

# Quorum Clarity for the PSRC

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# Quorum

- **Quorum - the minimum number** of officers and members of a constituted body **that must be present** for the valid transaction of business
  - For PSRC groups 50 and smaller (most WG and some SC), a MAJORITY of VOTING MEMBERS is required to achieve quorum
  - For PSRC groups larger than 50 (MC and some SC), the greater of 26 VOTING MEMBERS or 50% of the VOTING MEMBERS constitutes quorum
- **Majority** – a number **more than half** of total number of a given group

# Quorum - examples

- A Working Group has 12 Voting members and 4 Non-voting members
  - 7 VOTING MEMBERS must be present to attain quorum.
  - ( $1/2 * 12 = 6$ , so more than 6 are required to be present or participate)
  - Non-voting Members do not get to vote; their presence or absence does not affect quorum.
- A Subcommittee has 58 Voting Members
  - 29 VOTING MEMBERS must be present to attain quorum.
  - ( $50\% * 58 = 29$ ; 29 is more than 26)

# Passing a **MOTION**

- Some Motions require MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST
- Some Motions require SUPERMAJORITY  
(two-thirds or three-quarters, depending on the motion)
- A Motion **PASSES** when a MAJORITY (or Supermajority) OF VOTES CAST vote to APPROVE
- VOTES CAST are APPROVE or DISAPPROVE
  - Abstentions DO NOT COUNT as votes cast.

# Passing a Motion - example

- A Subcommittee has 37 members
- 19 voting members are present at a meeting and quorum has been established.
- The vote on a Motion requiring simple majority has
  - 6 APPROVE
  - 5 DISAPPROVE
  - 8 Abstain
- Motion PASSES.

# Exceptions - READ THE RULES!

- For example, a REPORT requires
  - Three-quarters (3/4) of WG Voting Members must APPROVE to submit to Subcommittee
  - Three-quarters (3/4) of SC Voting Members must APPROVE for publication
- There are other exceptions. READ THE RULES!
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