



December Quiz

RONR (11th ed.) has a Table of Contents plus Preface and Introduction (pp. ix-liii), Chapter I through Chapter XX of text (pp. 1-669), Tinted Pages (t1-t48) and an Index (pp. 671-716). This month's questions refer to that section we refer to as the **Tinted Pages**:

1. Why are the pages called the "Tinted Pages" when they're not tinted, but white like all the rest of the pages in the book?
2. When were they added to the editions of *RONR*?
3. What are all those arrows about on p. t-4 . . . and why are they even there?

Answers from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition:

1 & 2 The "tinted pages" were added into the 7th edition in 1970. This was the edition that changed the publication from *Robert's Rules of Order Revised* to *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. At that time, the added section was in the middle of the volume (between p. 292 and p. 293), was printed on thicker stock paper and was indeed tinted tan in color. Hence the colloquial reference to actual tinted pages. The number of tinted pages was 48 - exactly what it is today.

These tinted pages - found in the middle of the book - continued their location, tint and heavier paper for the 8th edition in 1981. In the 9th edition in 1990, they remained in the middle and retained their tan tint, but the pages were printed on regular paper, not on card stock. Move forward to the 10th edition in 2000 and the pages were re-located to the back of the book, following the text and before the Index, which is where they are today for the 11th edition published in 2011. When the move was made for the 10th edition, the pages remained on regular paper but the tinting of the pages was removed. To help identify the location of those pages (since they were no longer on heavier stock paper and no longer actually tinted), the 10th and 11th editions have a gray stripe along the outer edge of the page which can be seen if the book is held sideways. But they are still called the "tinted pages" and not the "gray edged pages!"

3. The current version of p. t.4 has arrows of different gray and black tones, some solid and some dashed, not easily distinguished. But in the 7th, 8th and 9th editions, those arrows were more distinguishable with different colors and different dashes. The idea of the arrows was to show that Subsidiary Motions could each be applied to the motions below it, that Limiting or Extending Debate could apply to motions below on the list of precedence, and that Previous Question and Amend could apply to motions both below and above in rank. Hopefully, the chart

below (notice the tinted color) will give you an idea of how those arrows were possibly more understandable before the color was taken out of the chart in 2000.

