

Wichita Rules

This is a distillation of Roberts Rules of Order¹⁻³.

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Dept Internal Medicine

Principles:

- The majority has the right to decide
 - The minority has rights
 - Voice during debate
 - [Voice after debate]
 - Call motions like anyone else
 - Only one question for consideration at a time
 - ...and members should avoid speaking a second time on a question unless everyone else who wants to speak has been able to
- anything need > 50% vote, or when ``steering approval for all should suffice?**

Wichita Rules:

To	Say	Interrupt speaker	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Decided by (verbal)
Introduce a new item	"I move that..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Introduce a new item that was not on the agenda	"I move to suspend the rules and..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend an item	"I move to amend the motion by..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone deciding the item	"I move to postpone this question until..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer out to a subgroup	"I move that the motion be referred to a committee made up of..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Retract a motion you made	"I move that we withdraw my motion."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
End debate and vote on question	"I move that we vote on the question."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority

References and more information:

Wichita Rules is a very simplified cheat sheet to implement informal organization to a meeting. For more information:

1. A more detailed [cheat sheet from the University of North Carolina](#)
2. More detail yet from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert%27s_Rules_of_Order
3. Even more detail from <https://robertsrules.com/>