

District 4 DCM Bootcamp

September 1, 2020

Part I: Robert's Rules of Order

Part II: A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order in Area 15

- ❑ Area 15 holds quarterly business meetings as an Area Assembly.
- ❑ Motions pertaining to Area 15 business are presented.
- ❑ Area 15 uses Robert's Rules of Order* as a guideline for conducting business meetings.
- ❑ *Robert's Rules of Order* sets out the parliamentary rules organizations can adopt as a guide for establishing the conduct of the organization and the management of its meetings.**
- ❑ Using Robert's Rules of Order helps the chairman ensure that the meeting moves along smoothly, equitably, and productively.
- ❑ A.A. guidelines provide for “substantial unanimity” and “minority opinion”, which account for the primary modifications in our use of Robert's Rules.

*Henry Martyn Robert served as a civil engineer in the U.S. Army, where he was called on to preside at meetings. He immersed himself in a study of the parliamentary law of the day and developed a pocket manual of parliamentary procedure published in 1876 known as *Robert's Rules of Order*.

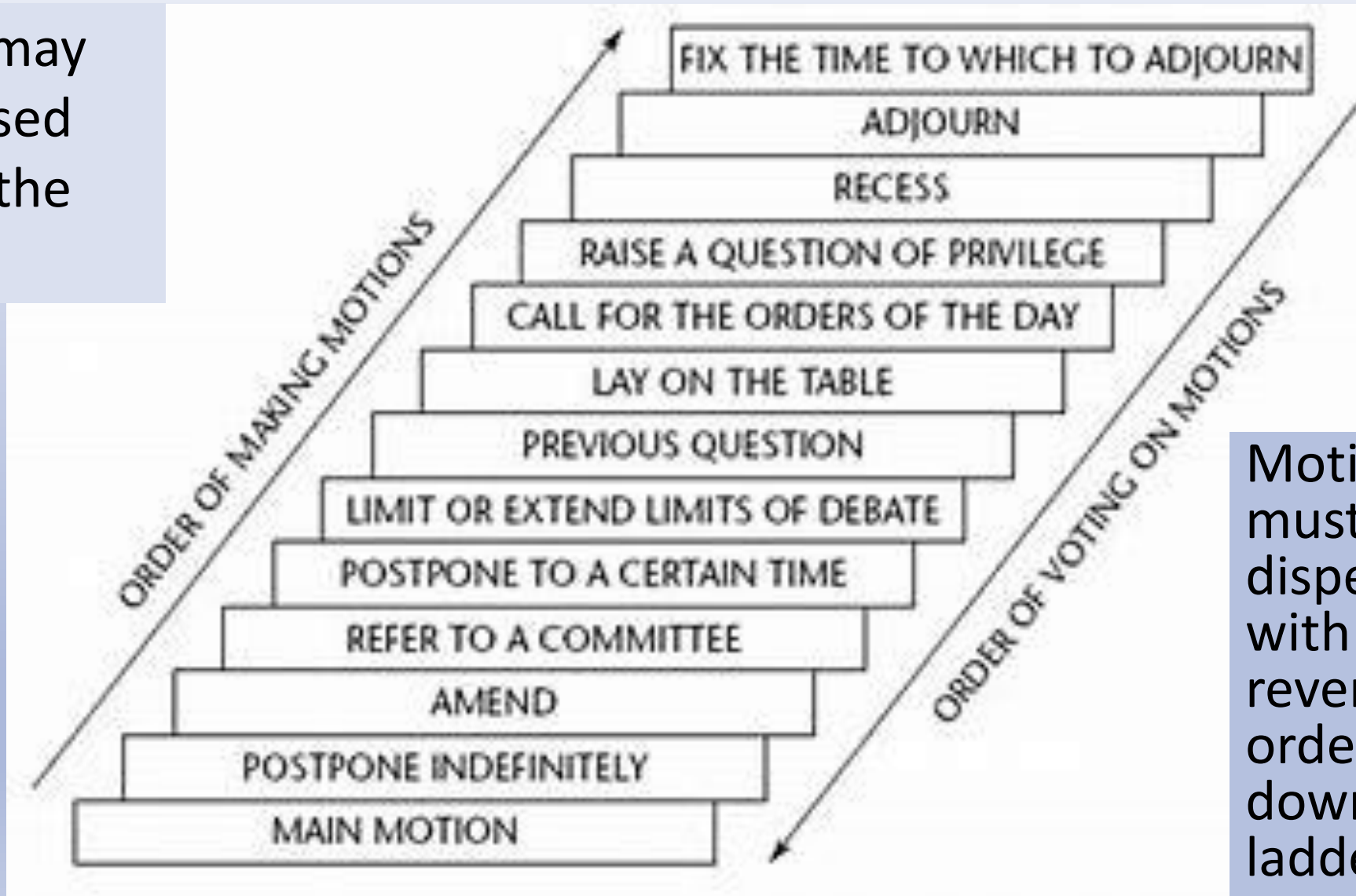
**Source:Dummies.com

Order of Motions (In order of precedence through #13; No Order of Precedence among Remaining 10 Motions)

Motion	Type of Motion	Interrupt Speaker	Required Second	Amendable	Debatable	Required Vote	Purpose
1 Fix the Time to Which To Adjourn	Privileged	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	To set time for continuation of meeting
2 Adjourn	Privileged	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	To close meeting
3 Take a Recess	Privileged	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	To interrupt meeting
4 Raise a Question of Privilege	Privileged	Yes	No	No	No	****	To request a personal privilege
5 Call for the Order of the Day	Privileged	Yes	No	No	No	****	To require adherence to agenda
6 Lay on the Table	Subsidiary	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	To interrupt business for some urgent reason
