

1.5 KWUNSENSUS MEETING PROCESS

1.5.1 PROCESS CHART (see the last page of this chapter)

1.5.2 AMENDMENTS

1.5.2.1 FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS:

- A.** At the beginning of the amendment process, the facilitator shall ask if the amendment is friendly. If all voting board members agree that the amendment is friendly, then the amendment is voted upon immediately (by majority vote).
- B.** If any voting Board member finds the amendment unfriendly, then the amendment continues using the Kwunsensus process.

1.5.2.2 TIME LIMITS FOR AMENDMENTS: When an amendment is offered, the board facilitator shall set a time limit for the amendment. Time elapsed during amendment procedure will still be considered time elapsed for the main proposal. (50/95)

1.5.3 APPROVAL PROCEDURE: This process is to be used for the approval of the nominations, and results from a referenda or election, in which no amendment will be proposed. Kwunsensus Process will begin as illustrated in the Kwunsensus process chart with proposal presentation, clarifying questions, and discussion. After discussion has ended, the facilitator shall call for a vote: only voting members of the Board will be allowed to vote. An 85% majority vote will be required for a proposal to be approved. If a Board Representative wishes not to vote due to a conflict of interest or some other consideration, they will be recorded as abstaining. Such Board Representatives will not be counted as voting Board Representatives for the purpose of reaching an 85% majority. (62/98) (31/2010-2011)

1.5.4 RECONCILIATION:

- 1.5.4.1** A reconciliation committee is called for. The original writers of the proposal and all those calling for reconciliation must be on the committee. Other interested parties may also sit on the committee.
- 1.5.4.2** The committee shall meet and write up a modified version of the proposal for reconsideration by the board. This modified proposal should be submitted to the coordinating committee for the next board meeting or at the latest by the second meeting following initial consideration. If the committee has irreconcilable differences, then the original proposal should be resubmitted. If a modified proposal is not received by the coordinating committee in time for inclusion on the agenda of the second board meeting, then it will be presumed that there were irreconcilable differences and the original proposal shall appear on the agenda for reconsideration. (22/98)
- 1.5.4.3** After the call for reconciliation and before the formation of the reconciliation committee, any voting board member may call for the proposal to be brought to the next board meeting. This motion may pass with a 2/3 vote of the board. (22/98)

1.5.4.4 After a proposal has been called to reconciliation, any board member may call for immediate reconciliation, after which the board may vote by a 2/3 majority to have an immediate reconciliation meeting. This procedure should only be used when time constraints require an immediate decision or when following the normal procedure would lead to ineffective consideration of an issue (i.e. a proposal to purchase a house requiring timely action, the last board meeting of the year, etceteras). The board shall break for at least fifteen minutes in which time the reconciliation committee shall meet. Afterwards, the committee shall bring back a modified proposal for immediate reconsideration. If the committee can not agree to a modified proposal, then the original proposal should be resubmitted. (21/98)

1.5.5 RECONSIDERATION: Process is the same as in "consideration" until the part labeled 'any calls to reconciliation?' is reached. At this point a vote shall be taken and directors may vote "yes", "no" or "abstain." If 85% of all voting directors present (if less than twenty voting members, substitute "all but at most two" for 85%) vote 'yes.' the proposal passes; otherwise, it fails. If a director wishes not to vote due to conflict of interest or some other consideration, he/she may be recorded as abstain" Such directors will not be counted as voting directors for the purpose of this rule. (9-95) (18/98)

1.5.6 KWUNSENSUS: Who, What and How (01/2011-2012)

Action	Who can do it	Then what?
Write proposal	Any member	Submit to a Committee or the ICC President.
Ask questions /discuss	Any member	Talk away.
Offer amendment	Any Board member	Majority vote of voting Board Reps. needed to amend proposal.
State whether an amendment is Friendly or not	Voting Board Rep.	1 “no” vote sends the amendment through the Kwunsensus process, otherwise it is immediately voted on.
Appeal a Decision of the Chair	Any Board member	Majority vote of voting Board Reps.
Call to Suspend the Rules (fm Robert’s Rules)	Any Board member	2/3 vote of voting Board Reps.
Motion to Close Debate (Call the Question) (fm Robert’s Rules)	Any Board member	2/3 vote of voting Board Reps.
Call to Table (fm Robert’s Rules)	Any Board member	Majority vote of voting Board Reps. to postpone discussion and vote to next meeting.
Call to Reconciliation	Voting Board Rep.	Caller must sit on Reconciliation Committee.
Call for Immediate Reconciliation	Voting Board Rep.	2/3 vote of voting Board Reps.
Sit on Reconciliation Committee	Any member	At facilitator’s discretion, Committee may be limited to interested Board members.
Call for Rejection	Any Board member	Voting Board Reps. must consense (every single voting Board Rep.) to reject.
Pass Proposal	Voting Board Reps.	Requires consensus of voting Board Reps. during consideration, or 85% vote of all “yes” and “no” during reconsideration.
Strong Concern	Anyone	State it or write it up and give it to the Minutes Taker for inclusion in the minutes.

85%

2/3

Majority

If this many voting Board Reps. are present.	This many total ‘no’ stop the proposal.	If this many voting Board Reps. are present.	This many constitute 2/3.	If this many voting Board Reps. are present.	This many constitute a majority.
<20	3	19	13	19	10
20-26	4	18	12	18	10
27-33	5	17	11	17	9
34-39	6	16	11	16	9
40-46	7	15	10	15	8
47-53	8	14	9	14	8
53-59	9	13	9	13	7
Current quorum: 10 voting Board Reps.		12	8	12	7
		11	7	11	6
		10	7	10	6

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consideration

