

Orientation and Processes for Interim WSC 2025

Interim WSC 2025 will take place via Zoom
28 February and 1 March, 2025
11 am–1 pm and 2 pm–4 pm, Pacific Standard Time
(19:00–21:00 and 22:00–24:00 GMT)

This document includes

Part One:

- background information about the decisions that led to a three-year cycle with an interim meeting,
- some sense of what to expect at the meeting, and
- basic pointers about participation.

Part Two (beginning on page 7):

- discussion and decision-making processes extracted from *A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA)* with process changes if motion 1 passes. If Motion 1 is supported, we plan to use these processes to conduct business during the Interim WSC 2025. Other motions would also have changes reflected in *GWSNA*, but those changes will not affect the decision-making process at this Interim WSC.

Part Three (beginning on page 15):

- instructions on accessing and operating the polling/voting software

The WSC Cofacilitators will discuss all of the processes with participants during the 15 February Conference Participant web meeting. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know: wb@na.org.

Background: How Did We Get Here?

The Interim WSC will be our third time meeting virtually, but it is the first time we have deliberately met as an interim conference, intentionally using a virtual platform, rather than being forced into such a meeting by external circumstances. At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 we were fully prepared for a regularly scheduled World Service Conference. In that rapidly shifting environment, it was decided to not meet in person, and out of necessity we held the first ever Virtual WSC. This was extended and a second session was held. With expectations of the economy and public health crisis easing, the next WSC was planned to be held in-person in 2022. However, as financial and public health pressures were still concerning, the conference again chose to hold a Virtual WSC meeting with plans to convene in-person in 2023.

At the 2022 Virtual WSC, a number of decisions were made to extend that conference cycle to 3 years. Then at the 2023 WSC, further decisions were made to experiment with a three-year cycle for 2 cycles. Along with this new experiment was a decision to hold an interim meeting of the WSC sometime during the cycle for legally necessary decisions. The intent was not to have two full WSCs in one cycle, but rather to handle legally necessary or urgent business at the interim meeting so that the longer cycle does not create more problems than it might solve. This brings us to where we are today—preparing for our first-ever Interim WSC meeting.

Schedule/Agenda

Interim WSC 2025 is scheduled for two days, 28 February and 1 March. We expect to focus on the *Interim WSC Report* motions the first day and take the next steps in the planning process for the remainder of the time. It is always a challenge finding times that work for everyone. We created a [time zone map](#) that offers information about this challenge. Of course, we would be remiss if we didn't offer our many thanks to the trusted servants participating in the middle of the night.

Here is a rough outline of Interim WSC 2025:

Two sessions each day: 11am–1pm and 2pm–4pm, Pacific Standard Time

28 February:

Session 1: Settle in: make sure everyone is ready, answer questions about processes.
Interim WSC Business

Session 2: Interim WSC business continued.

1 March: Sessions 1 and 2: The 2023 WSC launched a truly collaborative new planning process. The interim meeting will take the next steps in the planning process.

What Happens Between Now and Interim WSC 2025

Orientation

An orientation is scheduled for 15 February, 11am–1pm, Pacific Standard Time, and will be recorded for participants who are unable to attend. The orientation will review the processes to be used in session. There will be time for questions. The purpose is to make sure all participants are ready for the WSC meeting.

Amendments

Amendments must be in final form by 13 February, which is 15 days before the Interim WSC, so that we can translate all items for decision, prepare the e-poll for initial straw polls, and distribute the results before the sessions begin. **If you plan to submit an amendment, please do so as soon as possible** so that the WSC Cofacilitators can help you ensure that the amendment is “conference-ready.”

Initial Straw Polls

We will use e-polling software (Simply Voting) for the initial straw polls. We used this software for the Agenda Setting e-poll in December 2024. It worked well to keep votes secure and to give everyone ample time to respond regardless of time zone. Sometime after the orientation you will receive an email with a link to an initial straw poll for all of the motions and amendments. You will have 72 hours to respond. The initial straw poll results will be distributed prior to the WSC. Responses to those polls will help determine how much discussion is needed for each item. If the interim meeting votes to adopt Motion 1, it will go into effect immediately after it is approved, and any initial straw poll results that show consensus on any subsequent items will be considered final decisions after amendments to those motions are dispensed with. The potential result of Motion 1 heightens the need for participation in the initial straw poll.

