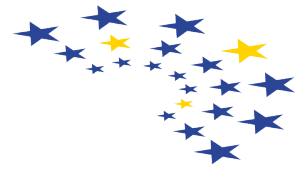


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Policy Document

Voting Procedures

Adopted by the CoM on 30th November 2019

I. Agenda points

1.1 The preliminary agenda is voted on at the beginning of the Council of Members (CoM) by a relative majority vote.

1.2 The inclusion of agenda changes submitted after this vote is up to the discretion of the NC Board and is voted upon by the CoM by a two-thirds majority vote.

1.3 Policy Proposals

- A policy proposal aims to change the Charter, or adopt new, or change existing, policy.
- A policy proposal must be voted upon as a whole.

1.4 Proposal Amendment

- A proposal amendment is a change to a policy proposal.
- Proposal amendments must be voted upon.
- A proposal amendment to a policy proposal is debated and voted upon prior to the debate and vote on the policy proposal in question.

1.5 Topic of Debate

- A topic of debate requires a discussion but does not require a vote.
- For a topic of debate to be valid, it must contain a statement of debate, which takes a clear stance to be discussed by the CoM.

1.6 Updates

- Updates should include relevant information about the work of the NC Board since the previous Council of Members.
- Updates require a discussion but do not require a vote.

II. Voting Procedures

2.1. The NC Board announces the method of voting at the beginning of each agenda item.

2.2. Relative majority is reached with the numerical half of all members present by vote, plus one, excluding abstentions.

2.3. Unless specified otherwise, the CoM makes decisions by relative majority.

2.4. The only policy proposals needing a two-thirds majority are Statutory and Charter changes.

2.5. The NC Board holds the right to correct policies (not statutes or charters) for spelling, stylistic and layout mistakes without changing the meaning of clauses. After the publication via the mailing list, any member can submit a formal request within 4 weeks, signed by at least a fifth of active members, to revoke such a correction.

2.6. Two-thirds majority is reached with the numerical two thirds of all members present by vote, plus one, excluding abstentions.

- 2.7. The numerical half, or numerical two thirds, of all members present by vote is rounded down to the next whole number.
- 2.8. A vote en bloc on multiple policy proposals or policy amendments is up to the discretion of the NC Board.
- 2.9. In case of proposals generally deemed uncontroversial, the NC Board can decide to pass a policy proposal Nemine Contradicente, meaning that the policy proposal is passed unless there is any opposition to it.
- 2.10. During a Nemine Contradicente procedure the NC Board must hold a vote, if at least one member asks for a vote to be held.
- 2.11. A vote to postpone a proposal can be called for by any member at any point. A proposal will then be brought up as an agenda item at the subsequent CoM, if a two-thirds majority is reached.
- 2.12. The proposing party can amend their own policy proposal at any time before it is voted upon (friendly amendment).
- 2.13. Any member can propose an ad hoc amendment to a policy proposal before the proposal is voted upon. This amendment needs the same majority to pass than the policy proposal itself.
- 2.14. All decisions of the CoM take effect immediately after passing the vote.
- 2.15. All amended policy documents will be sent to the members via the mailing list no later than 4 weeks after the CoM.

III. Online Voting

- 3.1. Takes place via e-mail invitation.
- 3.2. May not amend the Statutes or Charter.
- 3.3. Can take place at the NC Board's discretion. Proposals can be put forward to the NC Board at any time.
- 3.4. The NC Board must publish a rationale for putting a proposal up for online voting.
- 3.5. Proposals up for online voting are not subject to ad hoc or friendly amendments.
- 3.6. For a period of two weeks before the online vote, every member will have the possibility to take part in an online discussion in the EYP LU Members Facebook group.
- 3.7. Any member can submit a formal request no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the vote, signed by at least a fifth of active members, to prevent a proposal from being voted on online.