

## Quotes from Moderator's Parliamentary Procedure Training

### Henry Martyn Robert

“One can scarcely have had much experience in deliberative meetings of Christians without realizing that the best of men (and women), having wills of their own, are liable to attempt to carry out their own views without paying sufficient respect to the rights of their opponents.”

“The object of Rules of Order is to assist an assembly to accomplish in the best possible manner the work for which it was designed. To do this it is necessary to restrain the individual somewhat, as the right of an individual, in any community, to do what (s)he pleases is incompatible with the interests of the whole.”

“The great lesson for democracies to learn is for the majority to give to the minority a full, free opportunity to present their side of the case and then for the minority, having failed to win a majority to their views, gracefully to submit and to recognize the action as that of the entire organization and, and cheerfully to assist in carrying it out, until they can secure its repeal.”

### Book of Order

G-9.0302

Meetings of governing bodies... shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*...

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The moderator possesses the authority necessary for preserving order and for conducting efficiently the business of the governing body.