

## ***You Already Know Parliamentary Procedure!***

Too often people think that Parliamentary Procedure or Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) are restrictive, rigid, and cumbersome. The truth is that RONR is a reference manual. It is the guide that tells you what to do in any organized society where no other rules exist. It can help you run effective and efficient meetings without wasting time which is such a precious commodity in today's time. Please visit <http://www.eastsideplu.org/> for more information and resources.

### ***Informal Phrase***

“Hey - I have an idea.”

“Oh yeah?”

“let's go for a walk on the beach.”

“Great idea! Let's do it.”

“I love walking. It's refreshing.”

“I dunno. I'd rather watch the basketball game on TV.”

“What about walking to the sports bar to watch the game there?”

“Yeah, that sounds better.”

“I'm confused. What are we talking about?”

“Well, let's make a decision.”

“OK, what shall we do, walking or watch the game?”

“More want to walk. Off we go.”

### ***Parliamentary Equivalent***

*Seeking Recognition*

*Being acknowledged (floor)*

*Stating a motion*

*Motion has been seconded*

*Motion is discussed*

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*Amendment to the motion*

*Amended motion is accepted.*

*Point of Information.*

*Call for the vote*

*Members vote.*

*Vote is concluded, the majority wins and the decision is stated for the record*

