

# MAIN MOTIONS PACKET

## **ASRT House of Delegates Procedure Manual**

### **I. Motions**

*(Reference Article XI of the ASRT Bylaws)*

#### **A. Submission of Motions**

1. House business is presented in main motion format. Main motions may be submitted to the Commission via the vice speaker of the House by the following individuals or groups:
  - a. Delegates, with a second by another delegate.
  - b. Chapters.
  - c. Affiliates.
  - d. Board of Directors.
  - e. Commission.
  - f. Committees.
2. Each main motion submitted to the House vice speaker shall be in writing and clearly indicate the title, action, maker, seconder and a brief rationale.
  - a. If the electronic version of the motion form is used, the maker's and seconder's typed names will be accepted as official signatures.
3. A resolution is an elaborate, formally written main motion containing "Whereas" sections explaining the rationale and a "Resolved" section that states the specific intent of the resolution. Most House business does not need to be presented in a resolution format. In many cases, the "Resolved" statement is the same statement that can be used as a more simply written main motion.
4. Only the "Resolved" section of resolutions is voted on and reported in the House of Delegates minutes.
5. During House of Delegate business sessions, all credentialed delegates may make motions. All motions shall be written and signed by the maker and seconder.

# **ASRT Bylaws**

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Commission and Main Motions**

#### **Section 1. Composition and Responsibilities of the Commission**

- A. The Commission shall consist of a chairman and members appointed by the speaker of the House.
- B. Main motions shall be submitted to the Commission via the vice speaker of the House.
  - 1. Main motions submitted by individual delegates must be seconded by another delegate.
  - 2. Main motions submitted on behalf of chapters must be adopted by a majority of the chapter steering committee.
  - 3. Main motions submitted on behalf of affiliates must be adopted by the affiliate's board of directors.
  - 4. Main motions submitted on behalf of Board of Directors, Commission and committees must be adopted by a majority of the submitting group.
  - 5. Only motions submitted by individual delegates need to be seconded.
- C. The Commission shall distribute main motions as follows: Practice-related main motions shall be reported to the House of Delegates by the Commission; operational main motions shall be reported to the House of Delegates by the Board of Directors; and main motions containing Bylaw implications or Bylaw amendments shall be reported to the House of Delegates by the Committee on Bylaws.

#### **Section 2. Deadline**

Proposed main motions from any approved source other than the Board of Directors and the Commission shall be received by the vice speaker of the House by the first business day of January.

#### **Section 3. Notification**

Main motions received by the Commission and sent to the House of Delegates shall be sent to the delegates 45 days prior to the beginning of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

#### **Section 4. Late Main Motions**

- A. Late main motions received by the speaker of the House prior to the beginning of the first business meeting of the House of Delegates shall be read and require a two-thirds vote of the delegates to be debated.

## Writing a Main Motion

Before writing a main motion to be considered by the ASRT Commission, stop and think:  
**Is it a position statement or should it be placed in the Practice Standards?**

