



Standing Rules of the General Assembly

Submitted to the General Assembly, December 4th, 2018.

Be it resolved, that the General Assembly of the MSS be held under Robert's Rules, with the following modifications:

- a) The default voting method shall be a **placard vote**. Any member may request a **division of the vote** if they consider the result to have been unclear;;
- b) Abstentions shall only be permitted when voting on **main motions**;;
- c) A main motion shall be approved **if the votes in favour exceed the votes against**;;
- d) The mover(s) of a motion are entitled to a maximum of **three (3) minutes** of speaking time to **present their motions**;;
- e) Debate on main motions shall be preceded by a **Question Period** to the movers, lasting a maximum of **three (3) minutes**;;
- f) **Debate on main motions**, excluding time for subsidiary motions, shall last a maximum of **ten (10) minutes**;; during debate, movers do not have any special speaking privileges;;
- g) Debate on **subsidiary** motions shall last a maximum of **five (5) minutes**;;
- h) The presenter of a report is entitled to a maximum of five (5) minutes of speaking time, followed by a question period lasting a maximum of three (3) minutes.
- i) The General Question Period shall last a maximum of five (5) minutes.
- j) All the time limits above are **subject to extension** following a majority vote of the Assembly;;
- k) The **default speaking time** per Member shall be of **one--and--a--half (1 ½) minutes**.
- l) The Assembly may allow a member to speak to a motion beyond the usual **maximum of two (2) times**, following a two--thirds majority vote of the Assembly.