7 Previous Question (Close Debate)	Subsidiary	No	Yes	No	No	2/3rds	To close debate on pending motion
8 Limit or Extend Limits of Debate	Subsidiary	No	Yes	Yes	No	2/3rds	To limit or extend debate
9 Postpone to a certain time	Subsidiary	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	To postpone to another specified time
10 Refer to Committee	Subsidiary	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	To send to a committee for further study
11 Amend	Subsidiary	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	To alter or modify the wording of a motion
12 Postpone Indefinitely	Subsidiary	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	To avoid a direct vote on a motion
13 Original Motion	Main	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3rds	Introduce New Business
14 Point of order	Incidental	Yes	No	No	No	Chair makes ruling	Enforce rules of order or try to reverse a ruling
15 Appeal	Incidental	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Try to reverse Chair's ruling
16 Question or Points Of Information	Incidental	Yes	No	No	No	*****	Obtain answers to questions and seek information
17 Suspend the Rules	Incidental	No	Yes	No	No	2/3rds	Set aside rules that interfere with action desired
18 Objection to Consideration	Incidental	Yes	No	No	No	2/3rds who object to considering	To avoid unprofitable questions
19 Division of a Question	Incidental	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	To divide a question into two or more questions
20 Consideration by paragraph	Incidental	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Adoption is held until all paragraphs are debated and amended
21 Division of the Assembly (Doubting the Vote)	Incidental	Yes	No	No	No	*****	Conduct vote with different method Motion to count required to count
22 Rescind	Bring back Before Assembly	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3rds	To nullify a motion previously adopted
23 Reconsider	Bring back Before Assembly	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	To bring back for review by one who voted on the prevailing side

