

## Motion on appealing the ruling of the Chair or Parliamentarian

*Motion: On behalf of the ABC Committee, it is proposed that the OPPM's current language on appeals of Parliamentarian or Chair rulings of any kind, as well as any past precedent on handling such appeals, and any otherwise applicable language in Robert's Rules, be revised, changed and simplified to read as follows, and thereafter placed in one single location in the OPPM:*

*"A Delegate may appeal any ruling of the Chair or Parliamentarian. The appeal must be seconded by another Delegate. The Chair or Parliamentarian will then have up to 90 seconds to state their reasoning for the ruling made, and the Delegate who appeals will have up to another 90 seconds to state their reason for opposing that ruling. The Chair will then ask for a raised-hands poll of the Delegates to determine whether the decision of the Chair or Parliamentarian shall be overruled. If 60% or more of the Delegates present thus vote to overrule the decision, it is held overruled. "*

Current OPPM language on appealing a Chair or Parliamentarian ruling only covers the specific Alternative Motion Process highlighted below. This motion would expand the coverage to other appeals of Chair or Parliamentarian rulings.

Below is the current OPPM text from

OPPM (Operating Policy and Procedures Manual) November 5, 2025

Appendix VIII, pages 74, 79 and 80

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### **APPENDIX VIII – ABC and CBM VOTING RULES**

#### **Rules for ABC Delegate Deliberation and Voting (For Virtual Meetings)**

##### **A. Introduction ....**

*5. The Parliamentarian is entrusted to make decisions about process and order. In the case of submission of alternative motions (described below) the submitting Delegate may appeal the Parliamentarian's ruling to the Chair. The appeal must be seconded by another Delegate. The Delegate who appeals will have up to 90 seconds to voice their appeal. The Chair will then ask for a raised-hands poll of the Delegates to determine whether the Parliamentarian's decision stands or not. If 60% or more wish to overrule the Parliamentarian, the alternative motion will be added. ....*

##### **D. Ballot Proposals, Study Group, Board, and Floor Motions ....**

##### **Study Group, Board, and Time Sensitive Floor Motions ....**

*5. Alternative motion process:.....*

*g. The Parliamentarian will advise whether the language meets the requirements of maintaining the integrity of the original motion.*

*i. If yes, the Chair calls on the next Delegate*

*ii. If no, the Secretary removes it from the list*

**Exception - per the information given at the start of this Appendix, the Delegate may challenge the Parliamentarian's ruling and the Chair will process the objection.**