

**To:** Purdue University Senate  
**From:** Parliamentary Authority Ad Hoc Working Group (James Dworkin, Elizabeth Richards, Manushag Powell)  
**Subject:** Update to Senate Parliamentary Authority  
**Reference:** Senate Bylaws Article VII: Parliamentary Authority  
**Disposition:** University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

**Rationale:** Purdue University Senate is governed by the first edition (2012) of *The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*. However, in 2023, the AIPSC was issued in an improved and expanded second edition.

Secretary and Parliamentarian Powell convened a working group to make a recommendation regarding the adoption of the new edition. After careful study, it is the opinion of the group that the new edition makes several changes that may be useful to our body (see appendix below), and that the Senate should adopt it as our new standard.

**Proposal:** Bylaw Article VII will be modified as follows:

| <b>Current</b>  | <b>Proposed</b>   |
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| 7.00 Authority on Parliamentary Procedure<br><br>The first edition (2012) of The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure governs this Senate in all parliamentary situations that are not provided for in the University Code or in these Bylaws. | 7.00 Authority on Parliamentary Procedure<br><br>The <b>current edition</b> of The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure governs this Senate in all parliamentary situations that are not provided for in the University Code or in these Bylaws. |

## Excerpt from the Introduction to AIPSC 2<sup>nd</sup> edition:

### Changes related to governance and fundamentals:

- changing the default provision to amend bylaws changed from previous notice and majority vote to previous notice and a two-thirds vote
- removing member discipline information from “Rights and Responsibilities of Members and of Organizations” to form a new chapter
- establishing a process for handling individual bylaw amendments to existing bylaws should a revision fail
- providing sample emergency bylaws

### Changes related to motions:

- replacing the concept of restricted debate with a requirement that debate be germane to the motion at hand;
- making Close Debate and Vote Immediately amendable as to the motions to which it applies;
- removing the debatability of motions that limit debate;
- removing the concept of a substitute amendment because a substitute was already treated as an amendment to strike out and insert; and
- establishing that after debate has been closed, Factual Inquiries are not permitted, although a Parliamentary Inquiry may be.

### Changes related to meetings:

- clarifying the methodology and motions used to create a continued meeting;
- clarifying rules related to the formation of a convention or house of delegates, particularly those related to credentials;
- providing sample rules for a hybrid meeting;
- establishing electronic notice as a default permission, unless prohibited by statute or the bylaws;
- establishing that electronic meetings are allowed, unless prohibited by statute or the bylaws; and
- providing that a change from in-person to virtual, or vice-versa, does not invalidate a notice, provided all members are notified.

Finally, great effort was made to adjust nomenclature to the common meaning of the words and eliminate the overuse of the word special.

- Specific Main Motions were changed to Specific-Purpose Main Motions.
- Special Orders were renamed Scheduled Orders.
- Standing and Special Rules of Order were changed to Standing Rules of Order and Temporary Rules to describe their purposes more accurately.