Robert's Rules of Order Ladder Pictorial

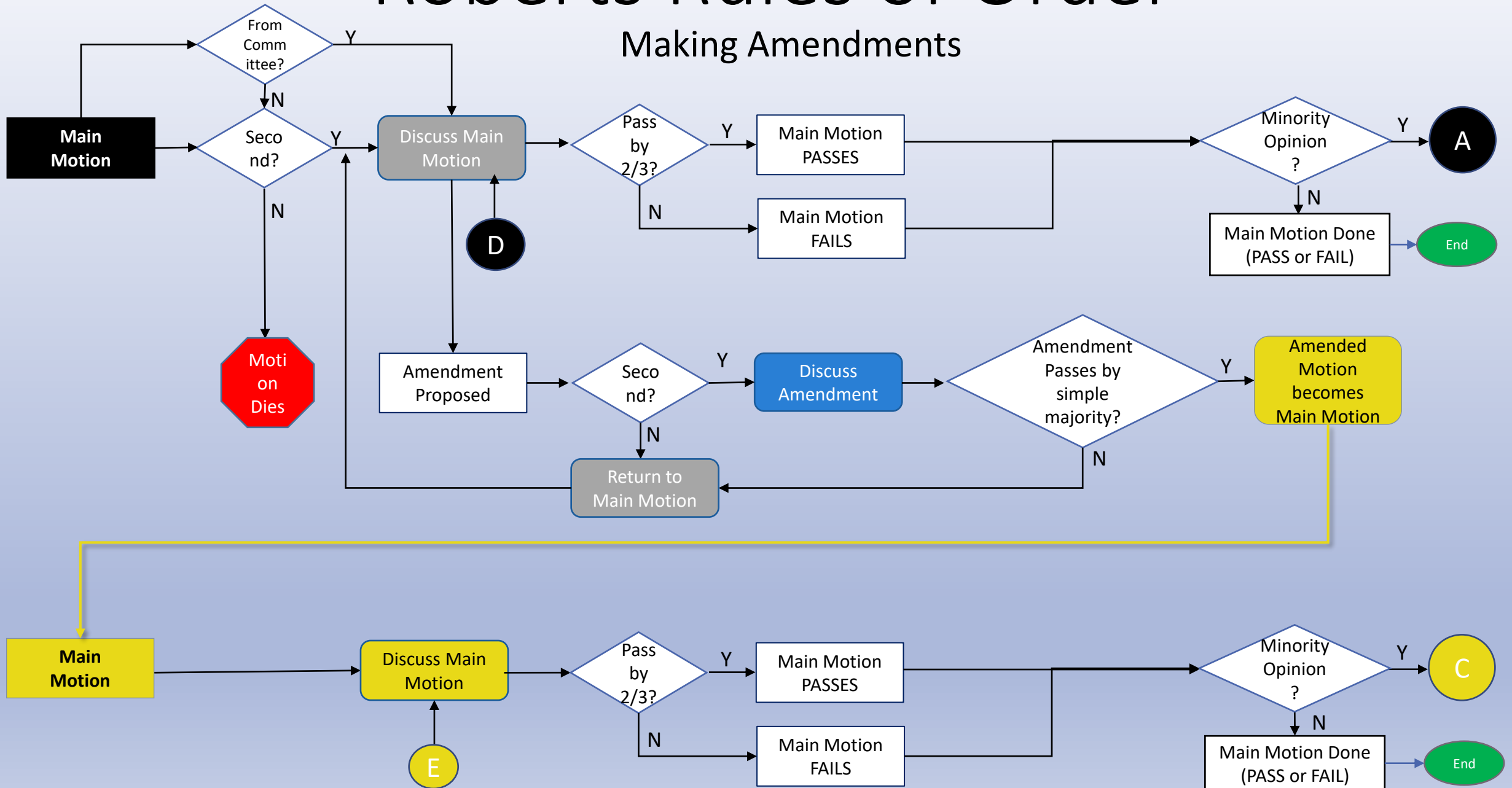
Motions may be proposed going up the ladder.



Motions must be dispensed with in reverse order, going down the ladder.

