

1. Business arising from a committee report is considered "privileged new business" (a class of business unknown to the Elders) and is therefore not subject to the time limit.

2. This comes to teach us that even if the Presiding Officer does not want to consider a new item, the meeting can vote to suspend the rules and consider it.

[R.S.] Robert Sacks objected to this rule being suspendible by a 2/3 vote because of "some famous disasters when these restrictions have been waived." HaRav Standlee pointed out that the existing rules on submission of new business can be suspended by a 2/3 vote. The rule is according to HaRav Standlee.

3. In practice, meetings may wish to entertain new motions without having the 200 copies on hand. The meeting can consider such items by suspending this rule.

4. "Distributed to the attendees" means included in the Official Papers or as part of the text of the official agenda.

[Wes48] Discussion on the Westercon 48 Business Meeting determined that "legibly signed" intends to convey the necessity that the motion be signed and identified in such a way that the Podium Staff can determine who the maker and seconder(s) are. If someone signing a motion has an illegible signature, that person should print his/her name after signing.

5. WSFS practice has been that Supporting members may submit motions and written comments to the Business Meeting but may not attend the meeting. This is somewhat at variance with the practice of Elders outside the Business Meeting, which insists that the maker of a motion be present in order to make it, and forbids proxy voting.

6. Common practice is for the copies of a proposal to be submitted with the names of the maker and seconder but not their signatures. Precedent allows that only the original copy submitted to the Presiding Officer need be signed.

7. If there is a tie for the final vacant position, then according to the Elders, first place votes are the first tie breaker. In WSFS practice, if there is still a tie, random selection (coin flip or other mutually acceptable method) is used to break the tie.

8. The practice of the Elders is to go through preferential balloting until three candidates remain, and then all three are elected simultaneously. This rule specifically states that each seat must be filled separately because for the purposes of the WSFS Mark Committee, the residency requirements might make it impossible for two or three people from the same region to be elected simultaneously.

9. This rule comes to explicitly codify the current practice that short-term seats are to be filled by election on the same ballot as the full-term seats.

[B.Y.] In a dispute regarding whether minutes are required for WSFS Business Meetings, HaRav Standlee believes that minutes are required per the parliamentary authority; HaRav Ben Yalow and some other authorities believe that they are not because they are not explicitly required in the Standing Rules or Constitution.

**SR 5: Deadline for Submission of New Business.** The deadline for submission of non-privileged new business to the Business Meeting shall be two (2) hours after the official opening of the Worldcon or eighteen (18) hours<sup>[1]</sup> before the first Preliminary Meeting, whichever is later. The Presiding Officer <sup>[2]</sup> may accept otherwise qualified motions submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall be placed at the end of the agenda.[R.S.]

**SR 6: Requirements for Submission of New Business.** Two hundred (200)<sup>[3]</sup> identical, legible copies of all proposals for non-privileged new business shall be submitted to the Presiding Officer before the deadline in Rule 5 unless such proposals are distributed to the attendees at the Worldcon<sup>[4]</sup> by the Worldcon Committee. All proposals must be legibly signed<sup>[5]</sup> by a maker<sup>[5]</sup> and at least one seconder.<sup>[6]</sup>

**SR 12: Mark Protection Committee: Elections.** Elections to the Mark Protection Committee shall be a special order of business at a designated Main Business Meeting. Voting shall be by written preferential ballot with write-in votes allowed. Votes for write-in candidates who do not submit written consent to nomination and region of residence to the Presiding Officer before the close of balloting shall be ignored. The ballot shall list each nominee's name and region of residence. The first seat filled shall be by normal preferential ballot procedures. After a seat is filled, votes for the elected member and for any nominee who is now ineligible due to regional residence restrictions shall be eliminated before conducting the next ballot.<sup>[7]</sup> This procedure shall continue until all seats are filled.<sup>[8]</sup> Should there be any partial term vacancies on the committee, the partial-term seat(s) shall be filled after the full-term seats have been filled.<sup>[9]</sup>

**SR 21: Official Papers; Corrections.** Any correction of fact to the Minutes<sup>[B.Y.]</sup> or to the constitution or Standing Rules as published should be brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Business Meeting in question and of the next available Business Meeting as soon as they are discovered.<sup>[10]</sup>

10. This teaching was left out of previous versions of this document because HaRav Standlee thought it was redundant. At the request of other authorities, it has been reinstated as a new standing rule (renumbering all downstream material and cross-references).