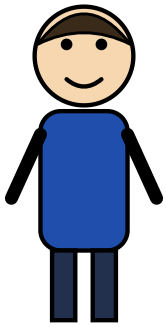
Points, Motions and Voting

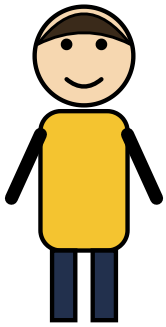
A Comic About Lena's Committee

1. Roll call opens the session.

Do I say "present" or "present and voting"?

"Present" keeps our right to abstain on resolutions.



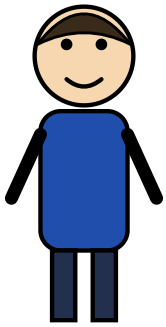


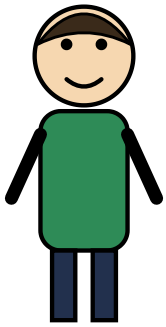
We choose our answer before we log in.

2. The speakers list opens.

I raise my placard the first time the Moderator asks.

The speaking time is one minute.



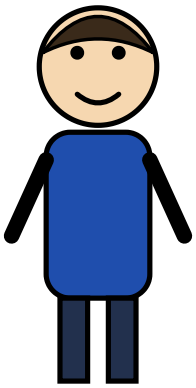


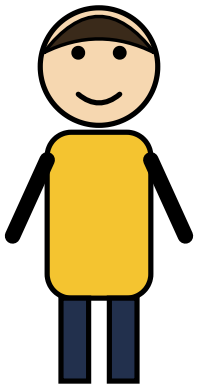
We practise our opening speech so it fits inside sixty seconds.

3. Lena cannot hear the speaker.

Point of personal privilege.
I cannot hear the speaker.

It is the only point that
may interrupt a speaker.

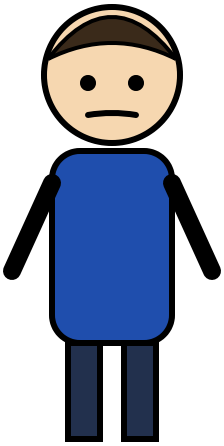




We use it with great care.

4. Lena moves for a moderated caucus.

The motion needs
a simple majority.



A topic: funding for clean water.

A speaking time: forty-five seconds.

A total time: ten minutes.

We state a topic, a speaking time and a total time.

5. The committee moves for an unmoderated caucus.

We state only a total time.

This is when we find allies and write papers together.



An unmoderated caucus needs a simple majority.

6. The committee enters voting procedure.

May I abstain on this resolution?

In a substantive vote, abstaining is allowed.



Resolutions pass with a simple majority.