

## NOTES FROM THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

The following two questions are among ones that are repeatedly received on the Question and Answer Forum maintained by the Robert's Rules Association at [www.robertsrules.com](http://www.robertsrules.com)

1. Is it true that, once a quorum has been established, it continues to exist no matter how many members leave during the course of the meeting?

Answer: NO. Once a quorum at a meeting has been established, the continued presence of a quorum is presumed to exist only until the chair or any other member notices that a quorum is no longer present. If the chair notices the absence of a quorum, he or she should declare this fact, at least before taking any vote or stating the question on any new motion. Any member noticing the apparent absence of a quorum can and should make a POINT OF ORDER to that effect whenever another person is not speaking. (RONR (10<sup>th</sup> edition) pg.337; see also pg. 12-13 of RONR in brief.

2. In determining the result of a vote, what constitutes a majority?

Answer: The word “majority” in this context means, simply, more than half. The use of any other definition, such as 50 percent plus one, is apt to cause problems. (RONR 10<sup>th</sup> edition Pg. 387 and page 66 of RONR in brief.)

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## THE WEBMASTER ASKS...

Have you checked out our SPR web site lately? There have been many updates over the last few months. Kudos to Lorenzo Cuesta for helping us! Lorenzo's expertise is greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder to keep the Webmaster advised of any changes to your club and council meeting information. Pictures of your club events are welcome. Please check for photo tips on the submission policy located on the left hand column of the home page: <http://nofearspeak.com>.

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