

Subject Matter of Motion	New Advisory Council Standing Rule – Proposals, Motions, and Discussion Topics
Audience & Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors Action <input type="checkbox"/> Business Proposal to Management <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advisory Council Work Process
Statement of Issue	Proposals and motions occur during meetings with votes only minutes away, giving members very little time to deliberate and no ability to seek considerations from impacted parties. Complex issues are better begun as discussion topics (no immediate vote requested) to be followed up in a future meeting with a proposal/motion for adequate deliberation.
The motion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Council voting members will provide written discussion topics in detail 4 weeks prior to the meeting at which they seek discussion. • The Chair may assign several members to make ready proposals prior to a vote. • The Chair may require all proposals with material impact on ACBL business to be written in standard form using the standard template, and submitted two to four weeks in advance of the meeting in which it will be considered by the Advisory Council. • The Chair may require any motion (codification changes and bylaws amendments) be reviewed for language and consistency with the current regulations prior to allowing a floor vote by the Advisory Council. This excludes Motions for Reconsideration. • All codification and bylaw motion votes are held at general Advisory Council meetings.
Discussion	<p>This proposed rule brings discipline to the change process managed by the Advisory Council, and will have a positive impact on how our proposals are received.</p> <p>Motions for Reconsideration work best when at least one material fact or identified flaw in the decision is included. Simply making the motion because we do not like a decision will not lead to successful reconsideration.</p>
Material impacts	Advisory Council members prepare their change motions and discussion topics in advance so their peers can discern the topic. Requiring codification and bylaws change motions to be voted at general meetings allows the Advisory Council time to sound out members we represent on these issues. The AC Chair and the initiator of the proposal must ensure discussion topics and proposals reach an acceptable action step.
Reasons to adopt the motion	We improve communication, engage the entire Advisory Council in the issue/opportunity, bring good discipline to the change management process, put proposals to management outside the motion process where they belong, and structure our change proposals more completely, giving them a better chance of success. We avoid the silly “Reconsideration because we disagree” waste of time.
Risk if the motion is not adopted	If we are not clear about discussion topics, complex issues will never get the discernment they deserve. If we do not call out business proposals from motions, we will miss the opportunity for constructive change and will codify too much, effectively strangling management. If we fail to bring discipline to our motion process, we will fail to communicate the importance of the change in governance we seek. If we fail to provide a material basis for Reconsideration, we risk being ignored as we had been for many years in the past.

Respectfully Submitted,
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