



A Script-less Script to Engage the Entire Audience

Rules for the Practical Exercise -- June 13, 2015

1. Participants:
 - 1 Chair; 1 Secretary; 4 Board Members; Everybody else is a judge
2. The Chair has no instructions other than
 - a. to introduce the “New Business” portion of the agenda in a meeting;
 - b. to handle the Main Motion that will be introduced;
 - c. to handle all secondary motion; and
 - d. to adjourn the meeting after the Main Motion is disposed of.
3. The Secretary will move the Main Motion (and assist the Chair only if the Chair requests that the pending motion be read back), as well as serve as the first Board Member. Minutes will not be kept.
4. Each Board Member will receive a card with instructions:
 - a. The card will list the specific mandatory secondary motion he/she must introduce.
 - b. The card will also list by type which other secondary motion he/she must introduce.
 - c. Each Board Member must offer discussion at least twice during the exercise.
5. The Board Members must not dispose of the Main Motion until each Board Member has had an opportunity to introduce his/her 2 motions.
6. Tools:
 - a. The Chair may use a gavel, pencil, and paper.
 - b. The Board Member may use RONR, pencil, and paper.
7. Assume this is a 25 member board.
8. Assume nothing in the association’s bylaws conflicts with RONR.
9. The exercise should take no more than 20 minutes, but it is more important to complete the exercise than to adhere to this time limit.
10. There is no winner and loser. There is only the challenge to participate fully and accurately.



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Judging the Practical Exercise -- June 13, 2015

Award each Board Member a maximum of 5 points for each of the following 4 task.					
	Mandatory Motion	Second Motion	Discussion 1	Discussion 2	Total Max = 20 Pts
Member 1	Main Motion Pts =	Privileged Motion Pts =	Pts =	Pts =	
Member 2	Postpone to Certain Time Pts =	Incidental Motion Pts =	Pts =	Pts =	
Member 3	Amend the Motion Pts =	Incidental Motion Pts =	Pts =	Pts =	
Member 4	Division of Assembly Pts =	Subsidiary Motion Pts =	Pts =	Pts =	
Member 5	Suspend the Rules Pts =	Subsidiary Motion Pts =	Pts =	Pts =	

CHAIR: Did the Chair perform the following tasks accurately?	5 points max
Recognize the next speaker correctly?	
Control debate correctly?	
Repeat the motion before every vote?	
Take the vote correctly?	
Declare the winning side after every vote?	
Handle secondary motions only when in order?	

What recommendation do you offer the Chair to improve his/her presiding skills?
