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From: Darren Churchill [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 4:57 PM
To: FAD
Cc: Roger Howe
Subject: A1 item 5 Part 2 - resending
Attachments: Validity of Motions.pdf; Re [NE-Members] Motions to be tabled for upcoming National Executive Meeting.pdf

Subject: Validity of Motions

From: Darren Churchill [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 06 Sep 2012 22:57:10 +1000

To: Sandra Kanck [REDACTED], Roger Howe [REDACTED]

GENERAL VALIDITY OF MOTIONS FOR AGENDAS

To be a motion proposed topic must be relevant and within the scope of the agenda. Requisites of a valid motion: To be a valid motion following condition must be fulfilled:

1. **Written:** A valid motion must be placed in written form. Any verbal proposal cannot be treated as a motion.
2. **Specific:** Another precondition of a valid motion is, it should be specific. There should not be any kind of ambiguity.
3. **Signed:** A valid motion must be duly signed by the persons who raised it.
4. **Relevant:** The motion must be relevant and within the scope of the agenda of the meeting.
5. **Language:** The language of the motion should be formal and affirmative in most of the cases.
6. **Support:** A valid motion also needs to be supported by another member.

REGARDING ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER (generally accepted as containing rules of order intended to be adopted as a parliamentary authority for use by a deliberative assembly.)

- The Moderator is not under an obligation to entertain a motion, even if it is in order. §40 of Robert's Rules states that absurd, obstructive, offensive, or trivial motions may be ruled invalid by the chair, regardless of whether or not they have been seconded by the membership. This applies to all motions, including secondary motions whose obvious intent is to defeat the purpose of the main motion with a motion not designated by Robert's Rules to do so. [40]

Subject: Re: [NE-Members] Motions to be tabled for upcoming National Executive Meeting
From: Roger Howe [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2012 20:45:34 +1000
To: Hayden Ostrom Brown [REDACTED]
CC: Nat Exec <ne-members@democrats.org.au>, Tim Neal <tim.neal@democrats.org.au>

Hayden,

Motion 1 is out of order, as it contradicts how these positions are filled as per the constitution and standing orders.

non voting positions (at least those due for replacement/renewal were advertised in a recent NJ. If there have been no applicants, they need to be re-advertised. The others for the time being are in place until the first NE after next years ballot. There was a decision about this last year when a similar request was made attempting to force all non-voting positions to be declared vacant for no substantive reason.

I will put the item into the agenda as: Non voting positions

Roger

On Mon, Aug 27, 2012 at 3:39 PM, Hayden Ostrom Brown

[REDACTED] wrote:

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2. That Mr. Darren Churchill forthwith be prohibited and required to cease and is to remove all descriptions in party correspondence, literature etc the designation of '*Acting National President*'.
3. That no further media releases are to be issued until such time as they are approved by the Chair of NE, who shall consult with NE first.

Kind Regards,
Hayden Ostrom Brown

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To: Hayden Ostrom Brown [REDACTED]
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Motion 2:

The SDNP is not using that title. The person who updated it on some electronic material acted a little hastily (believing it was correct). It has already been requested to be fixed up. This is more a procedural matter and has been straightened out.

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Motion 3 is out of order with the constitution, regulations and standing orders.

The President is entitled to issue statements to the Public and Media about the organisational running of the party.

It is the duty of the Campaign Director leading the National Campaign Committee to manage the political presence of the party including issuing and authorising media releases which is required by electoral law. Also, there is no President, the chair of NE is the Senior Deputy National President, who does the work of the president (a locum) until the position is balloted again. This has already been covered previously.

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