

Research Questions – February 2016

1. A member should become familiar with the contents of these rules if he looks toward full participation in the society's affairs. P. 15
2. A main motion is the immediately pending question whenever it is pending with no secondary motion. p. 60
3. The chair should not admit a motion that the secretary would have to paraphrase for the record. p. 40
4. Either the chair on his own initiative or the assembly by a majority vote can order such a vote to be counted. p. 57
5. As a general rule, one session cannot place a question beyond the reach of a majority at a later session except through the process of adopting a special rule of order or an amendment to the bylaws... p. 87
6. If two business sessions are separated by more than a quarterly time interval—or if the term of a specified portion of the membership expires before the start of the later session (as may happen in an elected legislative assembly or in a board)—then business can go over from the earlier session to the later one only by means of referral to a committee. p. 90
7. The only business that can be transacted at a special meeting is that which has been specified in the call of the meeting. p.93
8. Minutes of one annual meeting should not be held for action until the next one a year later. p. 95
9. Speakers must address their remarks to the chair, maintain a courteous tone, and—especially in reference to any divergence of opinion—should avoid injecting a personal note into debate. p.43
10. When necessary, a motion can be prefaced by a few words of explanation, which must not become a speech; or a member can first request information, or he can indicate briefly what he wishes to propose and can ask the chair to assist him in wording an appropriate motion. p. 34
11. It should be noted that a motion "to receive" a communication after it has been read is meaningless and should therefore be avoided. p. 28
12. Each of the motions listed takes precedence over—that is, ranks above—the main motion, and also any or all of the motions listed before it. p. 63
13. Whenever a meeting is being held in executive session, only members of the body that is meeting, special invitees, and such employees or staff members as the body or its rules may determine to be necessary are allowed to remain in the hall. p. 95
14. A meeting is said to stand at ease if the chair, without objection, simply permits a brief pause, without a declaration of recess. p. 82