



USNC TAG MODEL OPERATING PROCEDURES (MOP)

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INTERPRETATION

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Question:

Section 7.4 of the MOP requires that the USNC TAG “vote” on the acceptance of new members. What methods can be used for this “vote”?

7.4 New Members

The USNC TAG shall vote on the acceptance of new members based upon the information from sections 7.1 and 7.2.

Answer:

The method of conducting the “vote” is usually determined by the TA or Secretary, but can be determined as a matter of policy by the USNC TAG. Some common methods used are as follows:

1. A “default” vote can be conducted using an electronic ballot advising each USNC TAG member that their vote is considered to be “for” adding the new member unless they submit a vote of “against” adding the new member, including a justification. It is recommended that “against” votes and comments be recirculated and all members given a chance to change their ballot. The voting period shall be established by the TA or Secretary. The electronic ballot votes commonly have a one week voting period, and a one week recirculation period if recirculation is necessary.
2. A “default” vote can be conducted at a physical or remote meeting advising each attending USNC TAG member that their vote is considered to be “for” adding the new member unless they cast a vote of “against” adding the new member, including a justification. It is recommended that “against” votes and comments be discussed and all attending members be given a chance to change their ballot.
3. An “electronic” vote can be conducted, asking each member to vote “for” or “against” adding the new member. The number of ballots returned shall at least be equal to the quorum established for the USNC TAG, and there shall be a simple majority of “for” votes to approve the new member. A vote of “against” shall be accompanied by a supporting comment. It is recommended that “against” votes and comments be recirculated and all members given a chance to change their ballot. The voting period shall be established by the TA or Secretary. These votes commonly have a one week voting period, and a one week recirculation period if recirculation is necessary.
4. A “roll call” or “voice” vote can be conducted at a physical or remote meeting asking each member to vote “for” or “against” adding the new member. The number of votes shall at least be equal to the quorum established for the USNC TAG, and there shall be a simple majority of “for” votes to approve the new member. A vote of “against” shall be accompanied by a supporting comment. It is recommended that “against” votes and comments be discussed, and all members given a chance to change their vote.
5. A “secret” vote can be conducted at a physical or remote meeting asking each member to vote “for” or “against” adding the new member. The number of ballots collected shall at least be equal to the quorum established for the USNC TAG, and there shall be a simple majority of “for” votes to approve the new member. A vote of “against” shall be accompanied by a supporting comment. It is recommended that “against” votes and comments be discussed (without identifying the submitter), and all members given a chance to change their ballot.
6. A “postal mail” vote can be conducted, asking each member to vote “for” or “against” adding the new member. The number of ballots returned shall at least be equal to the quorum established for the USNC TAG, and there shall be a simple majority of “for” votes to approve the new member. A vote of “against” shall be accompanied by a supporting comment. It is recommended that “against” votes and comments be recirculated and all members given a chance to change their ballot. The voting period shall be established by the TA or Secretary. These votes commonly have a four week voting period, and a two week recirculation period if recirculation is necessary.