



Parliamentary Inquiry?

Did you know Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief, 3rd edition, Chapter 13 includes the answers to parliamentary inquiries repeatedly received on the Question and Answer Forum maintained by the Robert's Rules Association at www.robertsrules.com

How many questions can you answer?

RP's and PRP's may be tested using these questions

CAUTION: The answers are based on Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised assuming there are no contrary provisions in any federal, state, or other law applicable to the society, or in the society's bylaws, or in any special rules of order that the society has adopted.

1. Is it true that the president can vote only to break a tie?
2. Can ex-officio members vote, and are they counted in determining whether a quorum is present?
3. Is it true that, once a quorum has been established, it continues to exist no matter how many members leave during the course of the meeting?
4. In determining the result of a vote, what constitutes a majority?
5. Can we round to the nearest number in computing the result of a vote? For example, since two thirds of 101 is 67.33..., will 67 affirmative votes out of 101 votes cast meet the requirement of a two-thirds vote?
6. Do abstention votes count?
7. What is a vote of no confidence?
8. How do you deal with a "friendly amendment"?
9. Isn't it true that a member who has a conflict of interest with respect to a motion cannot vote on the motion?
10. Should proxy votes be counted?
11. Must debate on a motion stop immediately as soon as any member calls the question?
12. Isn't it always in order to move to table a motion to the next meeting?
13. Can something be defeated by adopting a motion to table it?
14. How can I get an item on the agenda for a meeting?
15. Isn't it necessary to summarize matters discussed at a meeting in the minutes of that meeting in order for the minutes to be complete?
16. If minutes of a previous meeting are corrected, are the corrections entered in the minutes of the meeting at which the corrections were made?
17. Can votes be taken in an executive session?
18. Is it possible to withdraw a resignation after it has been submitted?
19. Can we hold our board meetings by videoconference or teleconference?
20. How can we get rid of officers we don't like before their term is up?