

TO: Assembly
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RE: Procedural Motions
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Proposal for Assembly to Adopt Procedural Motions

Background

Assembly members have the right to control the pace, flow, and direction of their meeting. Assembly's ability to collectively guide its decision-making process ensure it can make the right decisions on the topics it wants to discuss. A procedure to bring life to this right has not previously been written down anywhere, which creates a risk that disagreement over the correct way to proceed could inhibit good decision-making. This proposal would rectify the situation by adding a standard set of 'rules of order' for Assembly meetings to the Standing Orders.

Assembly resolves:

To amend Standing Order D by appending:

The procedural motions below may be proposed. A procedural motion must have the support of five Assembly members to be debated and voted on. A vote on a procedural motion must not itself be held by secret ballot.

The motions are as follows, in decreasing order of precedence:

- I. To suspend the rules (requires a two-thirds majority),
- II. A vote of no confidence in the chair
- III. To overturn a ruling of the Chair,
- IV. To vote on a question by secret ballot (requires a two-thirds majority),
- V. To not vote on a question,
- VI. To suspend or revoke a guillotine,
- VII. To recess the meeting for a specified amount of time,
- VIII. To vote on a question in specific parts,
- IX. To vote on a question by roll call (requires only one-third of votes),
- X. To move to a vote