

A short History of Robert's Rules



Henry Martyn Robert was an engineering officer in the regular Army. Without warning he was asked to preside over a church meeting and realized that he did not know how. He tried anyway and his embarrassment was supreme. This event, which may seem familiar to many readers, left him determined never to attend another meeting until he knew something of parliamentary law.

Ultimately, he discovered and studied the few books then available on the subject. From time to time, due to his military duties, he was transferred to various parts of the United States where he found virtual parliamentary anarchy since each member from a different part of the country had differing ideas of correct procedure. To bring order out of chaos he decided to write *Robert's Rules of Order* as it came to be called (See chart of editions below).

The tenth, current, edition has been brought about through a process of keeping the book up to date with the growth of parliamentary procedure. All editions of the work issued after the death of the original author have been prepared by persons who either knew and worked with the original author or are connected to such persons in a direct continuity of professional association.
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COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010



Parliamentarian Procedures 3 part series

Course of study based on Robert's Rules



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AUGUST



TENTATIVE DATE AUGUST 2009 RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE MEETING-101 Course Description:

You will learn to plan, preside and end a meeting. You gain knowledge of the top 13 Ranking Motions to include privilege motions, subsidiary motions and the main motion. You will also learn the non ranking motions which are incidental and motions that bring a question again before the assembly. We will go over Motion Form and executing a motion. Learn your rights as a member.

Who Should attend:

Officers of Chapters and Auxillaries. Any member wanting to extend their skills for future offices. Any person wanting to learn more of parliamentary procedures.

Prerequisite:

None

SEPTEMBER



TENTATIVE DATE SEPTEMBER 2009 VOTING-102

Course Description:

You will learn other methods of voting - Plurality, Preferential, Cumulative, also briefly: counted, electronic, roll call, abstaining, absentee, mail and proxy.

Who Should attend:

Officers of Chapters and Auxillaries. Any member wanting to extend their skills for future offices. Any person wanting to learn more of parliamentary procedures.

Prerequisite:

Running an effective meeting-101

OCTOBER



TENTATIVE DATE OCTOBER 2009 ELECTIONS-103

Course Description:

Just in time for elections
You will learn other methods of nominations and ballots. Guidelines for an election committee and knowing your rights as a member.

Who Should attend:

Officers of Chapters and Auxillaries. Any member wanting to extend their skills for future offices or sit on an election committee. Any person wanting to learn more of parliamentary procedures.

Prerequisite:

Running an effective meeting-101
& Voting –102

INSTRUCTOR DISCLAIMER:

Zoe Grant– Lewis, is not a certified Parliamentarian but is a certified member in the National Associations of Parliamentarians.

Any questions or concerns that can not be figure out in class, she guarantees to get a full answer with explanation and location in the RONR book.

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MATERIALS NEED:

General Henry M. Robert
Robert's Rules of Order
Newly Revised
Tenth Edition

"RONR" is the standard abbreviation parliamentarians use to cite Henry M. Robert III and others, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th ed. (Cambridge, Mass.: Perseus Publishing, 2000).