

## **How to Draft a Motion: The Basics**

The structure of SRC and SSC motions is very basic. Each contains three main sections; notes, believes, and resolves. Below is a brief guide of what goes in each section.

### **EVERY MOTION NEEDS A TITLE**

#### **NOTES:**

- This is the section in which you include undisputed evidence that supports your motion.
- This section is for facts and figures that your fellow council members can't disprove.
- If you make a point in this section make sure it is 100% factual.
- Examples of facts: Scotland is a place. Louise Richardson is the Principal. You can eat cake with a fork.
- This section is the backbone of your argument and will help you during debate.
- Always know where you got your facts so that you can back up your points, and if you feel it necessary include a list of your resources as an additional paper.

#### **BELIVES:**

- This is the section in which you state your beliefs.
- You want to tie in your beliefs to the point you are trying to make.
- Don't just throw in This SRC believes Skyfall is a good movie if you are talking about Green Week.
- But you can pretty much say whatever you want if you believe that as a result of actions taken something will happen.
- Examples: This SRC believes that putting puppies in the library would make people happy. This SSC believes that free champagne on Tuesdays would make people happy.
- This SSC and SRC believe that Dragons are the coolest mythical creature.

#### **RESOLVES:**

- This is the section in which you write what you actually want the motion to do.
- It needs to be a definitive action, otherwise people will get confused.
- Examples: This SRC mandates the DoRep to buy a puppy. This SSC mandates the DoSERV to buy a hot tub for the Main Bar.
- This is the most important section because it will determine what actions are taken should the motion pass.

**EVERY MOTION NEEDS A PROPOSER**

**EVERY MOTION NEEDS A SECONDER**