

2015 National FFA Parliamentary Procedure CDE

Finals

Team Problem Solving Activity

Scenario

Assume that the following scenario occurred during today's meeting:

Member A: "I move that the chapter host a weekend leadership training session for all Greenhand members." The motion was seconded and restated by the President.

Member A: "Mr. President"

President: "Member A"

Member B: "Mr. President"

President: "Member B"

Member B: "I move to Reconsider the vote on the motion to send 10 members to the National FFA Convention."

Member C: "I seconded the motion."

Member A: "I rise to a Point of Order."

President: "Member A state your point."

Member A: "I was assigned the floor and have a right to speak on the main motion."

President: "Your point is well taken. Member A you have the floor."
(Member A debates main motion and sits down)

Member B: "Mr. President"

President: "Member B"

Member B: "I move to Reconsider the vote on the motion to send 10 members to the National FFA Convention. I voted on the prevailing side when the motion passed."

President: The question is on the motion to reconsider the vote on the motion to send 10 members to the National FFA Convention. Is there any debate?

Questions (45 pts.)

1. Was Member B in order when he rose and after obtaining the floor, moved to Reconsider the vote on the motion to send 10 members to the National FFA Convention? (9 pts.)

Yes, the motion to Reconsider can interrupt a speaker if he has not begun to speak.

“Is in order (with respect to making the motion) even after another person has been assigned the floor, so long as he has not actually begun to speak”
(RONR, p. 320, l. 1-3)

2. If the President was in doubt about how to respond to Member A’s Point of Order what could she have done? (9 pts.)

She could have referred the Point of Order to the judgement of the assembly.

“In cases where the chair, being in doubt, refers the point of order to the judgement of the assembly, and where the point thereby becomes debatable...” (RONR, p. 248, l. 24-26)

3. Was the motion to Reconsider in order when the Main Motion to host a leadership training session was on the floor? (9 pts.)

Yes, the motion to Reconsider was in order when the Main Motion was on the floor.

“The making of this motion has a higher rank than its consideration; that is, the motion can be made and seconded at times when it is not in order for it to come before the assembly for debate or vote.” (RONR, p. 316, l. 32-35)

“With respect to making the motion, takes precedence over any other motion whatever and yields to nothing. The making of this motion is in order when any other question is pending, and also after the assembly has voted to adjourn,” (RONR, p. 317, l. 21-25)

4. What should the President have done when Member B moved to reconsider? (9 pts.)

“If the motion to Reconsider is introduced at a time when it cannot be taken up, the chair does not state the question on it as pending, but asks the secretary to record the motion as made and seconded.” (RONR, p. 317, l. 2-5)

5. When should the motion to Reconsider be taken up? (9 pts.)

“If a motion to Reconsider that involves a main motion cannot be taken up when it is made, then as long as its suspending effect lasts it can be called up and acted upon during any regular meeting, or any special meeting called for that purpose, at any time that no question is pending and no other member has the floor” (RONR, p. 323, l. 9-15)