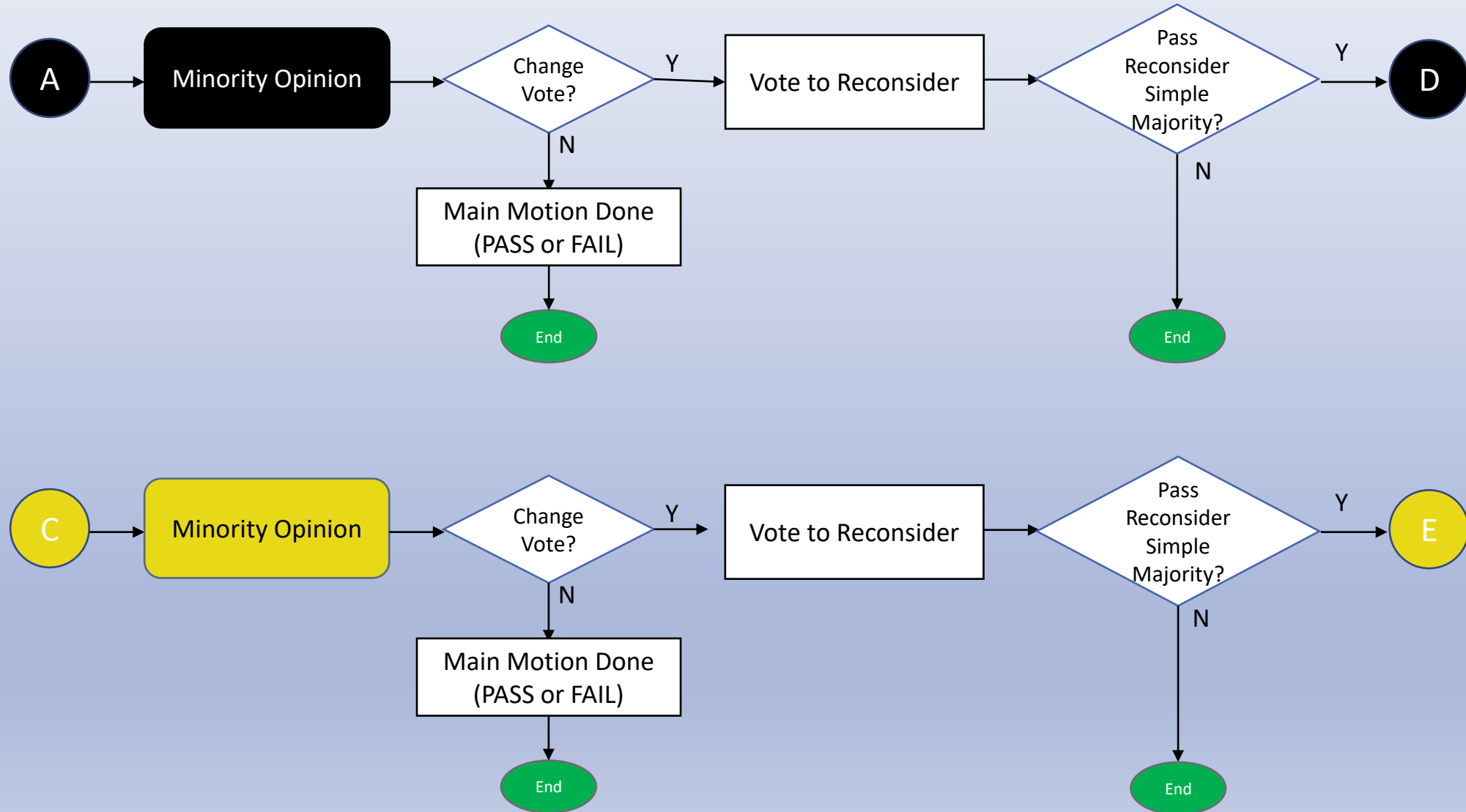
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Making Amendments



