

SETA 101



What is a Motion?



Have you ever sat in a business meeting and thought I can do something in a new or different way?



Robert's Rules helps keep things on track by requiring no discussion be done until someone proposes an idea for action.



The proposal for action is a motion.

How Do I submit a Motion?

Each Agenda topic requiring approval of eligible voting members be submitted in writing to the Area Chairperson at least 45 days before the date of the next Assembly

Example of Motion

Date

To: SETA Assembly

From: {Who the motion is from}

Re: Motion for {what the motion is}

BACKGROUND:

{What is the reason behind the motion? Is there anything in the P&P our are literature that supports this motion?}.

MOTION:

{Who the motion is from} motions to {what the motion is}.

Respectfully Submitted

Your Name|

Who can vote in an Area Assembly

Any AA member can participate but here is who can vote:

Delegate

Alternate Delegate

Area Officers

Liaisons to Inter-groups

District Committee Members

General Service Representatives

Past Delegates of the Southeast Texas Area and

Past Delegates from other Areas have lived in this Area for two or more years.

Chairpersons of all Assembly approved committees

What is the minority Opinion?

Throughout our world services structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

- ❖ “Right of Appeal” recognizes that minorities frequently can be right.
- ❖ That even when minorities are in error they still perform a most valuable service when they compel a thorough debate on important issues.
- ❖ The well-heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority

What is “Right of Decision”?



Every trusted servant and every A.A. entity — at all levels of service — has the right to decide . . . how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises.



They can decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions.



The instructed trust servant who cannot act on their own conscience would be a messenger and not a trusted servant



Bill warns against using “The Right of Decision” as an excuse for failure to make the proper reports of actions taken; or for exceeding a clearly defined authority; or for failing to consult the proper people before making an important decision.

What is Substantial Unanimity

Warranty Four: “That all important decisions should be reached by discussion, vote, and wherever possible, by substantial unanimity.” This Warranty is, on the one hand, “a safeguard against any hasty or overbearing authority of a simple majority; and, on the other hand, it takes notice of the rights and the frequent wisdom of minorities, however small. This principle guarantees that all matters of importance, time permitting, will be extensively debated, and that such debates will continue until a really heavy majority can support every critical decision.”