Access to the Voting Software

Prior to the Orientation web meeting, we sent an email to all voting participants requesting that they participate in a test poll with the voting software. We need to ensure that all voting participants are able to access the software prior to the orientation. If you are unable to make it work or did not receive the email with this information, please reach out to [Nick](#) or [Daniel](#) immediately. The voting software is accessed using the email we have on file for each voting participant and the provided password that you received in your email for the test poll. If the delegate is unable to attend and wishes to have their alternate vote in session, the alternate delegate will login using their delegate’s email address and the provided password.

The software has two versions: a mobile app and a computer browser version. We recommend using the mobile app on your phone or tablet as a secondary device during the Interim WSC to make it easier to respond to polls while the meeting is in session. Please decide which you plan to use ahead of time and only use one version for the duration of the Interim WSC. There is information about accessing the voting software via mobile app or web browser at the end of this document.

Practice Voting

To test our voting software and make sure we are all familiar with the decision-making process, we will have some mock motions to decide on at the Orientation web meeting.

Who Participates and How to Identify Yourself

Who Participates

Technically, each seated region or zone has only one member with a voice or a vote, but a delegate may give their privilege to speak to their AD in a discussion queue. If a delegate is unable to attend a WSC session, they should contact lori@na.org to let her know that the alternate will be the speaking and voting participant for a given session, and the participant number (see below) will be reassigned to the AD. **We cannot reassign numbers without notice of at least an hour before the session starts.**

Participant Identification

Since each region/zone has only one vote, the participant number is only used by one member of the delegate team. Each voting conference participant names themselves with a three-digit participant number, service position, region or zone, and first name (for example, 001 RD ABCD Sandy, or 132 ZD EDM Zeynep, or 139 WB Irene). Alternates should name themselves similarly, except without the number (for example, AD ABCD Phillip, or AD EDM Tomas). If a delegate has notified [Lori](#) that they will not attend a session, then the alternate may use the region/zone number.

If you have a personal Zoom account, please change your username in your Zoom account for the Interim WSC so that your login name will remain consistent. The list containing the numbers for all voting participants will be posted to the CP Dropbox ahead of time. You may notice the name of your region or zone has been abbreviated; this is just to fit more easily into the participants' list.

After the meeting begins, we will open the waiting room for latecomers. Participants will be let into the WSC only after they have named themselves according to the conventions described above.

Observers on YouTube

Only conference participants and those helping to administer the meeting will be able to join the Interim WSC through the Zoom connection. However, we will livestream the meeting on Mixlr, as we did with the 2023 WSC. The link to stream meeting audio on Mixlr will be posted on the [conference page](#) (na.org/conference) shortly after a given session begins. Due to technical limitations, we are not able to livestream the small-group discussions that are scheduled for 1 March.

Technology

Technology Requirements

The best way to connect to the Interim WSC is via computer. Tablets and phones can be more difficult to navigate, but we understand they are sometimes necessary. Please do everything possible to maximize your internet connection and your bandwidth. If you have an unreliable internet connection, you may consider shutting off your video.

The Zoom platform undergoes frequent updates. Making sure that your Zoom app is up to date ahead of time can help avoid some issues.

We will open the room a half hour early for the first session of each day and the room will stay open between sessions. Please plan to log in early to make sure your connection is working and be ready to go when we begin. For the sessions on day 2, we are asking that everyone login 30 minutes early so the small group breakout rooms can be built. This doesn't mean you have to be ready to go at that time; simply logging on so you are connected will help us create those small groups. You can continue other activities till the session start time.

Just as at an in-person WSC, please do not record the sessions in any way.

Again, while not necessary, having a separate device, like your phone or tablet, available for the voting software can be helpful so you don't have to toggle between screens.

Communicating with Others

Once the meeting begins, everyone will be muted, and chat will be disabled. Participants will still be able to send a chat message to NAWs staff if they need technical help. If you plan to communicate with other participants during the meeting, please establish in advance how you will contact each other when the WSC is in session—whether by WhatsApp, text messaging, or some other method. During the business sessions and whole group discussions, translations will be provided via Zoom translation feeds. During small group discussions, Spanish and Portuguese-speaking conference participants will be grouped together. However, Japanese, Farsi, and Russian conference participants will need to work out a translation method, such as a WhatsApp or Telegram call, with their interpreter.