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Minority Opinion

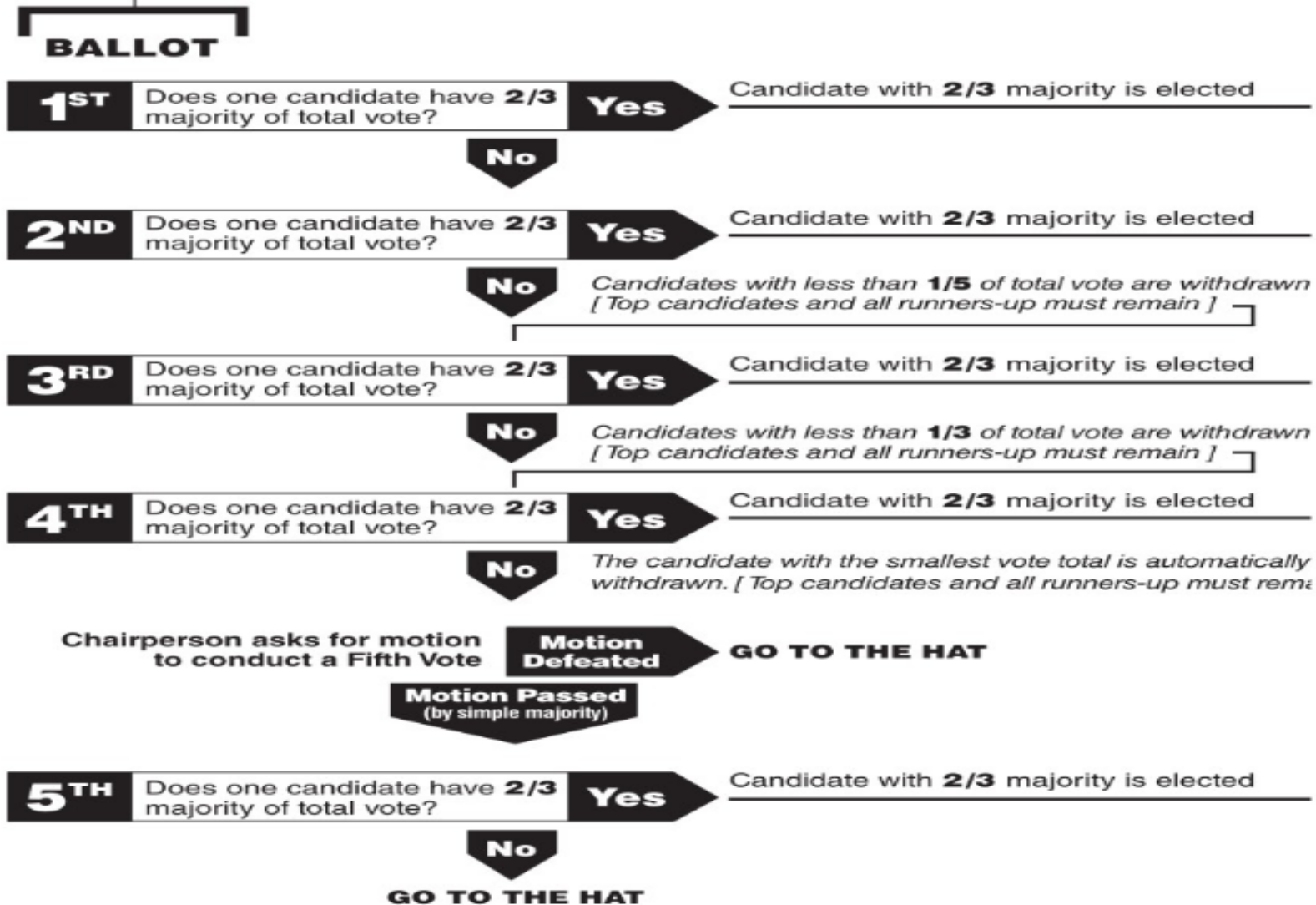


Part II: A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure

A.A. Third Legacy Procedure (page S21)

- ❑ A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure is a special type of electoral procedure
- ❑ Unique to A.A.
- ❑ It has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties that seem to thrive on most political scenes.
- ❑ The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from.
- ❑ A second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw.
- ❑ <https://dist4gsaa.org/d4blog>

The Third Legacy Procedure



Area 15 Elections by Third Legacy Procedure October 2020

What Positions are up for Election?

Service Committees

Southeast Regional Trustee Candidate

U.S At-Large Trustee Candidate

Delegate

Alternate Delegate

Area Chair

Area Treasurer

Area Registrar

Area Recording Secretary

Area 15 Elections in the Digital Age - October 2020

- First digital/remote Third Legacy elections
 - Similar to motion voting at July assembly
 - Classification of voters vs. non-voters
- Outgoing Delegate chairs the voting assembly

- Who votes
 - Alternate Delegate
 - Area Officers
 - Area Standing Committee Chairs (Alt. Committee Chair in their absence)
 - District Chairs (Alt. District Chair in their absence)
 - DCMs (ACM in their absence)
 - GSRs (Alt. GSR in their absence)