

## Standing Orders of the Organization

### **General**

1. The secretary shall divide Standing Orders into categories as required to facilitate legibility.
2. Officers of MESA may serve as staff members for events in any capacity, if approved by a simple majority of the assembly.

### **Business Forum**

1. It is presumed that duly authenticated users are in control of their accounts; as such, any posts, motions, or discussion held on a member's accounts shall be held in the name of that person.
  1. A strict one-to-one correspondence between online accounts and members shall be maintained and enforced by the Secretary. The Secretary shall also enforce who can and cannot vote on topics.
  2. If an account is verified to be compromised, the officers are authorized and required to take reasonable actions to mitigate the impact of the intrusion, including but not limited to a re-vote, recount, and removing messages or motions.
2. There will be one specific area for business related procedures, or a labeling system that can clearly differentiate between business and non-business items. By in large, this area or system will be using a limited version of Roberts Rules of Order.
  1. Motions may be brought before the assembly and must be seconded by another member.
    1. Main motions are in order.
    2. The only incidental main motions in order are amendments to previous motions, including the bylaws, articles of information, or standing orders.
    3. Subsidiary motions to lay on the table, postpone definitely, commit, refer, recommit, or amend are in order.
    4. Questions of Order and Appeal and Objection to Consideration of the Motion are in order.
    5. No privileged motions are in order.
    6. Taking from the table, reconsidering, rescinding, ratification, and renewal of a motion area all in order.
    7. Multiple motions may be in various stages of debate or ratification at once. A motion does not need to be tabled so another motion may be introduced or considered.
    8. The presence of a dilatory, absurd, or frivolous motion will be decided by the President.
  2. Debate and discussion on a topic will only be placed attached to the specific motion by reply, thread, or other such tracking mechanism.
    1. Debate will last until "finished". This is a judgment call. If no new arguments or information have been brought on the topic in three days, that's generally a good standard.
    2. At that time, the Vice President or President will place the item before the assembly to vote on.
3. General discussion with no business attached will be reserved for another area.
4. The following general guidelines of conduct should be adhered to by all members:
  1. Don't post things you wouldn't say to someone's face.
  2. Abide by all local, state, and federal regulations. This includes copyrights.
  3. You will likely be judged at least in part by your writing ability. Use spell check and work on grammar. At the same time, criticizing business purely on its spelling and grammar will not be tolerated.

4. Name-calling, ad hominem arguments, responding to the tone of a message, and pure contradiction will not be tolerated on the business forum. Counterarguments, refutation, and refuting the central point will be, even if they may contain some offensive language. However, remember point 3.
5. Newbies not following the guidelines should be directed here.
5. Any procedures or requirements in the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws supersede these orders.