

Proposal # _____

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Rule 2: Voting Procedure and Motions

Problem: To quote a former chair, “So, privileged motions are a giant pain in the ass.” It is often the case that a few people dominate the discussion in the convention hall by abusing interrupting motions, so much so that more time is typically spent resolving Points of Order than in regular debate. How many times have we heard a confused delegate say “Point of Something”? In addition, there are often multiple Points of Order that pop up at the same time, and we ought to have a clean way to address that.

Solution: Allow the chair, if she chooses, to designate one microphone specifically as the interrupting motion microphone. Disallow interrupting motions from the other microphones, and only allow interrupting motions from the interrupting microphone. If there are multiple people at the interrupting microphone, enforce the order in line, regardless of how excited the person is in the back.

Benefits: Many.

- Interrupting motions will be expedited.
- There’s no more cutting in line for debate, pissing off everybody else in that line.
- It will cut down on walking time for the people who will live at the interrupting microphone.
- It will allow the chair to take interrupting motions one at a time.
- It will clarify for less experienced delegates which motions are interrupting and which are not.
- We could make a cute little sign on the interrupting microphone, with instructions about what Point of Order, Point of Personal Privilege, and Request for Information mean.
- It will prevent the unhappy scenario of the Point of Order that in the heat of battle got skipped over during a previous Point of Order.
- It will prevent some hollering and pushing.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
New Section	<u>3. The Chair may designate one microphone to be used exclusively for interrupting motions, and may choose to only accept interrupting motions from that microphone.</u>	3. The Chair may designate one microphone to be used exclusively for interrupting motions, and may choose to only accept interrupting motions from that microphone.

You guys might think I'm joking about this, but I actually think this could dramatically improve the convention experience of the average delegate. It's the change I'm personally most excited about, and whose impact could make conventions operate more like one imagines they're supposed to operate.

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MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~**red bold italic strikethrough**~~.
- Additions are in **blue bold underline**.
- Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership