

ccNSO Rules and Procedures

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Suggested Order

1. Principles
2. Issues
3. Rules

Proposed Principles

1. The ccNSO is a bottom up organization where the members give guidance to the Council, as stated in the bylaws;
2. The ccNSO is open and transparent to members and non-members
3. The ccNSO will operate transparently and in public, wherever possible and on a non-discriminatory basis
4. There should be minimum periods of notice for meetings and votes
5. There should be a minimum turnout or quorum for a vote to be valid, with a regional representation.
6. The ccNSO operates on the principle of one member, one vote.
7. The ccNSO should be able to make decisions both at face to face (including teleconference) meetings and also by electronic ballot.
8. The ccNSO wishes to allow non members to participate in discussions on issues before the ccNSO.

Quorum

- Only applies to meetings, not online votes
- Options
 1. x% of the total members (eg 50%)
 2. A straight number of y (eg 25 members)
 3. An either/or floor (eg the lower of 25 members or 50%, so if one had 60 members the quorum would be 25)
 4. An either/or ceiling (eg the higher of 25 members or 50%, so if one had 60 members the quorum would be 30)
 5. A minimum number per region (eg 3 members per region must be present)
 6. **Combination such as 50% of the members AND at least two members per region.**

Resolutions

- Simple majority of greater than 50% for normal business
- Super majority of greater than 66% for changes to these rules (once adopted) and instructions to the Council

Notice Periods

- Notice period for meetings by postal mail – 21 days?
- Notice period for meetings by e-mail – 7 to 14 days?

E-mail lists

- ccnso-announce (public, announce only)
- ccnso-council (council only but public archive)
- ccnso-votes (voting reps only)
- ccnso-members (nominees of members only, public archive)
- ccnso-discuss (public, list rules to prevent “hijack”)

Calling an e-mail vote

1. *The ccNSO Council*
2. *The Chair of the ccNSO Council*
3. *X% of members (?10%)*
4. *Any two members who properly move and second a motion*

Timing of e-mail votes

- Suggest three to five days between notice of vote and commencement of vote
- Suggest vote stays open for seven to 21 days

E-Vote Threshold

- If at least a certain percentage (?50%) of the members do not vote, then result is not valid?
- If result is not valid, then a second vote is commenced after x (?14) days which shall be valid regardless of turnout.

Council Decisions

- Require Council to publish all decisions within x (?5) days of making them.
- Decision does not become operational until a further y (?7) days have passed.
- If during that period, at least $z\%$ (?10%) of members object to the decision, then a membership vote is automatically held.

Council Officers

- Proposed voting method is instant runoff where if more than two candidates, they are ranked in order of preference.
- Assume everyone agrees we only want one Chair!
- No of Vice Chairs:
 1. *No Vice-Chair*
 2. *One Vice-Chair (from sep region to Chair)*
 3. *Five Vice-Chairs (one per Region)*
 4. *Four Vice-Chairs, one from every non-chair region*