



Parli Pro made Practical

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Parliamentary Procedure makes sure:

- Everyone's voice is heard
- Meetings run smoothly
- Decisions are fair and organized



Passing a motion

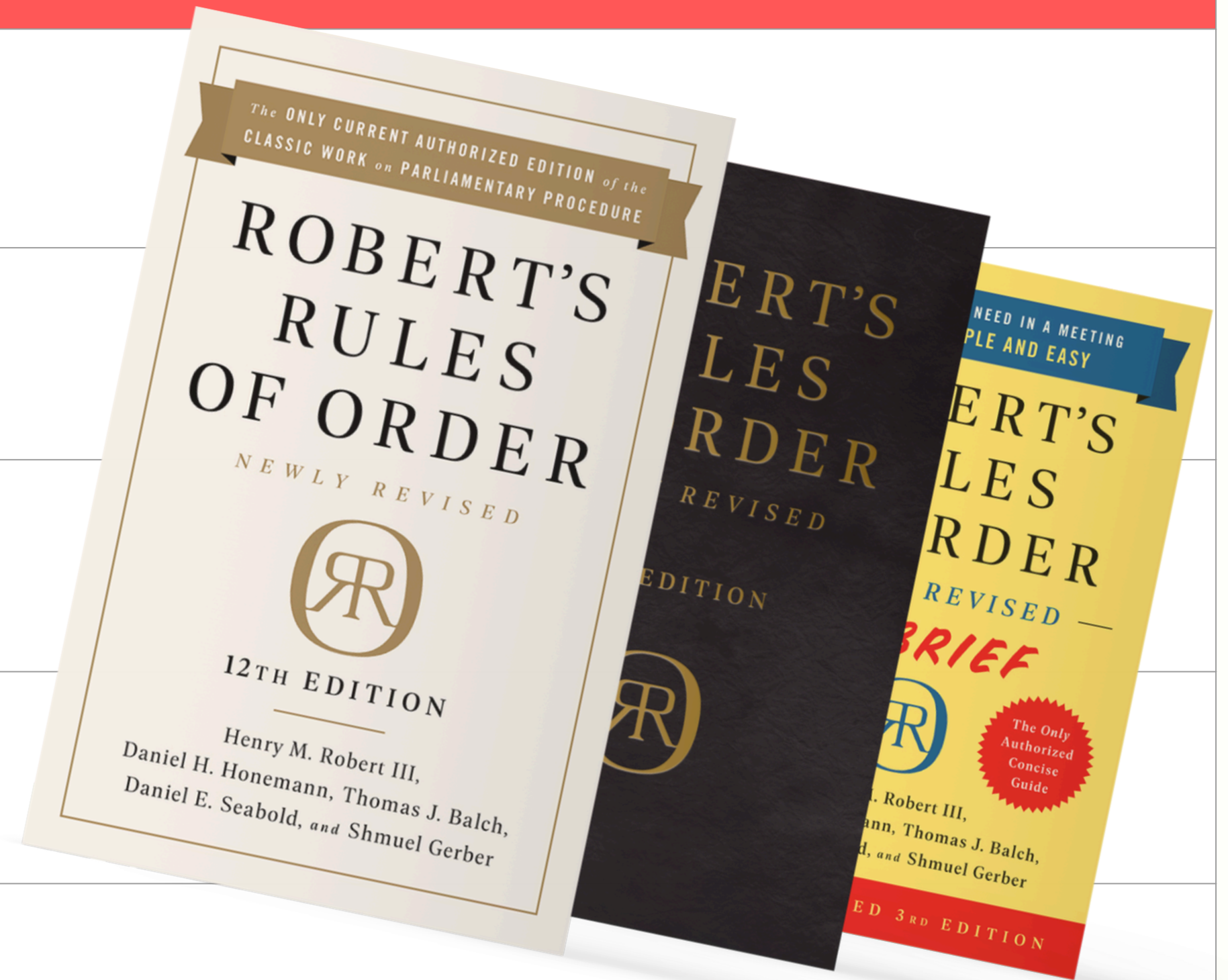
1. Motion

2. Second

3. Discussion

4. Restate the motion

5. Vote





Motion – A motion is a request that something be done or that something is the opinion or wish of the group. Only one motion should be placed before the group at one time.



Second – Someone from the group must “second” the motion (agree to the motion) so that it can be discussed.



Discussion – The motion “on the floor” is discussed by all members, addressing the pros and cons, etc.

