

Delegate Training Week 2: Points, Motions, and the Speaker's List

What is Parliamentary Procedure?

- Parliamentary procedure is the formal way in which we debate; the order of events
- Consists of POINTS and MOTIONS

Motions:

- Motion to open debate- a simple formality to acknowledge that the committee session is beginning
- Motion to set the agenda- Sets the order of topics for debate; the delegate who motions for this usually suggests a specific order.
- Motion to set the speaker's time- Can be set up to 3 minutes
- Motion to open the speaker's list- delegates can now motion to be put on the speaker's list

Points:

- Point of Information- This point is raised if you have a question about something a delegate has said on the speaker's list.
- Point of Inquiry- This point is raised when a delegate has a question for the chairpeople.
- Point of Clarification- Used by the delegate who is speaking on the speaker's list, when they are asked a question they do not understand.
- Point of Order/ Point of Parliamentary Procedure- This point is raised when a delegate believes a chair has not followed parliamentary procedure correctly.
- Point of Personal Privilege- This point is raised when a delegate needs something. For example, you raise a point of personal privilege if you need to be excused to the restroom, or if you would like a window to be opened/closed.

Speaker's List

- Formal form of debate in which delegates stand up and express their country's views in front of the committee