



MOTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING RULES 2019-10-20

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WHEREAS, “Standing Rules” shall mean the rules of procedure created and amended by the Legislative Council, in accordance with the mechanism provided by Rules of Order, which govern the procedures of the Legislative Council and General Assemblies;

WHEREAS, the Standing Rules for the General Assembly may be adopted by the Legislative Council in advance of the General Assembly as stipulated in 4.1 of the Internal Regulations of Governance.

WHEREAS, the Standing Rules should facilitate an effective and accessible process;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Legislative Council approve in principle the Standing Rules included in Appendix A for the Fall 2019 General Assembly.

Moved by:
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Seconded by:
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APPENDIX A

Standing Rules for the Fall 2019 General Assembly

1. The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the manual outlining the parliamentary procedure during the Fall 2019 General Assembly, subject to the regulations prescribed for within the Constitution and Internal Regulations of the Society.
2. A default speaking time of two (2) minutes shall be enforced; speaking limits for reports shall be five (5) minutes.
3. Amendments considered 'friendly' to all movers of a motion will be automatically incorporated without requiring a vote.
4. Members who wish to address the assembly shall wait in line at one of the microphones to be recognized by the Speaker and be granted speaking rights, or be exempted from this requirement by the Speaker.
5. After every 5 members speaking on a given question, or at the Speaker's discretion, the Speaker shall entertain subsidiary and privileged motions (e.g. motions to amend, call the question, recess or adjourn).
6. Before entering voting period on substantive motions, the Speaker shall allow time for all members currently waiting to enter the room to be given voting cards.
7. Members addressing the assembly shall address the Speaker, stay on subject and refrain from personal attacks. Courtesy shall be strongly enforced by the Speaker with the right to rule statements out of order at their sole discretion without right of appeal of such rulings.
8. Motions to table or postpone indefinitely will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority.