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Report of Parliamentarian

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Robert's Rules of Order is revised every ten years. The latest edition will be unveiled in late August at a major national training conference of the National Association of Parliamentarians, and will be available in book stores beginning September 1. The retail price is not known at this time, but the member pre-order rate is \$32.00 for the hard cover edition.

The National Association of Parliamentarians has accepted pre-orders from its members to be picked up at the conference in San Antonio. Books will be mailed on September 1 to members who pre-order but who do not attend the national conference.

This parliamentarian has learned there is no discounted price for bulk orders. Unfortunately no such discount is being extended. This parliamentarian surmises this policy is to avoid the possibility of making it a local fundraiser, i.e., organizations purchasing books in bulk and then selling them at a profit.

In the past the changes have been primarily matters of clarification rather than actual changes. This parliamentarian anticipates that changes may be more extensive this time and may emphasize electronic options, such as virtual meetings and electronic voting. She would hope there will be proposed wording for including these options in bylaws or standing rules.

This may be an appropriate time for Councils to check bylaws under Parliamentary Authority. It is recommended that the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised be listed as its parliamentary authority.

Councils at various levels may wish to consider wording similar to the following:

"The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Council in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Council may adopt."

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