

A SHORT GUIDE TO PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

This information has been assembled due to frequent requests from members of the Area Assembly regarding the method of conducting the assembly business. However, it should be stressed that studying and utilizing the principles in A.A.'s Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts can provide the most useful guide to assembly protocol. We use parliamentary procedure, when necessary, to ensure that courtesy is given to assembly members, and to promote the orderly exchange of ideas. These procedures were developed to *serve* the assembly - not to stifle it.

When we are at our best, we function almost entirely by using thoughtful consideration of our basic principles.