

PROPOSED RULES OF ORDER FOR A.U.C.E. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

MOTIONS:

Each proposal for action by AUCE should be made in the form of a motion. If the motion is at all complicated, it should be presented to the Secretary in writing before it is voted upon. Each motion must have a "second". If the mover of the motion can't find anyone to "second" it, the motion will "fail for lack of a seconder" and will not be debated.

AMENDMENTS:

An amendment is a proposed change in the motion which is being debated. Each amendment must be moved and seconded like the original motion. An amendment must involve a change which is not contradictory to the main point of the motion. If the intent is to change the main point of a motion, the motion should be defeated and a new motion should be moved. The vote on the amendment is taken before the vote on the main motion. If the meeting votes in favor of the amendment, any further discussion and the final vote will then be on "the motion as amended."

RULES OF DEBATE

Speakers should discuss only the motion or the amendment which is "on the floor" at the time. The chairperson will try to call first on members who have not yet spoken on the motion, before recognizing others to speak for a second time. Members should not speak before they are recognized by the chair, and remarks should be directed to the chair, rather than at other members who have spoken. Members should identify themselves before they speak.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

We have found that meetings work better when members have seen the main proposals which are going to be discussed. If a member wishes to raise a completely new proposal, it may be more democratic for the meeting to take it as a "notice of motion" which can then be circulated to the members and debated at a subsequent meeting.

POINTS OF ORDER:

If anyone feels that a speaker is "out of order" (i.e., not relevant to the matter at hand), they should say so, and the chairperson must rule. All rulings by the chairperson may be challenged from the floor of the meeting. The member who disagrees with the chairperson's ruling says "I wish to challenge the chair." This does not require a seconder and there is no debate, but the challenger may explain the grounds of the challenge and the chairperson may explain the original ruling. The vote is then taken on the proposal that "the chair be sustained." All those who support the chairperson's original ruling vote in favor of sustaining the chair. Those in favor of the challenge vote against. If the proposal to sustain the chair is passed, the meeting will proceed according to the chairperson's original ruling. If it is defeated, the challenge is successful and the meeting will proceed according to the ruling established by the meeting as a whole.