

## Supplemental Motions for Script

### Initiating a Standing Vote (Division of the House)

[This is used if a voice vote is inconclusive.]

DELEGATE [rise and call loudly]: **"Division!"**

CHAIR: **"A Division of the House has been called for. We will retake the vote as a standing vote."**

CHAIR: **"All those in favor of \_\_\_\_\_ [nominee or motion], please rise."** [Pause.] **"Be seated."**

CHAIR: **"Those opposed, please rise."** [Pause.] **"Be seated."**

CHAIR [with a clear majority vote]: **"Those in favor are in the majority. We will \_\_\_\_\_ [describe what will be done]."** OR **"Those opposed are in the majority. We will not \_\_\_\_\_ [describe what will not be done]."**

### Initiating a Standing Counted Vote on a Motion

CHAIR: **"Because the chair is in doubt about the standing vote, we will retake it as a standing counted vote."**

OR

DELEGATE [rise]: **"Mr./Madam Chairman."** [wait to be recognized by chair] **"I move that we take a standing counted vote on the motion to \_\_\_\_\_."**

DELEGATE #2: **"Second!"**

CHAIR: **"It has been moved and seconded that we take a standing counted vote on the motion to \_\_\_\_\_."**

CHAIR: **"All those in favor say 'AYE'."** DELEGATES IN FAVOR: **"AYE."**

CHAIR: **"Those opposed say 'NO'."** DELEGATES WHO OPPOSE: **"NO."**

CHAIR [with a clear majority vote]: **"The 'AYES' have it and we will take a standing counted vote."** OR **"The 'NOES' have it and the motion is lost. We will not take a standing counted vote."**

### Taking a Standing Counted Vote on a Motion

CHAIR: **"The question is on the motion to \_\_\_\_\_."**

CHAIR: **"Tellers, are you ready to count the votes?"** [Pause until Tellers are ready.] **"All those in favor, please rise and remain standing until Tellers have completed the count."** [Pause.] **"Be seated."**

CHAIR: **"All those who oppose, please rise and remain standing until Tellers have completed the count."** [Pause.] **"Be seated."**

TELLER [reads report but does not declare result]: **"The Tellers' Report for the motion to \_\_\_\_\_ . #\_\_\_\_ total votes were cast. #\_\_\_\_ votes [majority of delegates present and voting] are needed to approve. #\_\_\_\_ voted in favor, #\_\_\_\_ opposed."** [Hand the report to the chair.]

CHAIR [rereads Teller's Report and declares result]: **"The Tellers' Report for the motion to \_\_\_\_\_ : #\_\_\_\_ total votes were cast. #\_\_\_\_ votes are needed. #\_\_\_\_ voted in favor, #\_\_\_\_ opposed."** **"The motion to \_\_\_\_\_ is approved. We will \_\_\_\_\_ [describe what will be done]."** OR **"The motion to \_\_\_\_\_ is lost. We will not \_\_\_\_\_ [describe what will not be done]."**

### Moving a Roll Call Vote on a Motion

DELEGATE [rise]: **"Mr./Madam Chairman."** [wait to be recognized by chair] **"I move that we take a roll call vote on the motion to \_\_\_\_\_."**

DELEGATE #2: **"Second!"**

CHAIR: **"It has been moved and seconded that we take a roll call vote on the motion to \_\_\_\_\_."**

CHAIR: **"All those in favor say 'AYE'."** DELEGATES IN FAVOR: **"AYE."**

CHAIR: **"Those opposed say 'NO'."** DELEGATES WHO OPPOSE: **"NO."**

CHAIR [with a clear majority vote]: **"The 'AYES' have it and we will take a roll call vote." OR "The 'NOES' have it and the motion is lost. We will not take a roll call vote."**

### **Taking a Roll Call Vote on a Motion**

CHAIR: **"The question is on the motion to \_\_\_\_\_. The Secretary will read the names of the registered delegates. When your name is read, please rise. Say 'AYE' if you are in favor of the motion. Say 'NO' if you are opposed. This motion takes a majority (or 2/3) to approve."**

SECRETARY: [reads registered delegate's names one by one]

DELEGATE [rise]: **"AYE" OR "NO"**

SECRETARY: [repeats choice, marks hashtag next to 'AYE' or 'NO' after each vote, calls names of next delegate]

CHAIR [when all registered delegates' names have been read]: **"Tellers, would you please use the Secretary's tally sheet to make a report?"**

TELLER [reads report but does not declare result]: **"The Tellers' Report for the motion to \_\_\_\_\_. #\_\_\_ total votes were cast. #\_\_\_ votes [majority of delegates present and voting] are needed to approve. #\_\_\_ voted in favor, #\_\_\_ opposed."** [Hand the report to the chair.]

