

**Proposed Motion**

**Modern Parliamentary Procedures**

**Proposed Board Motion**

That PAA adopt Modern Parliamentary Procedures (MPP) rather than Roberts Rules of Order and initiate the required policy changes if that bylaw passes.

**Motion by** Heather Gower, PAA Board Custodian

**Strategic Plan Relevance** Focus on PAA’s membership value

**2020-2021 Goal Relevance** None

**Risk Level** Low

**Budget Relevance** None

**Background**

We are required, for the legal purposes of being a nonprofit, and for audit purposes, to adopt and follow [rules of order](#) for PAA Board Meetings.

**February 2021** Heather Gower did a brief presentation on MPP highlighting considerations such as:

- Developed by the APA for Psychology Professional Associations
- Used by most psychology associations, committees, etc. in the USA.
- Simplified version of Roberts Rules of Order

There was agreement that it was not worth investing in a comparative analysis of both Roberts Rules & MPP, and there was support for the fact that so many other psychology jurisdictions have adopted this model developed by and for psychology professional associations so, instead, board members should familiarize themselves with MPP to make the decision.

Brief overview of MPP is available at [parliamentary-procedure.pdf \(apa Divisions.org\)](http://parliamentary-procedure.pdf(apa Divisions.org))

Division 31 is the division of the American Psychological Association dedicated to professional associations of psychology in the states, territories, and provinces.

Example – bylaw of APA Division 31

The rules contained in Keesey's *Modern Parliamentary Procedure* shall, except when modified by special rules of order adopted by the Board of Directors of the Division, govern the conduct of all meetings of the Division.

**Proposed Bylaw Changes**

**15.0 RULES OF ORDER**

Except where otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws, the current edition of ~~Robert's Rules of Order~~ **Keesey's Modern Parliamentary Procedures** shall govern all procedural matters at all meetings of the Association, the Board, the Executive Committee and all committees and task forces.