During the Meeting

Pool and Queue

When you raise your virtual hand to speak on a motion, you will be added to the pool. As at an in-person WSC meeting, the order of hands *in the pool* is not relevant. The WSC Cofacilitators will select members from the pool to form a *queue*, which is ordered to maximize diversity and to favor those who have not yet spoken. Because of the size of the conference, if you have already spoken, you may not have another opportunity. If two members in a row speak pro to a motion, the Cofacilitators will attempt to call on someone who can speak con, and vice-versa.

Each participant has up to two minutes to speak (those being translated will be given more time). We will have a timer on-screen. Remember to speak slowly to allow translation.

Voting and Polling

Who Votes and Voting/Polling Options

Each seated region or zone has one vote. There are four options when voting or responding to a straw poll: yes, no, abstain, and present not voting. All WSC decisions require a 2/3 majority (except elections and challenges to the Cofacilitator).

The chart below provides an example of how the different options can affect the outcome of polls and votes.

Four options for votes & straw polls

Example with a voting threshold of 2/3

| Yes | No | Abstain | Present not voting | Outcome | Explanation |
|-----|----|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------|
| 40 | 20 | 0 | 0 | Passes | 40=2/3 of 60 |
| 38 | 19 | 3 | 0 | Fails | 38<2/3 of 60 |
| 38 | 19 | 0 | 3 | Passes | 38=2/3 of 57 |

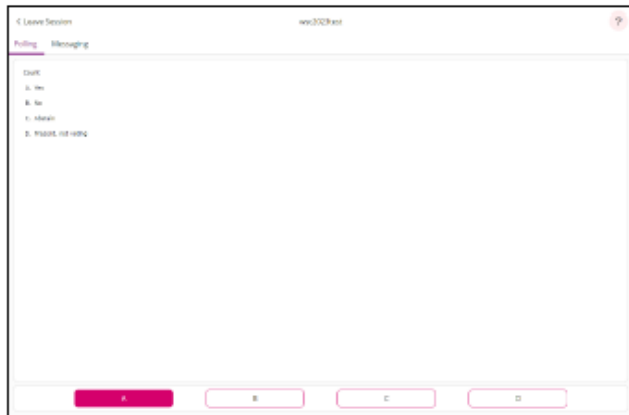
ABSTENTIONS figure into the vote count

PNV does NOT figure into the vote count

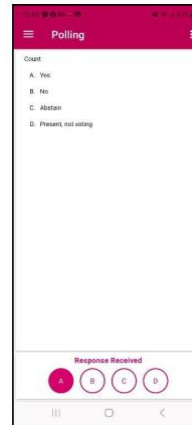
Only delegates will vote on the motions in the *Interim WSC Report*. To keep the process as simple as possible, World Board members have decided not to participate in the vote on any of the motions.

Polling and Making Decisions in Session

During the Interim WSC we will use the same software that we use for the “clickers” at the in-person WSC. At the 2023 WSC, virtual conference participants accessed that software via an app or website. At the upcoming meeting, all participants will do so. Instructions on accessing the software are included in part three of this document, beginning on page 15. This software solution is geared towards live decision-making, unlike the e-poll software used outside of decision-making sessions. Participants can select any one of the four responses—yes, no, abstain, or present not voting. The results of each epoll are not identified by participant and they are not stored in the system. Once the Cofacilitators announce the poll or vote results, they will be included in the conference record; the vote information is then deleted, and the system refreshes for the next decision.



(Computer Browser)



(Mobile App)

We poll within sessions to get a sense of where the body stands on a motion and to vote on items for decision making. Generally speaking, the Cofacilitators take frequent straw polls, and if debate is not moving the body in a substantial way, they will close discussion and proceed to a vote or move on to the next item.

It is important to note that, like the handheld “clickers,” changing who has control of the vote (either the delegate or their alternate) can be done. If a delegate is unable to be present for a session, their alternate can log in to the voting software using the delegate’s email and provided password. Again, if a delegate is unable to attend a session, please let [Lori](#) know in advance of the session.

There is information at the end of this document on how to access the voting software.

Items with Consensus in the Initial Straw Poll

Current WSC rules limit discussion on items that have consensus in an initial straw poll. We define consensus as 80% in favor or not in favor. The pages of *GWSNA* in part two of this handout describe this in detail. Put briefly, when 80% or more of participants are in favor or not in favor of a motion or amendment in an initial straw poll, discussion is limited to two people in the minority (people who are not part of the consensus). The body is then polled a second time. If consensus remains, the second poll will be considered a final decision. Motion 1 of the Interim WSC will be processed according to these current rules. Essentially, the effects of Motion 1 cannot be used to decide on Motion 1. However, if the body is in support of Motion 1, the changes Motion 1 calls for will immediately take effect and will apply to the decision-making process for the remaining motions.

Amendments on Items with Consensus in the Initial Straw Poll

Current WSC rules state that if amendments are offered to motions that have consensus support, the body will decide whether to entertain those amendments. This will still be the process, regardless of the outcome of Motion 1. In other words, whether or not Motion 1 passes, the body will still decide whether to entertain proposed amendments. This won’t open the floor for discussion on the motion in question if it has consensus—only on the amendments.

Time and Focus Challenges

We are always challenged for time at the WSC, and that challenge is magnified in the limited timeframe of the Interim WSC. Listening well to each person allows us to recognize when someone has already made the point we were going to make. We can remove ourselves from the discussion pool by lowering our hand. We will also know when a vote or straw poll is coming, and respond promptly to each poll.

It's easy to get distracted in front of a screen. We may be tempted to check email or message with other participants. For some of us, it may be very late or very early, and that makes it even harder to focus. One reason we are limiting each day to two sessions is so that we can all devote our full attention to the conference during each two-hour session. This isn't about pointing the finger at anyone in particular; we are *all* prone to distraction. Let's do our best to approach the WSC with single-minded attention.

We are cautiously optimistic that it won't take long to get through business, if each of us commits to listen mindfully.

Chats and Distractions

Part of handling the upcoming sessions as we would an in-person WSC means minimizing sidebar conversations. We will turn off chat in session and limit private chats to messages about technical challenges. Sidebar conversations wouldn't be able to take place during an in-person WSC session, and they don't seem to have been helpful in prior virtual WSC sessions. (If you have technical challenges during the sessions, please reach out to Matt S. using the chat.)

DATES AND DEADLINES

13 February: Amendment deadline

15 February, 11am–12:30pm, Pacific Standard Time: Conference participant orientation

After amendment deadline and before WSC: epoll for initial straw poll

28 February & 1 March: WSC 2025

2 sessions each day, 11am–1pm and 2pm–4pm, Pacific Standard Time

Discussion and Decision-Making Process

from A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA) with changes effected by Motion 1

GWSNA, pages 11-13

KEY:

Current process that would change if Motion #1 passes

Process that would be in place if Motion #1 passes

Introducing Motions and Amendments and Measuring Consensus

Before a motion or amendment is discussed, a straw poll will be conducted to measure the initial level of support for the motion. This happens via epoll in advance of the WSC meeting.

After the initial straw poll results of a motion are read, but before discussion of that motion, the Conference must make decisions about any amendments to the motion, unless the exception noted below applies.

Consensus will be measured as 80% or more of voting participants in agreement (identified as *consensus support*), or 80% or more of voting participants not in agreement (identified as *consensus not in support*).

- If there is a *consensus not in support* of the motion, the Conference has the option to decide on that motion without any changes (amendments) if participants wish. This decision must be made before the discussion of the motion, which is described in the next three bullet points.

If Motion #1 passes, the policy highlighted in gray below would not apply. Instead the process would be:

- After amendments are dispensed with:
 - If the amendments do not pass or the body decides not to hear amendments, the facilitator will read the initial straw poll results again and announce that as a decision that the motion fails.
 - If one or more amendments pass, the facilitator will read motion as amended, and take an initial straw poll. If there is consensus, the facilitator will announce that as a decision. If there is not consensus, discussion will follow as outlined below in the “Managing Discussions” section.

