

Rules of the General Assembly Motions, Amendments, Discussion and Debate

In order to keep General Assembly business flowing in a timely and proper manner, as President and Chair of the General Assembly, I am proposing the following rules be adopted by General Consent at the beginning of the General Assembly regarding Motions, Amendments, and Discussion/Debate:

1. All recommendations that are on the agenda for consideration be moved to the floor one by one without a general motion upon the completion of business from the previous agenda item, in order as listed on the agenda unless by a 2/3 vote of the assembly the rules are suspended due to unforeseen circumstances and address something in a different order;
2. **Prior to consideration by the General Assembly**, any member seeking to bring forth a Main Motion, Motion to Amend, or Motion to Amend the Amendment must:
 - a. Seek the official the MSCSA Recorder to obtain a motion slip and assistance with formulating the motion, amendment, or amendment to the amendment;
 - b. Take the motion slip to an official MSCSA Parliamentarian for approval of the proper wording for a motion;
 - c. Seek another voting member to second the motion slip;
 - d. Take the motion slip back to the official MSCSA Recorder where the motion slip shall be recorded; and
 - e. The motion slip shall then be delivered to the Chair to be moved once the recommendation is stated by the Chair in the following order:
 - i. Main motion (agenda recommendation, if applicable or a motion under “Other” on the agenda);
 - ii. Amendment to the main motion; and
 - iii. Amendment to the amendment of the main motion.
3. Once a recommendation is stated by the chair, the floor shall then be opened for discussion/debate and motions to amend or motions to amend the amendment as noted in the order designated by the official MSCSA Recorder;
4. That all discussion/debate shall be directed as:
 - a. Alternating speakers “in favor of” and “opposed to” that shall be lined up at the designated microphones;

NOTE: According to Roberts Rules of Order - If Amendments are proposed, the amendment must be addressed before consideration of the main motion and if amendments to the amendment are proposed, they must be addressed before consideration of the amendment and then again the main motion. Amendments and amendments to the amendments may go back and forth multiple times before final consideration of the main motion.

- b. Each speaker must state their name and campus for the official record and shall have a one-minute time limit to discussion/debate;
 - c. Each speaker shall only have the floor once during a single recommendation or motion, with an exception to be made if there is no person positioned at the alternating microphone waiting to speak or another member who has not spoken yet will yield their speaking time after being recognized by the chair; and
 - d. The author of a motion, amendment, or amendment to an amendment shall be allowed a one-minute statement to state the intent and then also be allowed to speak for up to one additional minute “in favor of” the amendment.
5. Upon the completion of the discussion/debate, the Chair shall:
- a. Restate the recommendation or motion, as amended (if applicable) for consideration;
 - b. The GA shall move to a vote;
 - c. Each eligible voting member votes “in favor of” or “opposed to” the recommendation or motion, as amended (if applicable);
 - d. The Chair shall announce the results of the vote for the GA; and
 - e. Upon completion of an agenda item (hearing no further business regarding that agenda item), the Chair shall move to the next item on the agenda, restate the recommendation or motion on the floor, and open the floor for discussion/debate and/or amendments.

In order to amend the MSCSA Bylaws, to the MSCSA Bylaws currently state:

All such amendments shall be available in writing to all members of the GA at least one day prior to their consideration.

However, for the GA, any motions to amend a stated recommendation or motions to amend the official MSCSA Bylaws or Policies must adhere to the **Proposed Rules of the General Assembly Motions, Amendments, and Discussion/Debate** as adopted by the GA as listed above and recorded officially by the MSCSA Recorder prior to the final recess of the day prior to consideration.

General motions outside of the official agenda items may be brought forth following the same rules adopted by the GA when the assembly gets to the agenda item marked “Other.”

The MSCSA will attempt to keep an updated listing of all motions, motions to amend, or motions to amend the amendment posted for all members to have access to throughout the entire assembly in the spots designated at the beginning of the GA.