



North Dade Area Motion

Date

___/___/___

Maker of Motion: _____, 2nd By: _____ Group

Motion: _____

Intent: _____

Called to vote: ___ For ___ Against ___ Abstain ___ No vote ___

Tabled ___ Revised ___ Sent to groups ___ Policy Change ___

Passed ___ Failed ___

A motion must be submitted in writing within the first 1/2 hour after the opening of the ASC and comes up for discussion during new business. Another voting member of the ASC must second the motion before it can be considered by the ASC. A second is an indication by the person making the second that the motion deserves consideration by the members of the Area Service Committee. If there is no second the matter dies and no further discussions are permitted. Once seconded however, it becomes the business of the GSRs to consider the motion and discuss its Pros and Cons. The chair will usually call upon the person making the motion to explain the intent of the motion. When he or she is through, the Chair will ask for others who wish to argue for or against the motion. The usually will be (2) two pro and (2) two cons alternating upon a motion to suspend the rules and is seconded. Debate may be extended, but will not exceed more than 10 minutes after the two pros and two cons have been presented.

Unless an amendment to the motion is proposed and accepted, or the motion is tabled, postponed, or referred to a committee, a vote will be taken when debate is concluded. A 2/3 vote is required to close, limit, or extend debate. A majority of the votes cast by the GSRs is normally required for votes cast. However, certain motions require a 2/3 vote to pass.

These Include

1. To amend the ASC Guidelines or change procedure.
2. To close, limit or extend debate.
3. To close nominations.
4. To remove a trusted servant from the ASC office.
5. To change the order of business.
6. To take business away from a committee, which has not made a decision or report on it, and return that business to discussion on the floor of the ASC.

A 2/3 majority means 2/3 of the voting members. For example when a vote is called by the chair to accept the minutes or treasurer's report, the chair may call for all those in favor to signify by saying Aye and those who oppose by saying Nay. However when a vote count is required, GSRs must raise hands to signify their vote. If the vote is a tie, the chair may break the tie with a vote at his/her discretion, or may call for the matter to be returned to the groups for a group conscience decision, and be brought back to the next ASC.