

## Motion Writing 101 For 2023 SLP AGM

• Motions are your way to accomplish goals with the SLP. All motions must be signed off by an executive member.

• Motions should clearly state the goal, background information, and where applicable any steps you propose for this motion to occur

o Motions are not supposed to include any reasoning (that is what you motivate the motion for)

- The title can be creative and fun
- Put yourself as the mover
  - o You can either find a seconder, or the chair will get one at the meeting
  - o Needs a seconder for the motion to be discussed
- Goal is a brief statement explaining what you wish the outcome of the motion to be:

o I.E. To have SLP's official colour be tortoise pink

o Not to include other information, I.E. "To make SLP pink because red is bad"

• Whereas statements are background information you wish to provide to the readers of the motion

o Need to be facts, not opinions

o I.E. Whereas there are 5 committees

o Not: Whereas red is the best colour

• BIRT should be concise, and they state the specifics of what you want to be implemented if the motion passes

o This is the way you will achieve the goal

o This is the "meat" of the motion, what you want to happen

What to expect at the General Meeting:

- Motion is read
- Motion requires a seconder if not submitted with one
- Mover motivates
- Seconder motivates
- Speakers list opened for and against



- o Ask for all speakers
- o One turn each
- o Up to 2 questions for each speaker, with response
- o Alternate for, against, for, against
- o Can add yourself to the list afterwards with a note to the chair
- o No motions during the speakers list
- General discussion
  - o Anyone can have speaking turn
  - o Must have recognized speaking turn to make a motion
- Motions to amend, to table, to split the question, to call to question can be made

Title:	
Mover:	
Seconder:	
Goal:	
Whereas:	
Whereas:	
BIRT:	
BIRT:	
Result:	
Discussion:	