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Parliamentary Term	Definition
1. Assembly:	A body of people assembled for the transaction of business.
2. Division of the Assembly:	A motion requiring that a vote taken by voice or by show of hands must be taken by rising.
3. Germane :	Closely related. The same subject matter. Example: An amendment must be germane to the motion to which it is applied.
4. Immediately Pending Question:	The latest question {motion} stated by the chair when more than one question is pending.
5. Plurality Vote:	The largest number of votes received by a candidate or proposition when three or more choices are possible. A plurality vote that is not a majority does not decide a question of election except by specific rules of the organization.
6. Precedence, Takes, outranks:	Used in reference to the order in which motions can be introduced and considered by the assembly.
7. Putting the Question:	Putting the motion to a vote.
8. Revision of the Bylaws:	A complete set of bylaws submitted as a substitute for existing bylaws.
9. Session: program.	A meeting or a series of meetings with a single order of business, agenda, or program.
10. Seconding a Motion:	A second merely means that the member agrees that the motion should come before the meeting and not necessarily that he or she favors the motion.

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