

How to Speak to a Motion

Before you go to the microphone:

- 1) Put your thoughts on paper and try to say something that hasn't already been said before or at least say it with a new twist.
- 2) Continue listening to the debate. If your point has already been made by someone before you, you can bow out of the line and return to your seat.
- 3) Consult with your table mates about ideas and thoughts (but not too loudly, be considerate of the speaker).

When you go to the microphone:

- 4) Wait to be acknowledged by the chair.
- 5) Say your name, parish, community.
- 6) State if you are in support or against this motion.
- 7) State your thoughts as clearly as possible supporting your argument with fact or thought.
- 8) Finish with a thank you and return to your seat.
- 9) You make speak only once to each motion.