- After amendments are dispensed with or the body decides not to hear amendments, the facilitator will select up to two members who are not part of the consensus, to comment on the motion
- The facilitator will then conduct a second straw poll.
 - If *consensus not in support* remains, discussion ends. The straw poll will be considered a vote, and the motion will have failed. The Cofacilitators will make it clear to all participants when the Conference is making a final decision.

- If there is *consensus support* for the motion, the Conference will have the option to discuss and decide on that motion without any changes (amendments) if participants wish. This decision must be made before the discussion of the motion, which is described in the next three bullet points.

If Motion #1 passes, the policy highlighted in gray below would not apply. Instead the process would be:

- After amendments are dispensed with:
 - If the amendments do not pass or the body decides not to hear amendments, the facilitator will read the initial straw poll results again and announce that as a decision that the motion passes.
 - If one or more amendments pass, the facilitator will read motion as amended, and take an initial straw poll. If there is consensus, the facilitator will announce that as a decision. If there is not consensus, discussion will follow as outlined below in the “Managing Discussions” section.

- After amendments are dispensed with or the body decides not to hear amendments, the facilitator will select up to two members who are not part of the consensus to comment on the motion.
- The facilitator will then conduct a second straw poll.
 - If *consensus support* remains, discussion ends. The straw poll will be considered a vote, and the motion will have passed. The Cofacilitators will make it clear to all participants when the Conference is making a final decision.

If Motion #1 passes, the policy highlighted in gray below would not apply. Instead:

When an initial straw poll shows there is consensus support or consensus not in support of an amendment, the facilitator will announce that as a decision.

- The same process applies when there is consensus support or consensus not in support of an amendment: The facilitator will select up to two members who are not part of the consensus to comment on the amendment. Then a second straw poll will be taken. If consensus remains, the second straw poll will be considered a vote; a decision will have been made on the amendment.
- If the motion or amendment receives more than 20% but less than 80% support in the first or second straw poll, the facilitator will allow for discussion of the motion or amendment, as discussed in *A Guide to World Services* and using these tools.

Managing Discussions

The following are our current approaches for use in all CAR- and CAT-related Discussion and Decision sessions. They should be viewed as tools to assist in discussing business rather than policy or restrictions.

The facilitator has the ability to manage the discussion by using the following approaches:

- Participants who wish to speak to a measure are put in an unordered discussion pool. The facilitators develop a discussion queue from the members in the pool and call on members when it is their turn to speak.
- The facilitator may conduct intermediate straw polls to measure any change in support for the motion or proposal.
- The facilitator may declare that discussion will end after a specific speaker, or the facilitator may close the discussion queue or pool.
 - If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, and then the body will vote. The voting

threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator.

- Members may speak for a maximum of two minutes each time they are recognized by the facilitator. Additional time may be allotted, at the discretion of the cofacilitator, for reasons such as translations.

Decision-making Thresholds

Straw Poll: *A straw poll is a measure of where the body stands on a particular issue. It is an informal pulse. Often motions or amendments are straw polled more than once during discussion.*

Vote: *A vote happens when the body makes a decision on an item.*

All decisions at the World Service Conference, excluding WSC elections and appeals of a decision of the Cofacilitator, but including changes to motions or proposals and requests for a roll call vote or other procedural decisions, require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting to vote in the affirmative to be adopted. See page 33 for the details of election procedures.

Straw Polls

Straw polls can give a sense of where the body is on a particular issue and can be used in a variety of ways in addition to the above described. The following terms may be used by the WSC Cofacilitator when announcing the results of a straw poll:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Unanimous support | | |
| Consensus support | (meaning 80% or greater support) | 80%-<100% |
| Strong support | (meaning 2/3 majority support) | 66.66%-<80% |
| Lack of strong support | (meaning less than 2/3 support) | >20%-<66.66% |
| Consensus not in support | (meaning 20% or fewer support) | >0%-20% |
| No support | | |

A straw poll can help to determine if any or further discussion is indeed necessary, to frame issues while discussion is occurring, and to determine if the body is ready to make a decision. These are not binding decisions and are simply a tool to aid in the consensus-based process.

It may be helpful to remember that an item must have at least “strong support” to pass.

