

DELEGATE WHITE: The motion was made for the previous question. I would make a query. If this body is operating under Robert's Rules of Order, it would require a second and if it is seconded properly, it must be put to a vote and not continue a discussion after the previous question is called.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand it, Delegate Rybczynski is speaking to that motion and the delegate may proceed. The Chair is not an expert on Robert's Rules of Order, but the question is debatable.

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. Chairman, what is he debating? The previous question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Technically, if the motion passes—is there a second to the motion?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I believe you recognized me before the motion for the previous question was seconded and, having recognized me, I yielded to Delegate Rybczynski. I believe he now has the floor and had the floor before the motion to rule on the previous question was seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair rules the Chairman of the Committee is correct. The Chair recognizes Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. Chairman, I will start again. It occurs to me that it is well that this discussion is taking place now before the election of our president, for it is well that we decide now that we must respect our leader, whoever the leader will be. It is well that we realize that every group, whether it be a neighborhood association of ten people, or a convention designed to write a constitution, follow its leader and place confidence in its leader and that we must further assume that every person in this room is here for good reason and has the best of intentions.

Therefore, if we do agree that leadership must be followed, there must be a solid leadership for any group and if we assume that everyone here has the best of intentions, there will be no problem about selections of committees.

THE CHAIRMAN: Anything further?

DELEGATE WHITE: I make a motion on the previous question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does the delegate wish to renew the motion for the previous question?

DELEGATE WHITE: I do.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor of moving the previous question say Aye. No. The Ayes seem to have it.

The question now arises upon the adoption of the amendment. If the Chair is in doubt, the Chair will ask for a roll call. All in favor say Aye. Opposed, No.

Well, the Chair is not much in doubt, but we had better have a roll call.

A DELEGATE: Let's make clear what question we are voting on before we vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment by Delegate Weidemeyer which places the appointment power of the committees in the triumvirate: the president and two vice-presidents, and the majority would control. A vote Aye adopts the amendment. A vote No rejects it. Answer to your names.

*(At this point a roll call was made.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: 26 Aye, 113 No. Amendment fails for want of a majority.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Query, Mr. President. Is there anything that can be done to give us, in this electronic age, a silent electronic voting system, so when we return in September, it will be working for us?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, it will be working, I am informed. However, you must be used to hardships when you engage in this kind of life. The Chair recognizes Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Mr. President pro tem, I have an amendment to the rules to offer.

THE CHAIRMAN: Check the amendment.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: This amendment should be on everyone's desk. Amendment to Rule 5.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the amendment by you, Delegate Hardwicke?

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Yes, it is, Mr. President.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let's make sure everyone has a copy. Are you sure this was distributed to all the desks?

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: I am not sure, Mr. President, but we had 200 copies to be distributed a couple of hours ago.