



Basic Principles of Parliamentary Procedure

- 1** Parliamentary procedure facilitates the transaction of business and promotes cooperation and harmony.
- 2** All Members have equal rights, privileges and obligations.
- 3** The will of the majority must be carried out, and the rights of the minority must be preserved.
- 4** A quorum must be present for the Chapter to act.
- 5** Full and free discussion of every motion is a basic right.
- 6** Only one question can be considered at any given time.
- 7** The Chair should be strictly neutral.

Parli Pro Quick Tips

Each Chapter Meeting should be run according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th ed.

- During debate, the maker of the motion may speak with the first pro, followed by alternating con and pro, respectively.
- Only address the Chair when speaking.
- All inquiries to other Members must be directed through the Chair.
- Each Member may speak twice during debate on a motion in pro/con form.
- There will be at least two rounds of debate prior to calling for previous question.
- Debate should be primarily run through pros/cons.
- Opinions may not be expressed in points of information.
- Refer to individuals with relevant titles: Member, Initiate, Potential New Member, etc.