If a motion or amendment has already received adequate discussion during the week, the conference may choose to have no further discussion at this time. When discussion on each motion or amendment is finished, the body makes a decision about that item, usually through a vote.

WSC DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

The World Service Conference uses the following processes during the CAR- and CAT-related Discussion and Decisions sessions. Mutual trust and respect should be the basis for all decisions. In keeping with that spirit, the World Service Conference strives to base its decisions on consensus.

The guiding principles of NA, including the *Twelve Concepts for NA Service*, are foundational in all our service efforts.

WSC Processes

1. Each Conference participant has only one vote. RD alternates and ZD alternates are considered to be the same “member” as their respective RD and ZD when acting as a participant.
2. No member may speak on a motion more than once until others who wish to speak have had a chance to do so.
3. Members may speak for a maximum of two minutes each time they are recognized by the facilitator. The facilitator may extend the time limit when they believe such action is warranted. Otherwise, the Conference must make a decision to extend time limits in order to increase the amount of time for each participant.

If Motion #1 passes, the item highlighted in gray below would not apply. Instead, when an item has consensus in an initial straw poll, the WSC Cofacilitator will read the straw poll results and announce that as a decision.

4. When an item has consensus in an initial straw poll, initial debate is limited to no more than two speakers who are not part of the consensus. If consensus remains, the second straw poll will be considered a vote (a decision). Debate only occurs if necessary. The facilitator may extend that number if they believe such action is warranted.
5. When an item has consensus in the initial straw poll, the body may decide not to consider any amendments to the motion.
6. Every main motion and amendment to a main motion must be submitted on a WSC Motion Form and submitted no less than fifteen days in advance of the WSC opening day. Motions and their intents should be stated in a clear and concise manner. The names of the members proposing and seconding the motion must be listed on the form. Motions presented by the World Board do not require a second. When the motion has been introduced and seconded, it will be displayed so that it is visible to all members. At that point, the motion belongs to the Conference and must be disposed of in some manner.
7. Once a motion belongs to the Conference, discussion follows only if necessary. Amendments, as appropriate, may be applied to the main motion and must be disposed of in some manner before a decision is made on the main motion. If a motion has consensus in the initial straw poll, however, the body may decide not to entertain any amendments on that motion. Debate should focus on the merits of the motion or amendment and bring up points that have not already been made. Members should speak to a motion or amendment only after being recognized by the facilitator.
8. The Conference may decide to replace or amend motions that have been presented based on prior discussions. When the motion is presented, the facilitator may recognize any participant offering a replacement or amendment, or offer a suggestion to the Conference. If supported by two-thirds of the Conference, the replacement/amendment will be accepted. The facilitator may interrupt this simplified process at any time they believe such action is warranted.

8. Decision-making Thresholds

- a. A two-thirds majority present and voting in the affirmative is required to pass a motion, excluding WSC elections. See page 32 for the details of election procedures.
 - b. Regarding the addition of property to the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust, deletion of property from the Trust, or the revision of the contents or nature of Trust Properties, only NA groups through their Regional and Zonal Delegates may vote. To adopt, affirmative votes are required of two-thirds of the Regional and Zonal Delegates recorded as present at the most recent roll call.
9. A quorum (the number of voting members who must be present in order to conduct business) for the WSC is a majority of all eligible voting members.
10. If, at any time during the proceedings, a participant is experiencing a personal emergency or issue that requires the attention of the Facilitator, the participant may be recognized. The Facilitator will determine how to address the issue.

Polling and Voting

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Vote: A vote happens when the body makes a decision on an item.

Straw polls can give a sense of where the body is on a particular issue and can be used in a variety of ways in addition to the above-described. The following terms may be used by the WSC Cofacilitator when announcing the results of a vote or straw poll:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Unanimous support | |
| Consensus support | (meaning 80% or greater support) |
| Strong support | (meaning 2/3 majority support) |
| Lack of strong support | (meaning less than 2/3 support) |
| Consensus not in support | (meaning 20% or fewer support) |
| No support | |

After discussion on a motion has ended, the conference decides the issue by a vote. The following rules apply to voting at the World Service Conference:

