

2014 National FFA Parliamentary Procedure CDE

Semi-Finals

Team Problem Solving Activity

Scenario

During today's Semi-Finals, your team demonstrated the motion to Rescind. The Elk River FFA Chapter meets on the first Monday of each month. The scenarios below occurred at the September and October meetings.

September Meeting

Member A "Mr. President"

President "Member A"

Member B "Mr. President"

President "For what purpose does the member rise?"

Member B "I give notice that at the next meeting I will move to Rescind the motion to Donate \$100 to the State FFA Foundation."

President "Previous Notice has been given that the motion to Rescind will be brought up at the next meeting under Unfinished Business."

October Meeting

Member B "Mr. President"

President "Member B"

Member B "I move to Rescind the motion to Donate \$100 to the State FFA Foundation."

President "Member B did you vote on the prevailing side when the motion was adopted?"

Member B "Yes, I voted on the prevailing side." [Member B debates the motion to Rescind.]

President "Is there any further debate on the motion to Rescind? Seeing none, all those in favor please rise, thank you be seated. All those against the motion please rise, thank you be seated. There being less than 2/3 in the affirmative, the motion to Rescind is lost."

Questions (45 pts.)

1. Was Previous Notice given properly at the September meeting? (15 pts.)

Yes

“Are out of order when another has the floor; but previous notice of intent to offer one of these motions at the next meeting can be given after another member has been assigned the floor, provided that he has not begun to speak.” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 306, ll.1-4)

“the notice is also in order when another person has been assigned the floor but has not yet begun to speak...” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 123, ll.4-6)

2. When should the motion to Rescind be introduced at the October meeting? (15 pts.)

The motion to Rescind is NOT unfinished business at the October meeting. It should be introduced as New Business at the October meeting.

“It should be noted that, with the exception indicated in the preceding paragraph, a subject should not be taken up under Unfinished Business and General Orders unless it has acquired such status by one of the formal processes (a), (c), or (d) listed on pages 358-359. If brief consultation during a meeting leads to an informal understanding that a certain subject should be ‘brought up at the next meeting,’ that does not make it unfinished business. Instead, the matter should be introduced at the next meeting as new business, as explained below.” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 360, ll.3-12)

3. Did the President handle the motion to Rescind properly at the October meeting? (15 pts.)

No, any member can introduce the motion to Rescind. The maker of the motion did not have to vote on the prevailing side when the original main motion was adopted.

“In contrast to the case of the motion to Reconsider, there is no time limits on making these motions after the adoption of the measure to which they are applied, and they can be moved by any member, regardless of how he voted on the original question.” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 307, ll.19-23)

When Previous Notice was given, the motion to Rescind requires a majority vote to pass.

“In an assembly, except when applied to a constitution, bylaws, or special rules of order, require ...(b) a majority vote when notice of intent to make the motion, stating the complete substance of the proposed change, has been given at the previous meeting within a quarterly time interval..” (RONR, 11th ed., p. 306, ll.24-29)