

Principles of Parliamentary Procedure

I. History of Parliamentary Procedure

- A. The "Parli Pro" used today comes from Robert's Rules of Order.

- B. Henry Martyn Robert did not know how to run an effective meeting.
 - a. He studied parliamentary law.
 - b. He wrote a user friendly how-to manual in 1876.
 - c. His ninth edition of Robert's Rules of Order was published in 1990.

C. Purpose of Parliamentary Procedure

- a. To provide order to a meeting
- b. To provide focus for the meeting
- c. To ensure fairness for all members of the meeting

D. General Principles of "Parli Pro"

- a. Majority rule/minority rights
- b. Deal with one matter at a time
- c. Members have rights & obligations
 - 1. Right to be heard
 - 2. Right to oppose
 - 3. Right to request information

