Motions Quick Guide

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Steps for Processing a Main Motion

- 1. Member states the motion.
- 2. Member seconds the motion.
- 3. Chair repeats the motion.
- 4. Members debate the motion.
- 5. Chair takes a vote on the motion.
- 6. Chair announces the result of the vote.

Tips for Effective Discussion

- Organize your thoughts before approaching the microphone.
- 2. State the overall reason for your comments first; then address specifics.
- 3. Keep comments relevant to the motion on the floor.
- 4. Avoid personal attacks.
- 5. Be mindful of debate time limits.
- 6. Keep comments productive.
- 7. Propose ideas that benefit the organization as a whole.



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