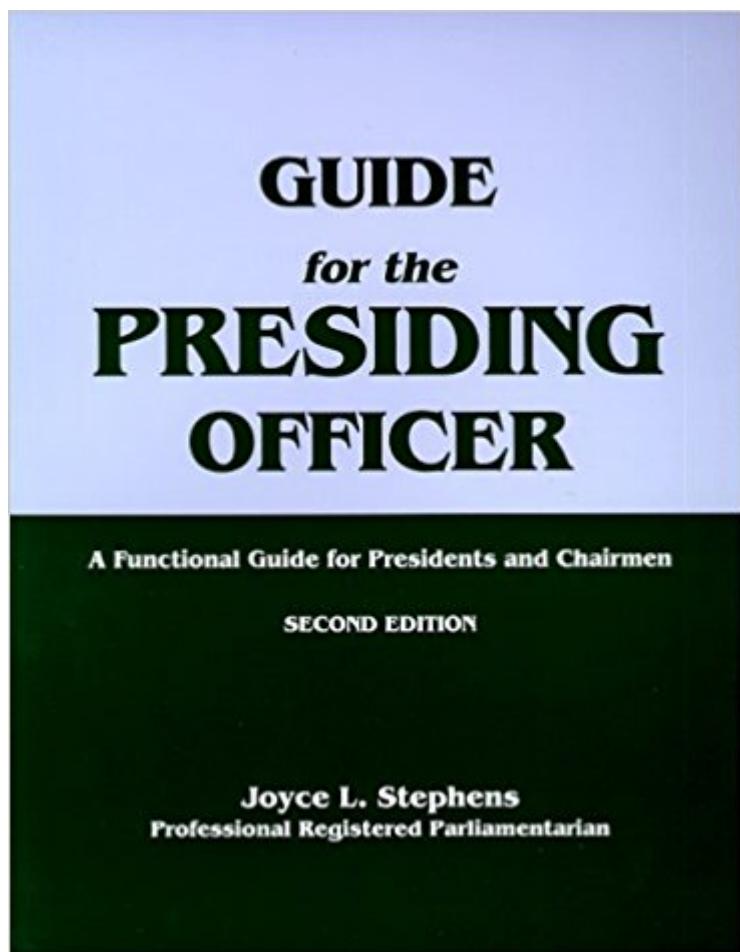


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# Guide For The Presiding Officer: A Functional Guide For Presidents And Chairmen



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