1. Voting occurs in one of the following three ways:
 - a. Standard vote (using electronic voting pads) - The facilitator first asks if there are any objections to the motion. If none are voiced, the facilitator declares that the motion passes by unanimous consent. If there is any objection, the facilitator asks those in favor of the motion to respond by pressing "1/a" on their voting pad, then asks those opposed to the motion to respond by pressing "2/b," then asks those abstaining to respond by pressing "3/c," and then asks those present and not voting to respond by pressing "4/d."
 - b. Roll call vote - Any member can request a roll call vote. Upon recognizing the request, the facilitator will ask the body. If the decision is in support of a roll call vote, the facilitator calls the name of each participant registered at the most recent roll call. When called, the participant responds by stating either "yes," "no," "abstain," or "present and not voting."
 - c. To accommodate the variety of time zones and to ensure an accurate record, decisions of the WSC can be made outside of the WSC meeting by epoll that is sent to all seated Conference participants.

After all responses are tabulated, the facilitator announces the number of votes in favor, the number of votes opposed, the number of abstentions, and the number of those present and not voting, and then if the motion was approved or rejected.

2. Participants may choose to be present but not participating in the vote. This means that they will not be counted in the total of the vote for that motion. This differs from an abstention. An abstention is effectively counted as not being in support of the motion.
3. An adopted motion takes effect at the conclusion of the conference, unless otherwise stated in the motion.
4. Motions included in the *Conference Agenda Report*, WSC processes motions that would affect the current WSC, and any amendments to those motions, are considered in the *CAR*-related Discussion and Decisions session. All other motions and amendments are considered in the *CAT*-related Discussion and Decisions session.
5. Regional and zonal delegates are eligible to vote on motions during the *CAR*-related Discussion and Decisions session.
6. Regional delegates, zonal delegates, and World Board members are eligible to vote on motions during the *CAT*-related Discussion and Decisions session.

The Discussion to Decision Process

Following is a bullet point list of the actions that are included in the discussion to decision process.

- A motion is introduced.
- The results of the initial straw poll are announced.
- If there are amendments to the motion, they must be dispensed with before the main motion is discussed and decided.
- The process to discuss amendments operates in the same way: the amendment is read, and results of the initial straw poll are announced.

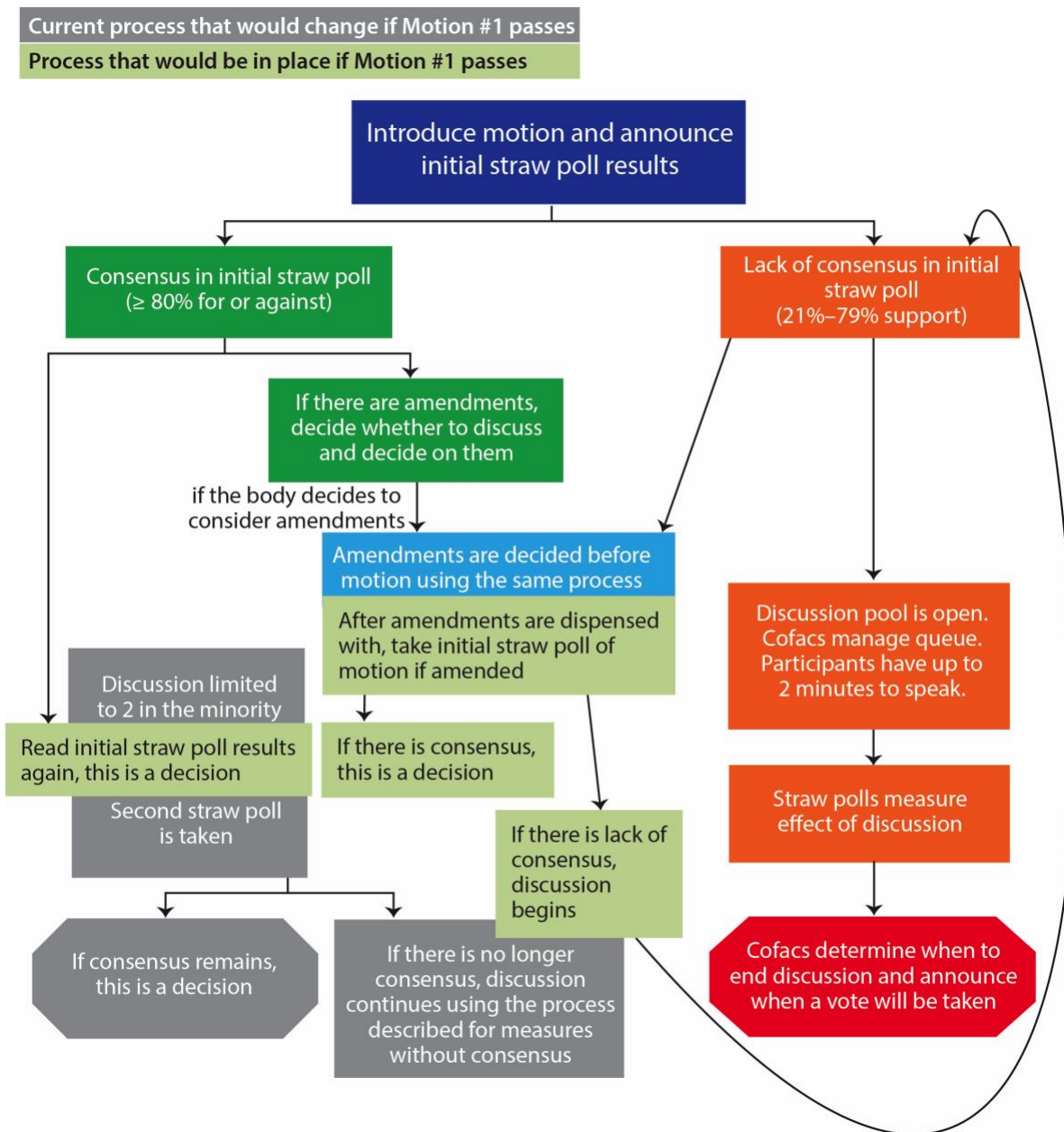
If Motion #1 passes, the item highlighted in gray below would not apply. Instead, if there is consensus in the initial straw poll, the WSC Cofacilitator will read the straw poll results and announce that as a decision.

