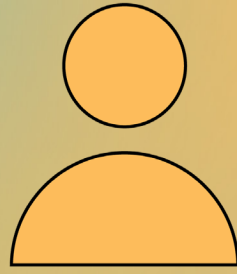


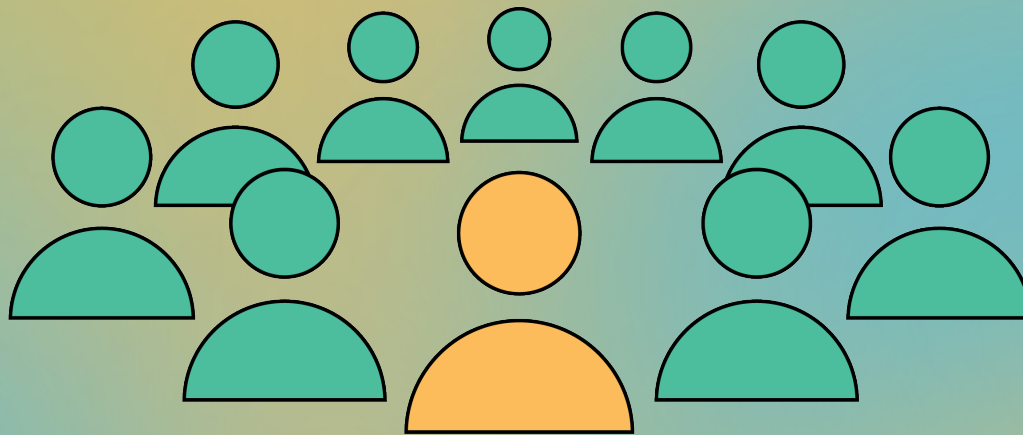
UWSA Rules of Order

The UWSA Rules of Order govern all UWSA Board, Committee, and General Meetings. At general meetings, all UWinnipeg students are voting members. At board meetings, only directors are voting members. Voting members can propose a debatable or non-debatable motion. Non-debatable motions are procedural motions that approve beginning or ending a meeting, approving the agenda etc., that move straight from the proposal to the voting stage. All other motions are considered debatable motions that follow the steps outlined below.



1. Proposal Phase

The Proposal Phase is when voting members present their motion to the UWSA Board of Directors. A motion is a directive that the UWSA takes a certain action. After the proposer explains their motion, the Chair of the Board ("Chair") gives 5 minutes for members to review the motion and see if anybody wants to propose a friendly amendment. Friendly amendments are suggestions to edit the motion without a vote. These can be agreed upon or denied.



Special Discussion Phase

Any member can request a discussion on a topic without having a proposed outcome (motion). To ask for a discussion, the member phrases the discussion topic as a question, and a vote is taken to ensure a majority wants to have this phase. The following Special Discussion will allow each member to speak once on the question. The person who proposes this phase can give each member 3-10 minutes to speak once.

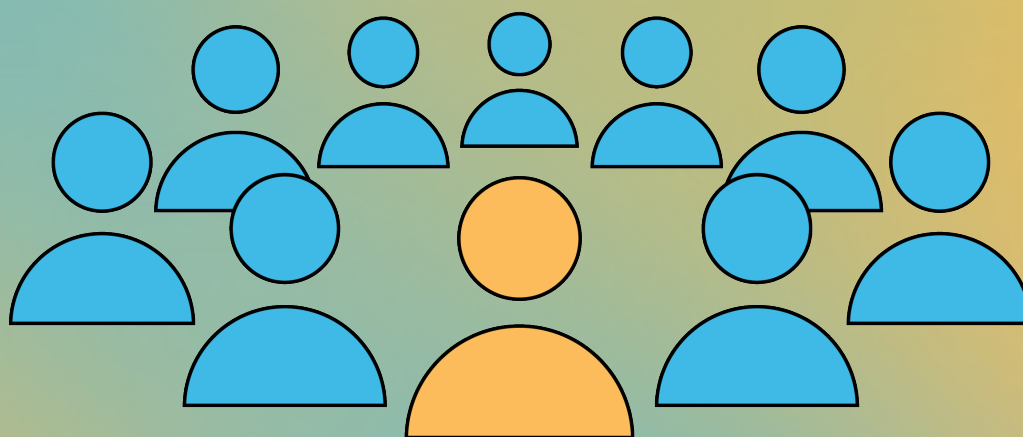
2. Discussion Phase

After the proposal phase, the Chair gives each voting member a chance to speak by moving around the circle twice.

During this phase, members can:

- Ask a question about the motion;
- Propose to change the wording of the motion;
- Comment on the motion;
- Or, pass.

Amendments proposed must go through an amendment discussion phase and put to a vote. Once every member has had a chance to speak, the Chair goes around the circle a second time. The discussion phase ends after the circling back for a second time to the original proposer.



Amendment Discussion Phase

The chair moves in a circle, starting from the amendment proposer to allow each person to speak only about the amendment. The changes are passed if 50% + 1 of voting members approve it. If passed, the chair starts the circle over, beginning from the amendment proposer. They discuss the new amended motion in a Discussion Phase. If it fails, then the chair finishes the original circle starting from the amendment proposer.

3. Voting Phase

During the Voting Phase, the proposer can speak for two minutes to share their final opinion on the motion. The motion is put to vote from the members. The motion passes if 50% + 1 of voting members approve it.

During this phase, members can:

- Vote yes
- Vote no
- Abstain, which means that you decline to vote either.

Since The Chair doesn't have voting rights, they cannot break a tiebreaker. If there is a tie, the motion does not pass. At board meetings, some motions need a 2/3 majority vote to be approved. See the UWSA By-Laws for more information.

