



# 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 increase efficiency
  - **NOTE: This is the only aspect to the ballot item. All other proposed changes do not require balloting**
- Propose changing names of meetings and publications
  - Propose modification of current Publications 15 and 16 to make agendas easier to follow
- Propose splitting up Open Hearings to avoid “marathon sessions”
  - One for Voting Items and one for all other items.
- Propose modifying how certain carryover voting 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
- Vote in July on change to vote from once to twice per year



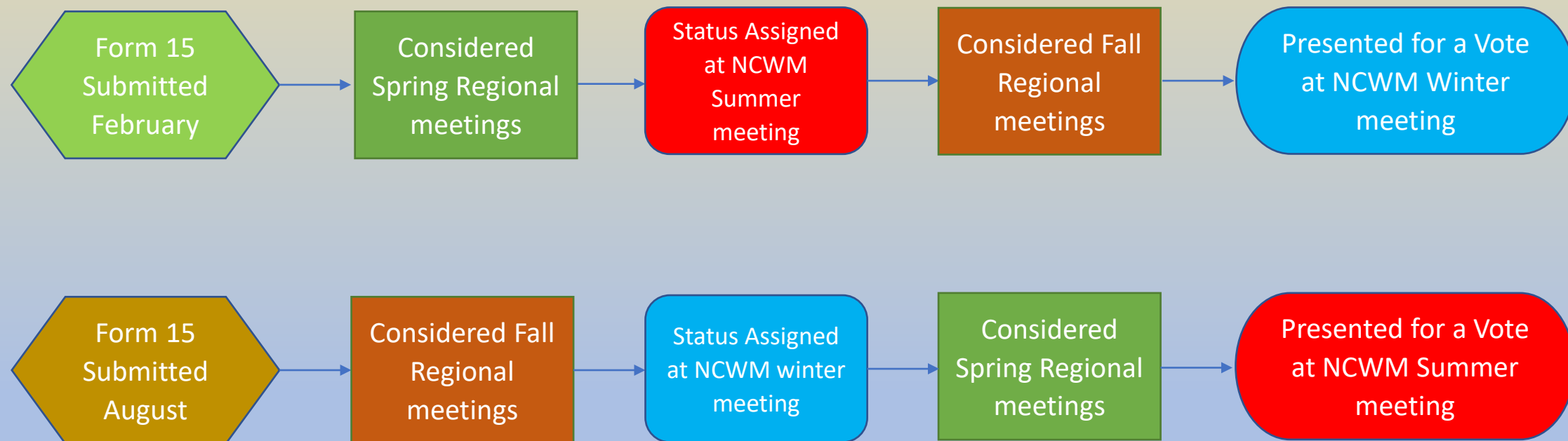
# Current Voting Structure



- 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: Inefficient process for code development



# 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
  - Items do not have to be voted upon every six months if not ready for voting.
- 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: More efficient process for code development



# 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 15 and 16 twice annually (prior to each meeting)
- Proposal: Change name to “15W”, “15S”, “16W” and “16S” to correlate with meeting names
  - Publication 16 (W and S) would be comprised of all “Voting” items
  - Publication 15 (W and S) would contain all new items and carryover items
- 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 splitting Open Hearing segments for each meeting (Winter and Summer)
  - Open Hearings (Voting) - All “Voting” items opened by each Standing Committee
  - Open Hearings (All other Agenda Items) - All other agenda items (including new items) would be heard during this Session
  - Not unprecedented



# **“Don’t Pass, but Don’t Fail”**



- Current agenda items (Voting) 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: Voting Items that do not pass, but do not fail would be carried over for one cycle automatically. If they do not pass the next voting cycle, automatically remove from agenda unless specifically requested by the Standing Committee to be retained.



# Summary of Proposal



- This proposal would change from one to two voting sessions per calendar year to more efficiently conduct business
  - **NOTE: This is the only aspect to the ballot item. All other proposed changes do not require balloting**
- Also, change names of meetings and publications
  - This would also modify current Publications 15 and 16 to make agendas easier to follow
- Split Open Hearings to two sessions to avoid “marathon sessions”
- Modify how voting carryover items are handled to help with the size of agendas



# Benefits



- Language more readily available 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 have the potential to finalize in a shorter period of time
- Split Open Hearing sessions
  - Marathon sessions would not be as frequent



# Comments



- Great input from regional and national members
- Many peripheral salient comments received
- Committee Training
  - While not related to these proposals, very important issue to many members
  - BOD has taken up this topic
  - Southern and Western have engaged in training/mentorship at regional level
- There will be unforeseen issues, but can be resolved quickly
  - Only voting frequency requires balloting. All other issues can be resolved through consensus and BOD approval



# Focus Group Members



- Dr. Matthew Curran (FL) – Chair
- Mr. Loren Minnich (KS) – Central Representative
- Mr. Craig VanBuren (MI) – Central Representative
- Mr. Hal Prince (FL) – Southern Representative
- Mr. Darrell Flocken (NTEP) – NTEP Representative
- Mr. Chris Guay (Associate) – Industry Representative
- Mr. Marc Paquette (VT) – NEWMA Representative
- Mr. Kevin Schnepf (CA) – Western Representative