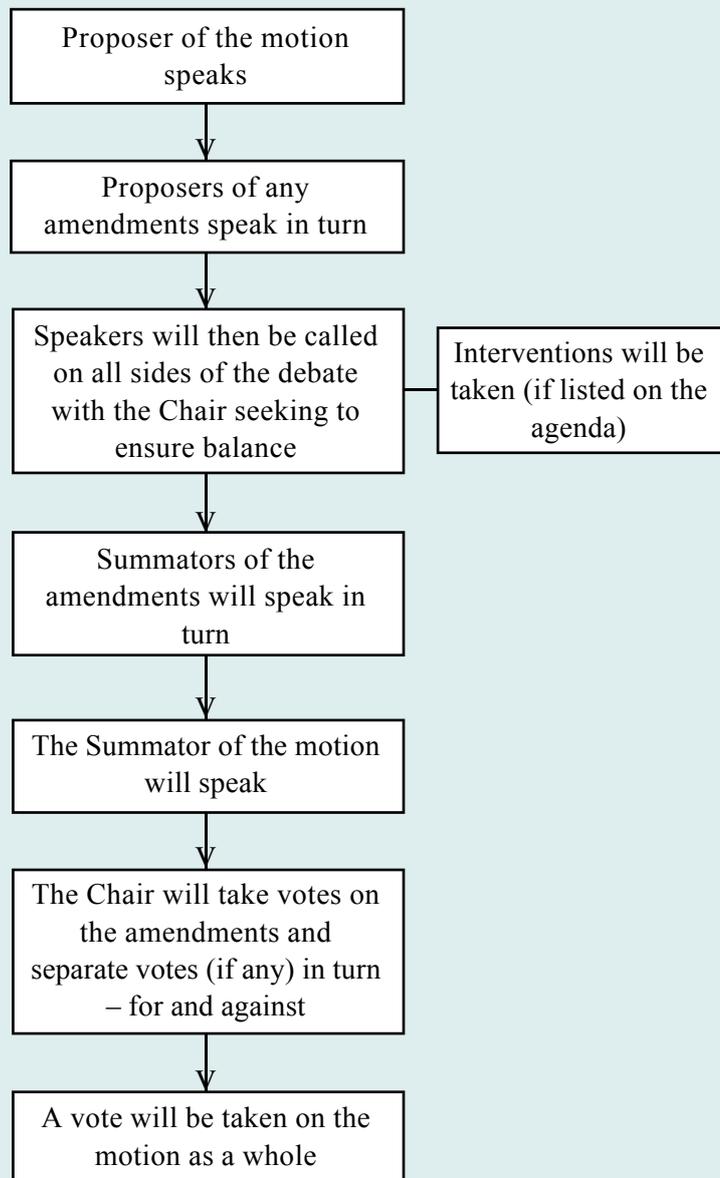


# How conference debates are run

**Policy and business motions:** generally, conference will consider a motion in the following way:



**Voting:** decisions on the motion, on amendments and separate votes are by simple majority of those voting.

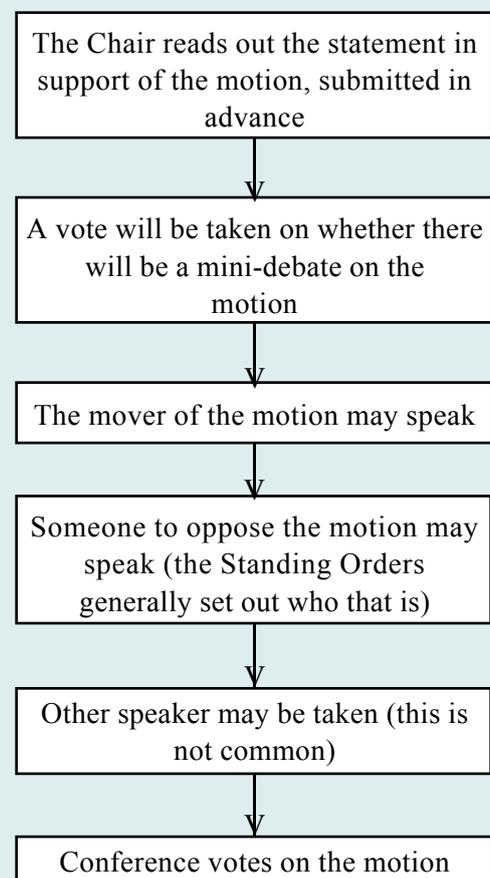
**Separate vote:** any member can submit a request for a separate vote – for procedure and deadlines see the guide on conference standing orders. When a separate vote is taken, the Chair shall ask conference to vote on whether to delete or retain the specified words or section.

**Counted vote:** the Chair of the session may decide that a vote is so close that it needs to be counted. Alternatively, if any member wants a counted vote, they may request one from the floor; if 12 other members stand and show their voting cards in support, a count will be taken.

**Procedural motions** concern the procedure by which conference operates. They are:  
 -Reference Back (to stop debate and send the motion to a specified body for more work);  
 -Suspension of Standing Orders (to lift one or more of the rules governing the operation of conference).

They may be submitted by a member writing to the chair with a statement of reason (not exceeding 100 words)

They generally work in the following way (there are some exceptions – see Standing Orders for specific guidance):



**Voting:** decisions on procedural motions are made by simple majority of those voting, except for the suspension of standing orders, which requires the support of two-thirds of those voting.