

What is the purpose of following Robert's Rules?

"To enable assemblies of any size with due regard for every *member's* opinion, to arrive at the general will on the *maximum* number of questions of varying complexity in the *minimum* amount of time..." (RR Intro)

Who is defined as a 'Member'?

Those who have the right to full participation in its proceedings, such as making a motion, debating, or voting. (RR pg 3)

The Board Meetings have different Members than the General Membership Meetings and different purposes in mind. Owners are allowed to comment at both meetings, but not allowed to participate at both, unless they are Board Members.

What is proper Decorum? (RR pg 379)

In order to show due regard for every member's opinion and maximize time allotted, Robert's Rules helps members to focus on the question at hand and not on other members.

- Confine remarks to the merits of the pending question
- Refrain from attacking a member's motives
- Address all remarks through the Chair
- Avoid the use of Member's names
- Refrain from speaking adversely on a prior action not pending

Ever wondered how to handle simple motions? Here are some simple videos from YouTube and the Hawaiian Parliamentarian Association:

How to handle a motion:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm0hsTniLIE>

How to handle the motion to move to the previous question:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ash3k3T1q2w>

How to refer to a committee:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpcasWK6Lr8>