

SECTION IV.—RULES OF ORDER.

I. It shall be the duty of members to observe order and decorum at the meetings. No member shall speak more than twice on any motion, except by way of explanation of any material part of his speech which may have been misunderstood, but he may not introduce any new matter; he shall rise and address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the subject under discussion, and to the use of courteous language.

No member shall speak, except by way of enquiry, unless there be a motion before the meeting. All motions shall be proposed and seconded by two members, and except for adjournment, shall be put in writing and handed to the Chairman and read to the meeting by him, after which it may not be withdrawn except by consent of the meeting; and no question of a political character shall be introduced at any meeting of the Association, or of the committee or any sub-committee.

II. The Presiding Officer shall not take part in any debate, nor vote in anywise unless the members be equally divided; he shall decide all questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the meeting.

III. When a member is called to order, he shall sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the meeting, if appealed to, shall decide the point, but without debate; if there be no appeal the decision of the chair shall be submitted to.

IV. When the Presiding Officer is called upon to explain a point of order or practice, he shall state the Rule applicable to the case without argument or comment.

V. Any Member may, of right, require the question or motion under debate to be read once for his information during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking.

VI. Whenever a motion is introduced, which in the opinion of the Presiding Officer is contrary to the Rules or Privileges of the Association, he shall apprise the meeting thereof immediately, before such motion is put, and cite the rule applicable to the case. If the mover or seconder object to the Presiding Officer's interpretation of the Rule, it shall be decided by an appeal to the Meeting, without discussion, a majority deciding.

VII. When a question is under debate, no motion, except for adjournment, shall be received, unless to amend or postpone, and these shall have precedence in the order in which they are presented.