

8.3 Decision Making

The goal of the Standing Committees is to reach as much agreement as possible on a single proposal, unless the Senior Standing Committee requests multiple options. When a consensus proposal cannot be developed for promotion to the Senior Standing Committees, then the Standing Committees shall forward options to the Senior Standing Committee according to procedures noted below:

- At Standing Committees (other than the Senior Standing Committees), all Members have one vote. Members include Voting Members and Affiliate Members;
- Any proposal/option that passes a simple majority threshold, and is preferred over the Status Quo by more than a simple majority threshold, is forwarded to the Senior Standing Committee for consideration. If more than one option receives a simple majority vote, the option with the highest majority and is also preferred to the status quo is presented as the Main Motion at the Senior Committee. Other options may also be forwarded consistent with the section below on Reporting;
- Should the Standing Committee not reach a simple majority on any option, they continue to work until:
 - o They have at least one proposal to forward to the Senior Standing Committee that attains a simple majority; or
 - o They decide to remand an issue back to a Task Force or Subcommittee for further development with clear instructions; or
 - o The Senior Standing Committee asks for multiple proposals even if they do not garner a simple majority of support, or the Senior Standing Committee asks them to stop working on the issue; or
 - o The Standing Committee approves the recommendation by the facilitator to discontinue work on the issue.
- There is no quorum or other participation requirement in voting at the Standing Committees (with the exception of the Members Committee). Votes are taken with the Members present (via phone or in-person) including proxies and affiliates. 8.4 Voting Method

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This methodology applies to all official votes and at Standing Committees, Senior Task Forces, and Subcommittees that report to the Senior Standing Committees (but not straw polling that may be used as described in the Facilitation Tool Box included in Appendix IV).

The matrix in Appendix III provides a consolidated view of the decision-making and voting methods at the various levels in the stakeholder process:

- Any Member, be they a Voting Member or an affiliate Member, may vote;
- All proposals with a sponsor that are requested to be voted, are voted;

- If a proposal listed as a voting item on the agenda and posted by the required posting time, no motion is needed to hold the vote;
- Proposals, posted or not, brought up for vote during a meeting, shall be moved and seconded;
- Each Member gets one vote per proposal;
- The proposal that receives the highest percentage vote above 50% becomes the primary or main motion at the Senior Standing Committee;
- One representative of a company at the meeting may vote for all of its affiliated companies;

An authorized agent may vote for multiple Members:

- Votes shall be taken in the following manner:
 - o Votes on each proposed alternative – each Member may vote yes, no or abstain on each proposed alternative.

- A second vote will be taken asking whether participants prefer each proposed alternative over the status quo. For such votes - each Member may also vote yes, no or abstain.
- The votes for all proposed alternatives and for preference over the status quo will be disclosed after all votes have been taken.

o If any proposed alternative receives greater than 50%, ~~a second non-binding vote will be taken asking whether participants prefer the option with the highest percentage in favor greater than 50% over the status quo, AND~~

~~o If a simple majority prefers the proposed alternative over the status quo, the proposed alternative with the greatest support #~~ will

become the main motion at the Markets and Reliability Committee (MRC), and

any other proposed alternatives that received both greater than 50% support AND greater than 50% preference over the status quo, but not the highest support, will become the

alternative motions at the MRC in descending order of their support. The status quo preference must only exceed the 50% threshold and will have no bearing on the order of voting at the MRC. at the MRC, in descending order of support;

~~o If a simple majority does not prefer any~~ If all proposals fail to achieve both greater than 50% support AND greater than 50% preference over the status quo, the proposed alternative over the status quo,

the chair shall lead a discussion to determine whether to continue working on additional proposed alternatives or to terminate work on the issue and report to its

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parent committee. The report will ~~still~~ include ~~the all~~ solutions, the respective support for each solution that received the highest percentage greater than 50% supports the main motion and the preference of those proposals over the status quo.