

ROBERT'S RULES of ORDER
NYS PTA CONVENTION 2019

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Agenda

- Tips for Delegates
- Problem Principles
- Problem Motions
- Problem Elections
- Problem People

Tips for Delegates

- Pay Attention, listen for your opportunity.
- Factual Question? Mic3 Keep it short.
- Debate? 2' per speech; 10' for motions, 30' for resolutions.
- Bylaws Amendments: en bloc unless pulled. Limited changes.
- Resolutions: Retentions—yes/no only
 - Updates—yes/no on proposed changes
 - New—debate/amend/dispose

PROBLEM PRINCIPLES

- FORMALITY OF PROCESS AND LANGUAGE
- CHAIR'S IMPARTIALITY
- QUORUM
- PREVIOUS NOTICE: ABSENTEES vs. VOTING THRESHOLD
- POINT OF ORDER & APPEAL

PROBLEM MOTIONS

--RANK/PRECEDENCE

--AMEND

--METHODS OF VOTING

--PREVIOUS QUESTION

--TABLE

PROBLEM ELECTIONS

- NOMINATIONS: REQUIRED/EARLY
- INCOMPLETE ELECTION vs. VACANCY
- DISCARDED BALLOTS
- CONTESTED RESULT

PROBLEM PEOPLE

- "GADFLY"
- TIME LIMITS
- COMPLAINT w/o MOTION
- OFFENSE IN MEETING

