

**CODE CHANGES 2020:
REMOTE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

TO: Council
FROM: President
March 2020

Amendment to allow for virtual meetings of Council.

Additions are indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated by striking through (~~like this~~).

SECTION III: MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Article 1. Rules of Order

3. (a) ***Subject to paragraph 45 below***, Council meetings shall be held in the Forum, unless Council resolves, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, to meet elsewhere.

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41. Remote Attendance

- (a) ***Subject to paragraph 45 below, during*** ~~During~~ the months of September through April inclusive, Council members who are unable to attend a meeting of Council shall not be permitted to take part in debate or vote by telephone or electronic means. They may only take part in debate and vote if physically present.
- (b) Between the months of May and August inclusive, Council members shall, at the discretion of the Chair, be permitted to attend Council meetings remotely, that is, to take part in debate and vote by telephone or electronic means, provided that the conditions specified in paragraphs (c) and (d) below are met.
- (c) The Executive Committee and the Speaker of Council shall maintain a reliable means for members of Council to attend meetings remotely, preferably by a video conferencing system or alternatively by speaker phone or other similar device, so long as whatever system or device is used all members attending, whether in person or remotely, can hear each other and participate in debate.
- (d) The Executive Committee and the Speaker of Council shall also maintain a reliable means for members of Council who are attending meetings remotely to cast both roll call votes and secret ballot votes.

(e) Council members attending remotely shall not count towards quorum. Only Council members or their proxies attending in person shall count towards quorum.

45. *In extraordinary circumstances, where it is not possible to hold a Council meeting at which Council members attend in person, the President may decide to conduct a Council meeting entirely by means of teleconference or videoconference, the logistics for which shall be arranged by the President, the Speaker, and Society staff.*