

Commitment of the Chair

Good leadership in a parliamentary sense should include a commitment to the following:

1. I will control the meeting as a servant of the members.
2. I will know and enforce the rights of each and every member.
3. I will model courtesy and respect and insist on courtesy and respect.
4. I will control who speaks by "**Recognizing**" all members.
5. I will keep the group on topic.
6. I will prevent members from being interrupted.
7. I will not allow anyone to speak twice until all who wish have spoken.
8. I will teach members to use "**Point of Order**" to correct errors, and to "Appeal" my decisions.
9. I will teach members to use "**Point of Information**" to get answers.
10. I will recognize the body is the final authority.

***NOTE: While 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 are defined in Robert's Rules of Order, the rest are purely an example of good leadership inline with parliamentary procedures.**