

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: A quick guide for the BPAC

Guiding Principles

Every member has an equal voice.
The group is the final authority.
It's ok to disagree.

DISCUSSIONS

- No one speaks twice until everyone has had a chance to speak
- Members must be recognized by chair before speaking
- Members address the chair, not each other

MOTIONS

- Anyone can make a motion at any time after the chair has recognized them to speak
 - *Chair repeats the motion*
- Anyone can second the motion – don't need to wait for chair's recognition
 - *If no second, motion doesn't proceed*
- Motion gets discussed, if needed
- Motion can be amended
 - *Chair repeats motion with amendment*

VOTING

- When discussion wanes...
- Chair clearly states motion and any amendments
- Vote
 - *"All in favor, say aye"*
 - *"All opposed, say no"*
- Chair states results of vote
 - *"The ayes have it and the motion passes"*
 - *"The noes have it and the motion fails"*