

# Voting Procedures at NCWM SPB-26.1

**NCWM Policy and Bylaws Review Task Group**

**2026 Interim Meeting**

# SPB 26.1

## **Major components of this item**

1. Remove an inconsistency in handling completed votes
2. Clarify how reports (items) from committees or BOD can be amended
  - BOD operates like a committee, will not differentiate

# 1- Can a Completed Vote be Changed?

**Article X - Voting System - (Current Language) [emphasis added]**

## **SECTION 9A**

“The issue cannot be recalled for another vote at the same Annual Meeting. “

## **SECTION 6**

“Once a vote on an individual item, grouped item(s) or section(s) is completed that result will stand unless there is a successful action to reconsider a specific vote per Roberts Rules.”

# Can a Completed Vote be Changed?

- RECONSIDERATION is a special procedure allowed by Roberts Rules
- For use when there is a sudden realization at the meeting of a negative impact from a previous vote
- NCWM uses a very deliberative process with input from regions
- I do not envision the circumstances for using reconsideration at NCWM
- Proposal maintains historical requirement

## 2 – Can a Committee Report be Amended?

### **Two Opportunities to Amend**

- Committee can Amend the Motion to adopt item(s)
- An amendment can come from an eligible voter

# Committee Moves to Adopt Item(s)

## Committee can Amend the Motion

- Motion to approve item(s)
  - From Pub 16 as amended in the Addendum Sheet
- Until the Call for the Vote - The committee may caucus and decide to further amend the item(s) based on comments from discussion
- e.g.
  - Typographical or cut and paste error in addendum sheet

# Committee Moves to Adopt Item(s)

## Amendments from the Floor

- Any eligible voter (technical or business) can propose an amendment
- **Amendment displayed to the assembly!**
- Two steps for amendment from the floor
  1. Motion to accept the amendment for debate
  2. Motion to approve the amendment

# Motion to Accept the Amendment for Debate

- **Q** - Is the amendment acceptable for further consideration?
- Criteria for this vote include:
  - Is amendment supportive of the motion?
  - Is amendment germane to the motion?
  - Does amendment meet the NCWM due process considerations?
- Acceptance for debate requires simple majority favorable vote
- **Not a discussion of the merits of the amendment!**

# Motion to Approve the Amendment

- The merits of the amendment are discussed
- Approval of amendment requires 2/3 favorable vote
  
- A proposed amendment can be further amended
  - No more than secondary amendments allowed in Roberts Rules
  - Same amendment process

# What Can Be Amended?

- Anything the committee has proposed for the item(s) in Pub 16 or their addendum sheet
- All existing requirements must be followed
  - e.g.
    - Status change requirements