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Motions and Amendments
Motions to Adopt:

- There are several times over the course of business when delegates are asked to vote on motions.
  - To adopt the Consent Agenda
  - To adopt the Standing Rules
  - To adopt New Business Motions
  - To adopt Bylaw Amendments
  - To adopt Emergency New Business

- Read all the motions and Bylaw Amendments before the meeting so you know if you want to suggest an amendment.
An amendment is a change to a proposed motion.

Delegates are welcome to amend any of the motions, when they feel it can be made better.

Pick up a form from the Center Microphone Monitor or Conference secretary; ask for help filling out the form.

To amend a motion, you may insert, strike out, or insert and strike out the words that are in the motion.

To change the wording a lot, you may submit a substitute motion.
Amendments:

- If possible, have the amendment ready before the motion is announced.
  - During the first business meeting, when motions are introduced, known amendments are presented as well.
- Should a delegate decide during the debate or question period that an amendment is needed, they may submit one as long as the question has not been called.
  - Go to the CMM, tell the monitor you want to suggest an amendment, and fill out a form.
  - Amendments will be considered proposed when received by the Conference secretary.
- If a motion receives three amendments, it goes to the Reference Subcommittee for discussion. It will return to the floor and be presented after all the other motions have been considered, if time allows.
Debate Time Parameters:

- When a motion is presented, the maker has 2 minutes to speak pro to the motion.
- The chair will then call for a con speaker who may also speak for up to 2 minutes.
- There are three pros and three cons allowed for a main motion.
- Amendments receive only two pros and two cons, and the time allowed is only 2 minutes per speaker.
- Once debate has ended, there are 15 minutes allowed for questions. Questions are directed to the chair.
- A motion to “Call the Question” (proceed to vote before all questions have been asked) is not in order until at least 10 minutes of questions has occurred.
Amendments:

- A bylaw may not be amended beyond the original section in the main motion, due to scope of notice.

- If an amendment proposes a change to a policy beyond the original intent, it then takes a two-thirds vote, rather than a majority, to pass.