

November 28, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Zoom Information:

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# How the District 23 Committee Meeting Operates

(Adapted from HOW THE CONFERENCE OPERATES)

*Generally speaking, we loosely follow Robert's Rules of Order and, with any luck, the whole meeting proceeds on an informal basis as possible.*

## **General Rules of Debate:**

- People who wish to speak raise their hand to be recognized by the stack keeper\*.
- Voting is by a show of hands for or against a motion.

## **Examples of the Process:**

- Motion made >> Motion seconded >> Discussion >> Vote >> Motion passes >> Minority opinion requested
- Motion made >> Motion seconded >> Discussion >> Vote >> Motion fails >> Minority opinion requested >> Request to reconsider motion made >> Request to reconsider seconded >> Vote >> Reconsider gets greater than 50% >> Discussion resumes >> Vote >> Motion passes or fails (no further reconsideration)

## **Substantial Unanimity:**

- All matters of policy require substantial unanimity - or a two-thirds vote.

## **Minority Opinion:**

- After the establishment of rejection of any matter of policy by a two-thirds vote, the non-prevailing side will always be given the opportunity to speak to its opposition. There is no rebuttal.

## **Request to Reconsider:**

- Must be made in the form of a motion by someone who had voted with the prevailing side and now, after further consideration, wishes to change their vote.
- Requires a second from any voting member.
- Requires only a simple majority to cause reconsideration. If passed, full debate, pro and con, is resumed on the action.
- No action may be reconsidered twice.

## **“Why Do We Need a Conference?”** from p. S20 *The A.A. Service Manual*

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting: "We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life. "We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services. "We need it to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

# Special District Committee Zoom Meeting Agenda

**Why Do We Need A Conference?**

**Old Business**

New Year's Eve 2021

**Adjourn with Responsibility Statement**

Because this is a special purpose meeting, no other business will be discussed.

As a reminder, the following positions are still unfilled for the 2022-2023 term and the district will hold elections for them at the next district meeting, December 9:

Secretary

Treasurer

Accessibilities Coordinator

CPC/PI Chair

Special Events