

58 Motions

- 58.1 Unless expressly required to be exercised by bylaw, all powers of the Board shall be exercised by resolution (motion).
- 58.2 A motion, when introduced, brings business before the meeting for possible action. A motion should be worded in a concise, unambiguous and complete form. The Chair or recording secretary may request that the mover put a motion in writing to ensure accurate recording of the motion in the minutes.
- 58.3 A motion or amendment requires a second to be considered. If there is no second, the matter is not considered. This requirement applies to all motions, including those for which notice has been given.
- 58.4 The presiding officer may divide a motion containing more than one subject and it shall be voted on in the form in which it is divided.
- 58.5 An amendment is a motion to modify the wording of a pending motion. An amendment must be germane, i.e. closely related to or having a bearing on the subject of the motion to be amended. A motion can be amended more than once; however, there can be only one amendment on the floor at a time and it shall be dealt with before another amendment is presented or the motion is decided. An amendment to an amendment must be germane to the first amendment and cannot be amended.
- 58.6 A motion to reconsider can be made by any trustee who voted with the majority of the original vote at the meeting during which the motion was passed or defeated. It may be seconded by any member. It is debatable if the motion proposed to be reconsidered is debatable and the debate can be on the merits of the original question. No question can be reconsidered more than once, unless materially amended by the previous reconsideration.
- 58.7 Motions to rescind or to amend something previously adopted will be considered only if notice has been given at the previous meeting or in the call for the present meeting and if no action has been taken which it is too late to undo. Such motions are debatable and debate can go into the merits of the original question. There is no time limit for these motions and they can be moved by any member.
- 58.8 Motions to rescind or to amend something previously adopted for which notice has been given require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass.
- 58.9 Notice of motion shall be used exclusively to propose the rescission or amendment of a previously adopted resolution. All other matters of business shall be addressed through the regular agenda-setting process.
- 58.10 No motion, other than to postpone consideration of a question, or a procedural motion, shall be introduced repeatedly during the calendar year except by the reconsideration or rescinding process.

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