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MOTION MAKER - We Can Change 2nd - ~~TRUST THE PROCESS~~ Motion # 2019-01-02

MOTION - Revise Motion Voting Procedure - Section 2 E 2 Nature of Recovery

ISSUE: Current Policy Section 2 E 2 has two (2) Voting Procedures Which Conflict.

- a. Quorum is established during roll call.
- \*b. A simple majority (50% + 1) of voting members in attendance is needed to pass a motion at ASC meetings.
- \*c. Counting Votes
  - i. Yes - Member/Group agree with motion
  - ii. No - Member/Group disagree with motion
  - iii. Abstention - is not counted as a vote. The majority is taken only from the yes/no total.

Problem is B (50% +1) and C (Majority 51%) conflict. We should only have one method to determine vote outcome. C - Counting Votes (majority 51% or 2/3<sup>rd</sup>) was established by Roberts Rules of Order in 1876 is commonly used by churches, schools, non-profits and labor unions for 142 years. Simple.

B 50%+1 is discouraged by Roberts Rules of Order because of problems with close, odd number votes.

**ABSTENTIONS** Do abstention votes count? The phrase "abstention votes" is an oxymoron, an abstention being a refusal to vote. To abstain means to refrain from voting, and, as a consequence, there can be no such thing as an "abstention vote." In the usual situation, where either a majority vote or a two-thirds vote is required, abstentions have absolutely no effect on the outcome of the vote since what is required is either a majority or two thirds of the votes cast. [RONR (11th ed.), p. 400, ll. 7-12; p. 401, ll. 8-11; p. 403, ll. 13-24; see also p. 66 of RONR In Brief.]

MOTION - Revise 2 E 2 Voting Procedure Eliminating B 50% +1 to:

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INTENT - Simplify voting procedure using standard procedure. Ensure motions are implemented immediately.

Questions we just spent 30 min. to discuss CBDM - are we not at an area trying to simplify voting procedures? we're trying to get to a simple vote, not a pissing contest. A battle of words is not going to get us further along.

Pros

Cons: I'm not sure what the motion is.

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~~Intent of the policy~~  
 we just want to chop the feet off and say if you abstain we don't care about the vote