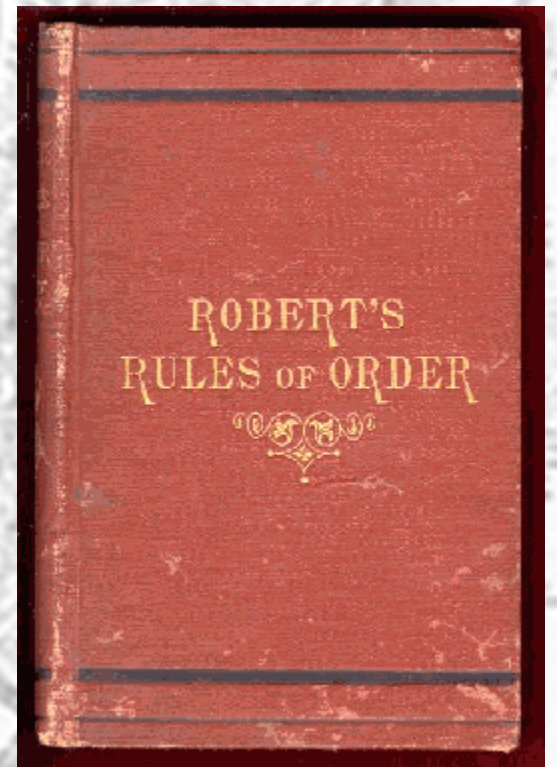


Roberts Rules & The Guild



History of Roberts Rules

- In the mid to late 1800's, parliamentary procedure used in "deliberative assemblies" across the US was quite varied, conflicting and inconsistent.
- Henry Martyn Robert, an Army engineering officer, was asked to preside over a public church meeting in his community.
- He did not have any experience in this matter, the meeting embarrassed him, and Henry swore that he would never preside over another meeting until he knew parliamentary law.
- Few books on the subject were available at the time, and different parts of the country had differing ideas of what was correct procedure.
- To bring one consistent version that could be used by all across the country, he decided to write *Robert's Rules of Order*.
- The first edition was published as a "pocket manual" in 1876.
- Over the years the manual has been modified and expanded. It's last edition (11th) was published in 2011.





Why use Robert's Rules?

- Facilitates discussions, encourages participation and group decision making
- Makes meetings run more productive in given time period
- Able to document a clear path of conversation through minutes of discussion
- Instead of a facilitator running the meeting, Roberts Rules do. No one person can lead to a given outcome.
- Because our By-Laws says so

By-Laws Electric Metal Makers Guild, Inc. Article X: Rules of Order Section 1.

“When not otherwise provided, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceeding of the Guild”

Who uses Roberts Rules?

Entities that want to establish Parliamentary Authority

- Corporations, societies and entities that recognize the procedural forum in it's bylaws ·

alumni associations charitable organizations church groups city councils community organizations condominium Associations cooperatives county commissions	Cultural Groups Educational Groups Greek Fraternities and Sororities Gaming Clubs Golf and Country Clubs Hobby Groups Homeowners Associations	Nonprofit Associations Political Organizations Professional Societies School Boards Scientific Organizations Sports Leagues Student Governments Trade Unions
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“Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

Cannot be inconsistent with the bylaws of the Society. The Bylaws prevail.

How Robert's Rules Apply to the GUILD

TO DO THIS	YOU SAY THIS	CAN YOU INTERRUPT SPEAKER?	DO YOU NEED TO BE SECONDED	CAN YOU DEBATE THE MOTION?	VOTE REQUIRED
Adjourn Meeting	I move that we adjourn	NO	YES	NO	Majority
Recess Meeting	I move that we recess until	NO	YES	NO	Majority
Complain about noise, room temperature, etc.	Point of Privilege	YES	NO	NO	NO VOTE
Suspend further consideration of something	I move we table the topic	NO	YES	NO	Majority
End Debate	I move to end the previous question	NO	YES	NO	2/3 vote
Postpone consideration of something	I move that we postpone this matter until	NO	YES	YES	Majority
Have something studied further	I move that we refer this matter to committee	NO	YES	YES	Majority

How Robert's Rules Apply to the GUILD

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TO DO THIS	YOU SAY THIS	CAN YOU INTERRUPT SPEAKER?	DO YOU NEED TO BE SECONDED	CAN YOU DEBATE THE MOTION?	VOTE REQUIRED
Amend a motion	I move this motion be amended by	NO	YES	YES	Majority
Introduce business	I move that	NO	YES	YES	Majority
Object to procedure or personal affront	Point of Order	YES	NO	NO	NO VOTE, Chair decides
Request Information	Point of Information	YES	NO	NO	NO VOTE
Ask for actual count to verify voice count	I call for a division of the house	NO	NO	NO	NO VOTE
Object consideration of undiplomatic vote	I object to consideration of this question	YES	NO	NO	2/3 VOTE
Take up a matter that was previously tabled	I move to take from the table	NO	YES	NO	Majority

How Robert's Rules Apply to the GUILD

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TO DO THIS	YOU SAY THIS	CAN YOU INTERRUPT SPEAKER?	DO YOU NEED TO BE SECONDED	CAN YOU DEBATE THE MOTION?	VOTE REQUIRED
Reconsider something already disposed of	I move that we reconsider our actions relative to	YES	YES	YES	Majority
Consider something already out of its schedule	I move that we suspend the rules and consider	NO	YES	NO	2/3 VOTE
Vote on a ruling by the Chair	I appeal the Chair's decision	YES	YES	YES	Majority