

# 12-121 Voting Procedures

## 1. Eligibility to Vote

### Eligible Member:

- a. GSR's (Alt GSR if GSR isn't present)
- b. District Service Positions\*

\*A GSR that holds a district service position will be considered a GSR for Voting purposes

## 2. Flow of Motions

### a. Introductions of Topics\*

\*Any member of Alcoholics Anonymous must be present at the District Meeting to introduce a topic

### b. Open Discussion

The DCM will open the topic up for discussion

1. Pro's and Cons pertaining to the topic will be discussed than

#### a. Our DCM will:

1. Ask for a motion or
2. Form a Committee to review the issue or\*
3. Ask GSR's to take topic back to their Home Groups for more input\*

\*Numbers Two and Three will be moved to Old Business at next month meeting

### c. Voting Procedures

1. Motion is Presented
2. Motion is Seconded
3. Motion is Voted On
4. Minority Opinion is heard
5. Motion is voted on again

### d. Result:

1. If motion wins/fails twice the motion will carry/fail
2. If Minority opinion swings the outcome of the vote-
  - a. The Topic will be moved to Old Business in the next month's meeting and
  - b. GSRs are advised to get input from their Home Groups

## 3. The Election of Trusted Servants

- a. Vacancies will be posted one month prior to the election
- b. Any member of Alcoholics Anonymous may nominate an AA member to a vacant position. The person standing for election to the position shall be present at the meeting
- c. If there is only one person nominated for the position the position will be granted. (Provided sobriety requirements are met)
- d. If two or more people are nominated for a position, a simple majority vote will determine the outcome – paper ballots shall be used
- e. Spirit of rotation will be observed whenever possible
- f. If a tie results from the paper ballots for any vacant position - numbers will be placed into a hat and the number drawn by the DCM shall be awarded the position

4. Definitions

**Motion:** To officially request that a specific action be taken.

**Second:** All motions must be seconded by another individual who supports the motion. If there is no second the motion dies.

**Discussion:** To talk about the pros and cons, and ask questions about a motion on the floor.

**Amendable:** To amend or alter a seconded motion on the floor. Only the individual who made the motion may amend it, and the individual who seconded the motion must agree with the amendment.

**Majority:** (Simple Majority) 50% plus one, of the voting members present.

**Substantial Unanimity:** 2/3 of the voting members present

**Structure Change:** An action that would affect the structure of District 12-121. Requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

**Minority Opinion:** A stated or written opinion on a motion given by an individual who voted on the minority, (“losing”) side of the motion. The minority has the right to be heard, but once a decision has been reached by a majority of the members present and voting, the minority should then respect and abide by the decision.

**Motion To Reconsider:** When a stated minority opinion results in causing one or more individuals who voted in the majority on the motion, to change their mind about how they voted, this person may request that the motion be reconsidered. (Needs a second)

**Motion to Table:** To put a motion in suspension indefinitely. A tabled motion will stay tabled (but will continue to appear on the agenda under old business until a motion is made and seconded to un-table the tabled motion.

**Plurality Vote:** Most Votes

5. Housekeeping Motions

- a. Motion that does not affect policy
- b. Motion that does not limit or take away the rights of any members
- c. Motion that typically does not deal with money expenditures