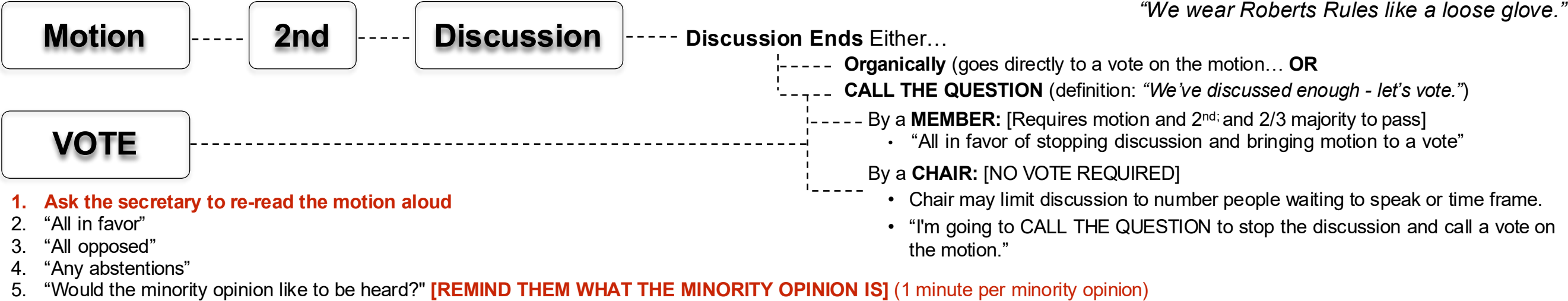


Roberts Rules of Order (Basic) - A.A Edition



REMINDER: The minority opinion is generally expressed to 1.) share something new (no repeats of previously stated opinions); 2.) if anyone feels they haven’t expressed themselves adequately; 3.) if someone feels the body is making a serious mistake.
Note: The Chair can allow for repetition during the minority opinion if needed to ensure we 1.) move slowly and 2.) let everyone feel heard.

6. “To anyone who voted on the prevailing side: Did that change your vote? If so, then that means a Motion to Reconsider.”
- **If YES**
 - “Motion to Reconsider requires a 2nd that may be made by either side.”
 - “Then we vote to Reconsider and if passes, we go back into discussion on the original motion.
 - “When discussion ends, we vote again on the original motion.” (No minority opinion heard/ Vote is Final.)
 - **If NO:** Original motion Passes

AMENDMENTS:
Area Committee Amendment Process:

- Changes may be made in the form of a Friendly Amendment provided that the intent of the original motion is not changed – **the person who made the motion needs to accept the amendment.**
- Simple majority vote is required to approve the amendment.
- If approved, discussion continues on the amended motion.

Area Assembly Amendment Process:

- A motion on the floor is owned by the entire Area Assembly body, no longer by the Area Committee which recommended it.
- Amendments to the motion require a second, are debatable, require 2/3 majority, and are subject to minority opinion.
- **The amendment itself requires a vote BEFORE the vote on the motion itself.**

POSTPONE: (requires a motion)

- **To delay/postpone:** The proper motion is **Postpone to a Certain Time.**
- **To kill a motion:** The proper motion is to **Postpone Indefinitely** or to simply vote against it.

POINT OF INFORMATION:
Primarily used when:

- Someone has a question to ask ...or
- When they need some additional information ...or
- Someone 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)

- The motion to table is intended only to temporarily set aside a matter to address a more urgent item of business.
- **How it gets off the table:** Must be a motion and a second followed by a simple majority vote. Not debatable, no minority opinion, and no motion to reconsider. Must be done prior to end of next meeting. If there is no motion, it dies.