

NNOA Rules for eVoting

Quorum: A two-thirds vote is required for motions to carry. Two-thirds vote means two-thirds of the votes cast, ignoring abstentions which should never be counted. This must not be confused with a vote of two-thirds of the members present, or two-thirds of the total membership, terms used in our By-laws. To illustrate the difference: Suppose 15 members vote on a motion where 20 are present out of a total membership of 70. A two-thirds vote would be 10; a two-thirds vote of the members present would be 14; and a vote of two-thirds of the members would be 47.

MOTIONS

1. Only dues-paying NNOA Members will have access and the ability to participate in eVoting on the NNOA website (<http://www.nnoa.org>).
2. Once a motion is made, the President or JAG shall develop the time frame for the eVote. The Proponent of a motion may recommend a time frame for the eVote.
3. A minimum of 48 hours notice shall be provided to all participants via e-mail and via the NNOA website, by the Secretary and Webmaster. Such notice shall include the motion and supporting documentation for the eVote.
4. A "Second" is not necessary for a motion to be considered by eVote.
5. Each new primary/main motion must be made in a separate, new message thread on the eVote portion of the website.
6. New motions in a new message thread may not be introduced while there is another motion currently being debated. No more than one (1) main motion may be considered at one time.

OPENING A QUESTION FOR CONSIDERATION

1. The President or JAG shall assign a number and topic to the motion and shall include the number and topic in the subject line of the thread, "Motion 1 Membership Dues"
2. The subject line must include the word "Motion"
3. The first line of the message thread must begin with "It is moved to (or that)..."
4. The name of the Proponent making the motion shall also be included, "Lieutenant Boyd Davis moves to (or that)..."

DEBATE

1. The Webmaster will create a platform on the website, which all members shall use to debate the motion(s).
2. The President or JAG shall identify the period of time for debate, "Debate shall close at 1700 EST on...."

3. Members may respond within the thread at will, that is, without seeking recognition from the President or JAG.

4. Secondary and incidental motions shall be given a letter designation in the subject line by the President or JAG along with the pertinent additional language. (For example: The main motion is given the number 1. If there is a motion to amend, that amendment is given the designation "a". In the subject line the amendment will be designated "Motion 1-a" Membership Dues *increase in FY14*)

5. Multiple secondary and incidental motions shall be given succeeding letter designations by the President or JAG.

6. In the case of conflicting secondary or incidental motions, the President or JAG shall determine preference in recognition by the date/time stamp on the message threads.

7. The debate period shall close at the date and time previously identified by the President or JAG.

VOTING

1. The motion will be put to a vote immediately after the time for debate has expired. The word "Vote" shall be added in the subject line of the thread. (Example: Vote: Motion 1-a Membership Dues Increase in FY14)

2. The President or JAG shall include the time frame/deadline for the vote, "Voting shall close at 1700 EST on..."

3. Members shall eVote via the website and shall be entitled to only one vote.

4. The Webmaster shall tally the votes and report the result of the vote to the NNOA General Body via the website, including the number of votes cast for and against the motion.

5. The Secretary shall announce the results of the vote via email to the NNOA General Body.

6. The Webmaster shall label the thread "Motion (number) Closed."

SECRETARY'S RECORDS AND MINUTES

1. The Secretary shall compile and maintain the complete thread of the motion and its disposition, including all secondary and incidental motions.

2. The Secretary shall include the complete thread in the NNOA Minutes of the Board of Directors.

3. These Minutes shall be approved at the next regular Executive Board Meeting.

4. Any NNOA member shall have the right to request a copy of the thread of any motion.