

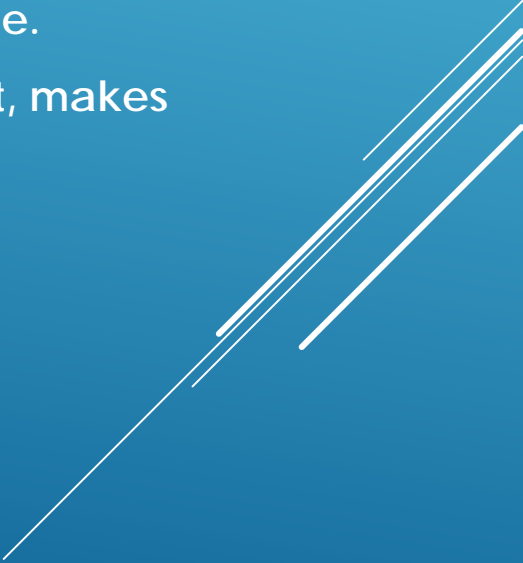
# ALL ABOUT CONFERENCE

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## Parliamentary Procedure




# It's Parliamentary:

- ▶ A process used to make it easier for the delegates to work together effectively and accomplish the business of OA, as the Concepts of OA Service Two and Three address.
    - Concept Two – The OA groups have delegated to World Service Business Conference the active maintenance of our world services; thus World Service Business Conference is the voice, authority, and effective conscience of OA as a whole.
    - Concept Three – The right of decision, based on trust, makes effective leadership possible.
  - ▶ Setting and following the agenda
  - ▶ Establishing a quorum
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# It's Parliamentary:

- ▶ Reviewing the reports on the previous year's activities
  - ▶ Electing the trustees
  - ▶ Discussing the motions
    - ▶ To keep OA bylaws and policies current and in line with current goals.
    - ▶ To give guidance to the trustees and the WSO staff on matters the Fellowship want addressed.
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# It's Parliamentary:

- ▶ OA uses *Robert's Rules of Order, Eleventh Edition*, as a guide.
  - ▶ OA has its own rules that override some of *Robert's Rules of Order* – OA's Standing Rules.
  - ▶ Elections
  - ▶ How we handle motions:
    - ▶ Debate
    - ▶ Questions
    - ▶ Amendments
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# Methods of Voting:

- ▶ Voice:

- ▶ The chair will ask for those in favor of the motion to say "aye." Then the chair will ask for all who are against the motion to say "nay." The results are determined by the sound.

- ▶ Show of hands:

- ▶ The chair will ask for those in favor of the motion to raise their hand. Then the chair will ask for all who are against the motion to raise their hand. The results are determined by sight.

- ▶ Standing:

- ▶ The chair will ask for those in favor of the motion to stand. Then the chair will ask for all who are against the motion to stand. The results are determined by sight.

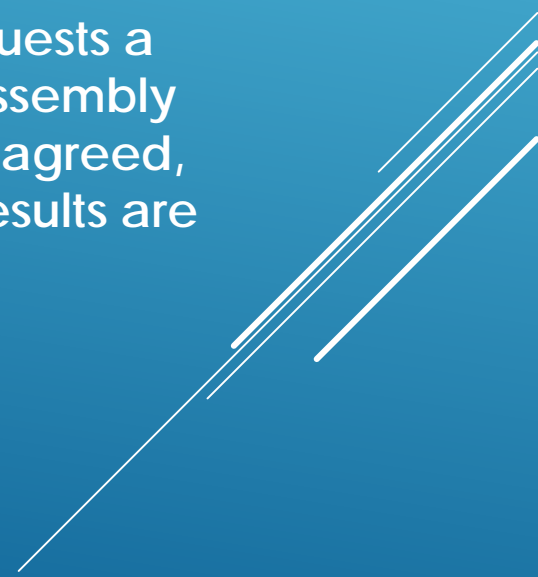
# Methods of Voting:

- ▶ **Standing Count:**

- ▶ The chair will ask for those in favor of the motion to stand. The pages will point to each person who will then count off one-by-one and be seated. This is repeated with those who are against the motion. The results are determined by the count.

- ▶ **Ballot:**

- ▶ Used only for elections, unless a delegate requests a ballot vote. If a ballot vote is requested, the assembly must agree. This requires a majority to pass. If agreed, delegates are then given paper ballots. The results are determined by the count.




# What if I disagree?

Group conscience sometimes will not agree with your personal opinion. Once a vote is finalized at WSBC, this is the *current* group conscience of OA as a whole. You are welcome to submit a future motion to rescind any WSBC decision, but once the vote is accepted, it stands until such time as it might be rescinded.

## ▶ Division of the House

- ▶ There are times when you may question the chair's perception of the count. The chair's vantage point on the dais is often more comprehensive, however, than that on the floor.
- ▶ If you disagree that the announced results of a voice, hand, or simple standing vote is correct, stand and state loudly "Division"! (Yes, it's the **ONLY** time you don't have to go to the center mic.) This will mandate a counted vote.

# Voting amounts needed to pass a motion:

- ▶ Consent Agenda - two-thirds vote per Standing Rules
  - ▶ Literature motions – two-thirds vote
  - ▶ New Business Motions or policy motions – majority
  - ▶ Bylaw Amendments - two-thirds
  - ▶ Emergency New Business motions - two-thirds
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# Debate

- ▶ Main Motion - three pros, three cons, 15 minutes of questions per motion
  - ▶ Amendments - two pros, two cons, 15 minutes of questions per amendment
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