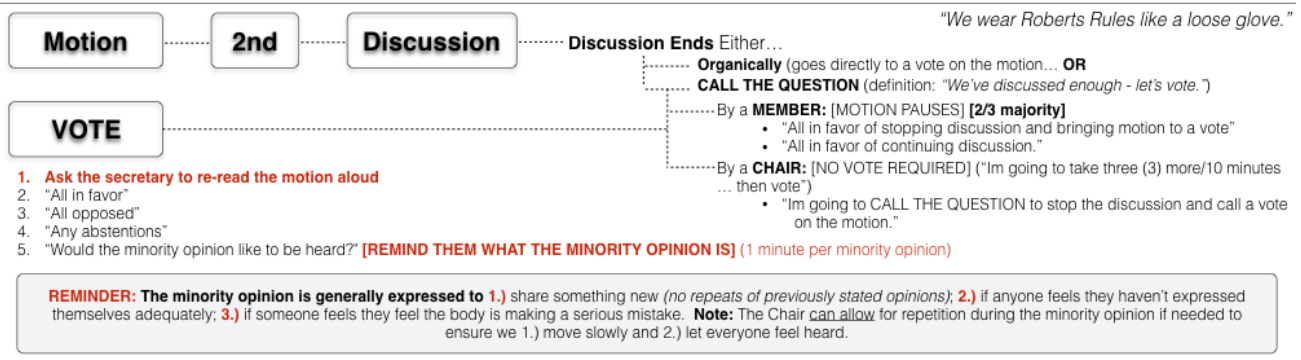
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# Introduction

Everyone has the right to participate in discussion if they wish, before anyone may speak a second time. Everyone has the right to know what is going on at all times. Only urgent matters may interrupt a speaker. Only one thing (motion) can be discussed at a time.

\* G.S.R.s and Alternate G.S.R.s are the only District 16B Meeting participants that may participate in this process.

## Roberts Rules of Order (Basic) - A.A Edition



6. "To anyone who voted in the majority: Did that change your vote?" **(REMINDE THEM WHAT THE MAJORITY IS)** (*same thing as Motion to Reconsider*)
- IF YES**
    - "So by default, there's a Motion to Reconsider is on the table - do I hear a 2nd?"
    - "All in favor of **Re-Opening discussion** - All in favor of **treating this vote as final.**" (Motion starts over and we go into Discussion - then we vote. Vote is Final / No minority opinion)
  - IF NO:** Motion Passes/Fails

**AMENDMENTS:**

- Friendly:** Given by someone trying to improve the motion without changing the meaning - **the person who made the motion needs to accept the amendment**
- Regular:** Actually changing the wording & intent of the motion - requires the person who made the motion (AND THE 2nd) and the person who made the amendment to agree on the change to the motion **(2/3 majority)** **The amendment itself requires a vote BEFORE the vote on the motion itself.**

**POSTPONE:** (requires a motion)

- Definition: **Postpone it TO A SPECIFIC TIME** (it makes sense to deal with it at a specific time in the future for whatever reason) [Gets put into OLD BUSINESS AT THAT FUTURE DATE]

**POINT OF INFORMATION:**

- Primarily used when 1.) **Someone has a question to ask...** or 2.) **When they need some additional information** (sometimes it's about them wanting to offer additional information).

**POINT OF ORDER:**

- Used when there is **some deviation from the process** or **someone is being disruptive** (Chair: Only use this when someone is being very mean spirited) (*Chair rules on it when offered by a member*)

**TABLE:** (requires a motion)

- Definition: We are **putting the motion off in the moment** and it will require the step of somebody taking it off the table.
- How it gets off the table:** Likely it will be **automatically** put into OLD BUSINESS for the **next meeting** (not debatable / simple majority / no motion to reconsider or minority opinion)

## Terminology

**Chair** – The presiding officer.

**Floor** – When a motion is “on the floor”, it is the topic to which the Group should direct its attention. When a member “has the floor”, he exercises his right to speak and should be given attention.

**Motion** – A formal proposal by a member in a meeting that the Assembly, District or Committee take certain specified action. The motion must be placed on the agenda, in advance, by a District Committee Member (D.C.M.) or Committee Chair.

**Pending** – A motion that has been made before the body, but not yet disposed of, is said to be pending or “on the floor”.

**Question** –When a member exclaims “Call the question!” they are calling for a vote on the pending motion.

**Standing or Ad Hoc Committees** – Standing Committees are permanent committees with elected chairs. Ad Hoc Committees are temporary committees appointed by the D.C.M. to explore a specific limited agenda.

**Table** – Tabling a motion delays further discussion and voting until the motion is once again brought to the floor