

Rule III.—Unless there be a quorum present no business can be transacted.

Rule IV.—All questions relative to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

Rule V.—The President, Vice-President, or Chairman, shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Board.

Rule VI.—The President, Vice-President, or Chairman, may vote with the other members on all questions,—and any question on which there is an equality of votes shall be deemed negatived.

Rule VII.—After the question having been put from the chair, all members present shall vote thereon, unless excused by the Board, or except such as are directly interested, and shall keep their seats until the votes are taken.

Rule VIII.—When two or more members rise at the same time, the President, Vice-President, or Chairman, shall name the member who is first to speak.

Rule IX.—When the President, Vice-President, or Chairman, is called upon to decide a point of order, his decision shall be final, except by appeal to the Board. All questions shall be put in the order in which they are moved. And it shall be the duty of the President, Vice-President, or Chairman, whenever he shall conceive that a motion which he has received and read may be contrary to those rules, to apprise the Board thereof immediately before the question on such motion is put. After the question is finally put from the chair no member shall speak thereto, nor shall any motion be made until after the result is declared; and the decision of the chair as to whether the question has been finally put shall be conclusive.

Rule X.—A member, being called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; if there be no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be final; but if the member appeal from the decision of the chair, the Board shall decide the case without debate.

Rule XI.—Any member may of right require the question under discussion to be read for his information at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member while speaking.

Rule XII.—No member shall speak beside the question in debate, nor shall he in any manner interrupt the proceedings of the Board, or any member who is speaking.

Rule XIII.—No member other than the one proposing a question or motion (who shall be permitted to reply when all the other members chosen to speak shall have spoken), shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Board, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misconceived; but then he is not to introduce any new matter.

Rule XIV.—Every member previous to his speaking shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the President, Vice-President, or Chairman; he shall confine himself strictly to the matter under discussion, and shall sit down as soon as he is done speaking.

Rule XV.—No motion shall be put or debated unless the same be seconded; when seconded, it shall be stated by the President, Vice-President, or Chairman, before debate; and every such motion, except a motion to adjourn, shall be reduced to writing.

Rule XVI.—After a resolution is stated by the President, Vice-President, or Chairman, it shall be deemed in possession of the Board, but may, by permission of the Board, be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.