

## **Standing Rules of Order for MORHA Business Meetings**

### **Introduction**

Standing Rules of Order is the way MORHA shall conduct its business according to rules specified in this document and ratified by a 2/3 vote of all MOCC's. It is a unified way of conducting our business meetings since we have never followed Robert's Rules of Order to the letter in conducting business. MORHA Standing Rules will supersede the conduct and language specified in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will still be the parliamentary authority as specified in the Bylaws. These standing rules may be amended or suspended, in part or whole, at anytime, pending a 2/3 vote of all MOCC's.

### **Article I-General Business**

#### Section One-Debate/Discussion

- A. Along with a timed discussion period, each member shall have only 3 minutes to speak on a motion, which includes all yields to others.
- B. An MOCC who yields the floor to a member of their school can yield for that person if they so choose at any time.
- C. A primary and secondary "speakers list" will be kept so that each member is allowed to speak on a motion at least once before another member does so again.

#### Section Two-Amendments

- A. Formal Amendments will be the only type of amendments allowed on a piece of legislation or main motion.
- B. There will be no more than 2 amendments per motion/legislation. The first (primary) amendment applies to the main question; the second (secondary) applies to the first amendment only. This combination can be done in succession as many times as necessary but successive amendments cannot bring up questions already decided.
- C. Move the Previous Question will be the only recognized option to close discussion. To close discussion and move to a vote, there must be a 2/3 majority. If passed the question is put to a vote, if it fails then we go back into discussion.

#### Section Three-"Point Of ..." requests

- A. Point of (Parliamentary) Inquiry-asks a real, not hypothetical, question on a parliamentary procedure question during business.
- B. Point of Information-requests information on the motion or business being discussed at the time.

- C. Point of Order-used only when you feel that a breach of the rules of order, constitution and/or bylaws are being done by any member.
- D. Point of Privilege-used to voice concern about the conditions of the meeting room or of your personal comfort, e.g.-too hot/cold, too noisy, need to use the restroom.
- E. There are other “Point of...” requests that are used at other times but these are the only ones recognized during any motions or legislation.

#### Section 4 “ Tie Barring”

- A. Tie Barring is a way to combine pieces of legislation that deal with the same issue to pass or fail them together.
- B. Tie Barring can be used by an MOCC saying “ I Move to Tie Bar legislation pieces A, B and C”
- C. This is a primary motion and cannot be done if a piece of legislation is already been brought to the floor.
- D. Tie Barring requires a simple majority of MOCC’s to be passed.
- E. Once pieces of legislation have been Tie Barred the use of division cannot be used to separate them again, division can only be used to separate individual pieces of legislation.

### **Article II-Elections**

#### Section One-Executive Board Officers

- A. If there is only one candidate running for an office, the only votes allowed are “yes” or “abstain” and a ballot must still be cast on the vote for that office. A “no confidence” vote shall not be allowed for elections.
- B. The election procedure for officers at the MORHA Annual Conference shall be the following:
  - 1. 5 min. presentation
  - 2. 5 min Q and A
  - 3. 10 min discussion over all candidates
- C. If the time has exhausted in the question and answer or discussion periods listed above they are extendable by a simple majority.
- D. All of the final votes for each office shall be done by secret ballot only, and the results shall not be given until the closing banquet of the annual MORHA conference
- E. If a special election for an office needs to be held during the MORHA year, other than the annual conference, the election procedure will follow the same rules as listed above.

## Section Two-Awards

- A. If a candidate for the MORHA school of the year is running unopposed, the voting options are “yes”, or “Abstain”
- B. if there are two or more candidates for the School Of The Year, the only voting options are to choose one of the candidates or to abstain from voting.
- C. The election procedure for School of the Year is as follows:
  - 1. 10 min oral presentation
  - 2. 10 min Q and A
  - 3. 5 min pro/con (only if there is more than one candidate)
  - 4. 15 min discussion over all candidates
- D. If the time has exhausted in the Q and A or Discussion periods, they are extendable by simple majority.
- E. All of the final votes for School of the year shall be done by secret ballot and the results will not be given until the close of the annual conference.

## Section Three- Business Meeting and Conference Host Sites

- A. If a candidate for a business meeting site, or the MORHA conference host site is running unopposed the voting options are “yes” or abstain
- B. If there are two or more candidates for a business meeting site or the annual conference the only voting option is to choose one of them or to abstain
- C. The election process for a business meeting will be as follows:
  - 1. 3 min presentation
  - 2. 3 min Q and A
  - 3. 3 min Discussion
- D. If the time has exhausted in either the Q and A or discussion, it is extendable by a majority vote of the MOCC's
- E. The election procedure for the MORHA conference host site is as follows
  - 1. 10 min presentation( includes both oral and video, slideshow if applicable)
  - 2. 10 min Q and A
  - 3. 5 min Pro/Con
  - 4. 15 min discussion over all sites
- F. If the time has exhausted in either the Q and A or discussion they can be extended by a simple majority vote.

