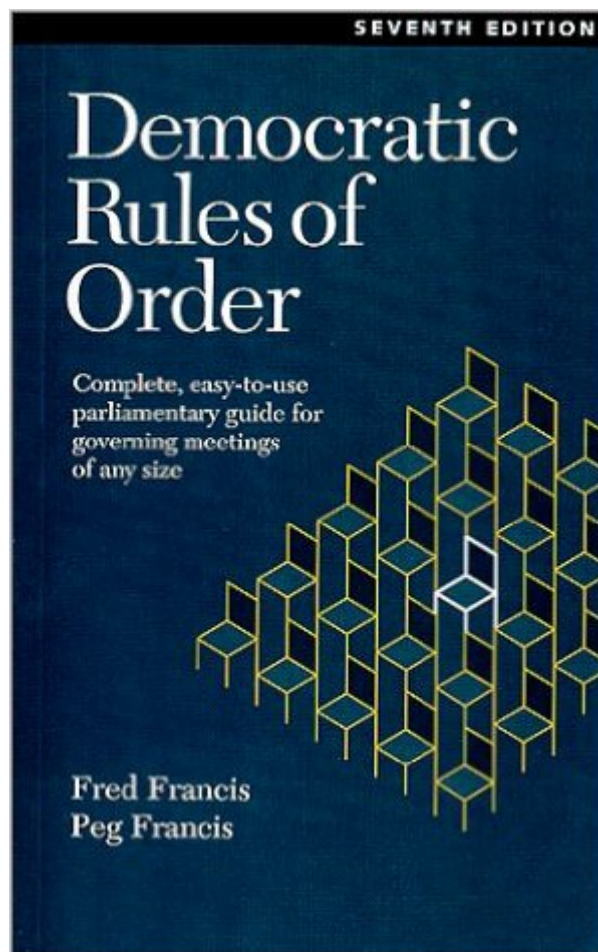


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# Democratic Rules Of Order : Complete, Easy-To-Use Parliamentary Guide For Governing Meetings Of Any Size



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Democratic Rules of Order is a complete, concise, parliamentary guide, made to be adopted as the official rules of order for meetings of any size. It is not an abridgement of other books though it includes much common practice. Its rules are written in plain language, free of complex protocol and jargon, to enable people to participate in meetings equally and efficiently. Since the rules do not contain complicated procedures, which reduce the rights of members less familiar with them, they produce a significantly higher standard of democracy. Meetings deliver better decisions with greater ease. The 9th edition was published in 2010.

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Fred and Peg Francis have done an amazing job. Their book is absolutely indispensable for anyone who conducts meetings or participates in democratic discussion at any level from the parliamentary right down to school boards, environmental protection groups, churches, even book clubs or social gatherings. What the Francis' have admirably succeeded in doing is cutting through the forbidding complexities of running a meeting and reducing them to a simple set of common-sense rules which anyone can follow. With this handy guide, the frustrations which accompany many meetings can be sharply reduced and democratic participation improved. Anyone who has conducted or participated in meetings and struggled with the daunting complexities of Roberts or other rule books will be thrilled at how this little book--you can read it in an hour--will smooth out the rough edges of meetings and greatly improve the harmony and satisfaction of attendees. Over the years I have

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