Resolution #2018-

**Subject**: Parliamentary Authorities

**Source**: National Constitution & By-Laws Committee

**WHEREAS,** The use of Roberts Rules of Order was shifted from being authoritative to being a guideline several years ago; and

**WHEREAS,** When it shifted, it meant that anything that was not spelled out in the Constitution & By-Laws was at the whim of whoever was running the meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** This has the possibility of people taking advantage of picking and choosing what to follow and what not to in Roberts Rules and thus squashing other opinions; and

**WHEREAS,** The main function of Roberts Rules is to ensure the will of the majority is ultimately carried, but that those who disagree can state their case beforehand; therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the verbiage in Constitution, Article XIV, Section 2 shall be changed to read “Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters not specifically covered in the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization. Any conflict among these authorities shall be governed in the following precedence: The Constitution first, the By-Laws second, National Appendices third, Standing Rules fourth and the provisions of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised being last.”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: ADOPT  AMEND  REJECT  NONE 

**FLOOR ACTION**: ADOPTED  ADOPTED (as amended)  REJECTED  TABLED 