Restate the motion – The president restates the motion before the group votes.

Vote – The group may vote by voice, hands, ballots, etc.





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Member B - "I second the motion."

President - "There has been a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?"

The Club President would call on members who would like to discuss.



Debate

What makes good discussion?

Germane Discussion

How long can you debate? Who can debate?




President -

“Seeing no more debate, we will now proceed to vote. The motion states that the club will add one cup of Cheerios to the trail mix.



All in favor, please raise your hand. All opposed, please raise your hand.”



If a questionable ingredient is suggested, there are a few ways the motion could fail (and the ingredient not be added).

- If a motion is made but not seconded, then the motion fails.
- If a motion is made and seconded, it can fail by not receiving a majority vote.
- If a motion is made and seconded, it can still be amended.

An amendment in parliamentary procedure is a motion to modify the wording of a pending **main motion** before it is voted on.

Amendments can add, strike out, substitute, or divide words to refine the proposal.

- Amendments must directly relate to the subject of the main motion.
- Types:
 - Primary Amendment: Modifies the main motion directly.
 - Secondary Amendment: Modifies the primary amendment (an amendment to an amendment).





Encourage:

- Specific motions (“I move we add 1 cup of pretzels...”)
- Amendments (“I move to amend the motion to 1/2 cup...”)
- Discussion of pros/cons (especially for questionable items!)
- Different voting methods (voice, hands, etc.)

Natural learning moments (let them happen):

- Motion without a second
- Motion voted down
- Motion amended
- Off-topic discussion that needs refocusing



The trail mix is complete once no additional motions are being made.

Before serving the trail mix, ask the club members one or more of the following reflection questions.





Lets do it!



Efficient. Purposeful. Fair.



What Advisory Committees Are and Are Not

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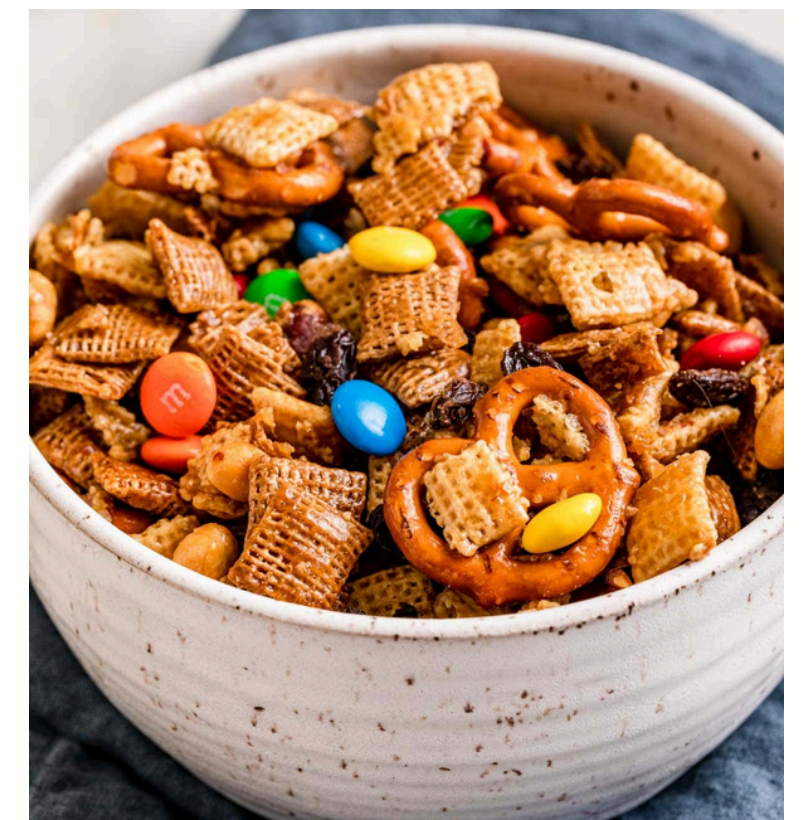
- Large bowl
- Mixing Spoon
- Serving cups, bowls, or baggies
- Several cereal choices
- Candy choices
- Pretzel choices
- Dried fruit choices
- Questionable trail mix items (jar of pickles or olives)

* Choices should be mindful of food allergies/sensitivities



Student Reflection questions

- **What motion was the easiest to pass? Why?**
- **What motion was the most difficult to pass? Why?**
- **Which part of the process lets everyone share their thoughts?**
- **Why is it important to listen to everyone's voices?**



Resources