CHAIR [rereads Teller's Report and declares result]: **"The Tellers' Report for the motion to \_\_\_\_\_: #\_\_\_ total votes were cast. #\_\_\_ votes are needed to approve. #\_\_\_ voted in favor, #\_\_\_ opposed." "The motion to \_\_\_\_\_ is approved. We will \_\_\_\_\_ [describe what will be done]." OR "The motion to \_\_\_\_\_ is lost. We will not \_\_\_\_\_ [describe what will not be done]."**

[RONR 44:12 and 45:48 In a roll call vote, "...the presiding officer's name is called last, and only when his vote will affect the result." He can, but does not have to, vote to make or break a tie in a majority vote or to block or cause the attainment of 2/3 in a 2/3 vote.]

### **Calling For the Previous Question on a Motion Under Discussion**

[This motion is used to end discussion on a pending motion and vote on it. It's purpose is to help the business of the meeting move forward, not to prevent the opposition from speaking. Because it takes away the delegates' right to speak, at least 2/3 must vote in favor of the call for the Previous Question. This motion is not in order when another delegate has the floor.]

DELEGATE [rise]: **"Mr./Madam Chairman."** [wait to be recognized by chair] **"I move the previous question." OR "I move to close discussion and take the vote immediately."**

DELEGATE #2: **"Second!"**

CHAIR: **"It has been moved and seconded that discussion of the pending motion end and we vote on it. This motion to end discussion takes a 2/3 standing vote."**

CHAIR: **"All those in favor, please rise." [Pause.] "Be seated."**

CHAIR: **"Those opposed, please rise." [Pause.] "Be seated."**

CHAIR [with a clear 2/3 vote]: **"There are 2/3 in favor of ending discussion and we will vote on the motion to \_\_\_\_\_." OR "There are less than 2/3 in favor of ending discussion and the Previous Question is lost. Is there any further discussion?"**

### **Moving to Close Nominations**

DELEGATE [rise]: **"Mr./Madam Chairman."** [wait to be recognized by chair] **"I move to close nominations."**

DELEGATE #2: **"Second!"**

CHAIR: **"It has been moved and seconded to close nominations. This motion to close nominations takes a 2/3 standing vote."**

CHAIR: **"All those in favor, please rise."** [Pause.] **"Be seated."**

CHAIR: **"Those opposed, please rise."** [Pause.] **"Be seated."**

CHAIR [with a clear 2/3 vote]: **"There are 2/3 in favor of closing nominations, and the motion passes. We will vote on the nominees." OR "There are less than 2/3 in favor of closing nominations and the motion is lost. Are there any further nominations?"**

### **Calling a Point of Order**

DELEGATE [may rise and interrupt any speaker]: **"Point of Order!"**

CHAIR: **"State your point."**

DELEGATE: [Briefly state the applicable law/rule and the violation or breach. Be seated.]

CHAIR: **"Your point is well taken."** [chair corrects the violation] **OR "Your point is not well taken."** [chair believes point of order does not apply]

### **Appealing the Ruling of the Chair**

DELEGATE [rise immediately after ruling]: **"Mr./Madam Chairman! I appeal from the decision of the chair."**

DELEGATE #2: **"Second!"**

CHAIR: **"It has been moved and seconded to appeal from the decision of the chair. The chair ruled that the point was not well taken because \_\_\_\_\_. Is there any discussion?"**

DELEGATE [rise and be recognized]: [Explain what law/rule is being violated. Be seated.]

CHAIR: **"Is there any further discussion from the floor?"** [Pause.]

CHAIR: **"Hearing none, the chair will speak a second time on the reasons for his/her ruling. This will end discussion. The chair ruled that the point was not well taken because \_\_\_\_\_. Now the delegates will vote on whether to uphold the chair's decision. [Pause.] A majority vote in the affirmative upholds the chair's ruling. A majority in the negative overturns the chair's ruling."**

CHAIR: **"All those in favor of upholding the chair's ruling, say 'AYE'."** DELEGATES IN FAVOR: **"AYE."**

CHAIR: **"Those opposed say 'NO'."** DELEGATES WHO OPPOSE: **"NO."**

CHAIR [with a clear majority vote]: **"The 'AYES' have it and we will \_\_\_\_\_." OR "The 'NOES' have it and the motion is lost. We will \_\_\_\_\_."**