



NCWM Voting Structure

Proposal by the Board of Directors,
Voting Focus Group

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Overview of Proposal



- Propose to move from one to two voting sessions per calendar year to allow items to move faster
- Propose changing names of meetings and publications
 - Propose modification of current Publication 16 to make agendas easier to follow
- Propose modifying Open Hearings to avoid “marathon sessions”
- Propose modifying how certain carryover items are handled to help with the size of agendas



Background



- Necessity to keep pace with changes in the marketplace
 - Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)
 - Transportation network companies (TNC)/Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
 - Transfer Standards (Field Reference Standards)
 - Gasoline Gallon Equivalent (GGE) for CNG/LNG
 - *Cannabis*
- States adopt Handbooks but can't enforce without Codes
 - Prohibits industry from using newest technology
 - Marketplace lags due to regulation
- Focus Group (FG) within BOD to evaluate NCWM Voting Structure
 - Third generation FG.
 - First discussed in 2016.



Focus Group Objectives



- Enhance function and efficiency of NCWM
- Provide regulators with necessary codes in a timely manner
- Provide industry with ability to utilize most advanced technology
- Keep membership informed throughout process
- Solicit input and feedback from membership throughout process
- Submit Form 15 this Fall



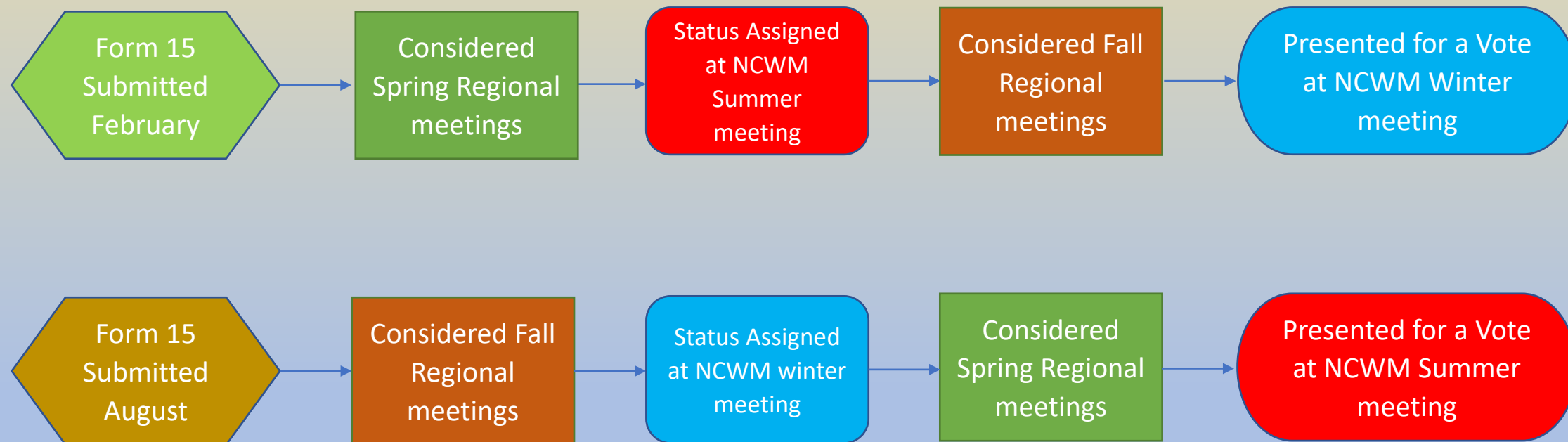
Current Voting Structure



- New proposals made on Form 15 each Autumn
- Regional evaluation and recommendations
- New proposals evaluated at Interim Meeting (January) each year
 - If assigned “Voting” status, can be voted upon at Annual Meeting (July)
 - If not assigned a “Voting” status new proposals cannot be voted upon for no less than **18 months**
- Carryover items discussed every six months, but can only be voted upon every 12 months
- Items can remain on agendas for years
 - Result: Large agendas for standing committees
 - Result: Lengthy time for codes to finalize



Proposed Biannual Cycle





Proposed Voting Structure



- New proposals made in Spring and Fall of each calendar year
- Regional evaluation and recommendations
- New proposals evaluated at both national meetings each calendar year
- All new proposals must go through current entry cycle (i.e., nine months) before they can be voted upon every six months
- Carryover items evaluated every six months
- Carryover items assigned “Voting” status can be voted upon at the next meeting (six months)
- Items will spend less time on agendas
 - Result: Smaller agendas for standing committees
 - Result: Less time for codes to finalize



Publications and Meetings



- Proposal: Change “Interim Meeting” and “Annual Meeting” to “Winter Meeting” and “Summer Meeting”, respectively
 - These two meetings would effectively become the same in structure and business
- Proposal: Publish Publication 16 twice annually (prior to each meeting)
- Proposal: Change name to “Publication 16W” and “Publication 16S” to correlate with meeting names
 - Each publication would be comprised of a front section with all “Voting” items and a back section with all carryover and new items, arranged by standing committee
- Proposal: Retire Publication 15
- Proposal: Extend the “Winter Meeting” (formerly “Interim Meeting”) by one day
 - The registration fee would need to be increased to match/be close to that of the Summer Meeting
- The “Summer Meeting” (formerly “Annual Meeting”) would not change in duration



Open Hearings



- Open Hearings currently held once during meeting for each standing committee (includes all agenda items)
- Due to length and duration of many Open Hearings the FG proposes three Open Hearing segments for each meeting (Winter and Summer)
 - Open Hearings (Voting) - All “Voting” items opened by each standing committee
 - Open Hearings (Developing/Assigned) – Session run by a presiding officer
 - Open Hearings (Informational/New) - All “Informational” items as well as all newly submitted items not heard previously



“Don’t Pass, but Don’t Fail”



- Current agenda items that don’t pass with enough votes, but don’t receive enough “no” votes to fail are carried over until they either pass or fail
- Contributes to very large standing committee agendas
- Proposal: Automatically remove items that do not pass, but do not fail following a voting session from agendas, unless specifically requested by the standing committee to remain on the agenda



Summary of Proposal



- This proposal would change from one to two voting sessions per calendar year to allow items to move faster
- This proposal would change names of meetings and publications
 - This proposal would also modify current Publication 16 to make agendas easier to follow
- This proposal would modify Open Hearings to avoid “marathon sessions”
- This proposal would modify how certain carryover items are handled to help with the size of agendas



Benefits



- Language available sooner for adoption and enforcement
 - Allows regulators to be able to react sooner to marketplace changes
 - Allows industry to utilize new technology sooner
- Improved NCWM response to marketplace changes
 - Puts NCWM further ahead regarding discussions and actions in response to changes in the marketplace
- Reduction in size of standing committee agendas
 - Items fall off agendas sooner
- Shorter Open Hearing sessions
 - Marathon sessions would not be as frequent



Focus Group Members



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