- If there is consensus in the initial straw poll, discussion of the amendment or motion is limited to two participants in the minority. (The WSC defines consensus support as 80% or greater support and consensus not in support as 20% or fewer support.) After those two people speak, a second straw poll will be taken. If consensus support or not in support remains after those two participants speak, the second straw poll will be considered a vote, and the measure will be decided. Participants will be reminded before the second straw poll that this will be a decision if the Conference is still in consensus. If the second straw poll reveals that there is no longer consensus, discussion will proceed until a decision is reached.
- If a motion has consensus support or consensus not in support in the initial straw poll, the body may decide not to consider any amendments to the motion.
- If there is not consensus in the initial straw poll, those who wish to speak to the measure will raise their cards.
- Each member has up to two minutes to speak (those being translated will be given more time). The Conference uses a timer in decision-making sessions that goes from green to yellow to red as the allotted time passes.

- In the course of discussion of a motion or amendment, straw polls will be taken to measure the body and see if discussion is having an effect.
- Before a vote on an item, everyone will be asked whether they are ready to make a decision. Participants requiring information to make a decision, or who are unclear about the process, have this opportunity to ask those urgent questions.
- At any point, the Cofacilitators can decide to end discussion and take a final vote on the item being considered.
- If any of the amendments pass, the main motion will be changed accordingly. After the amendments are decided on, the body will discuss and decide on the main motion using the same discussion process. It will still be possible to ask to commit a motion to the World Board or to use an amendment to divide a motion.

If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, and then the body will vote. The voting threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator.

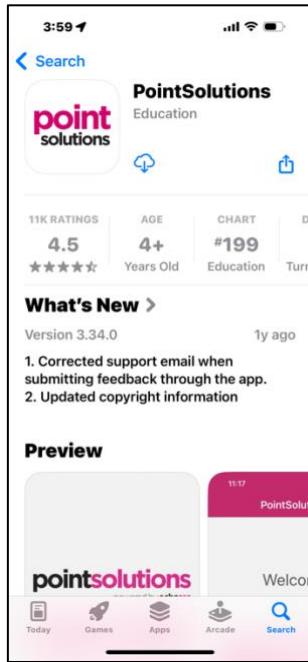
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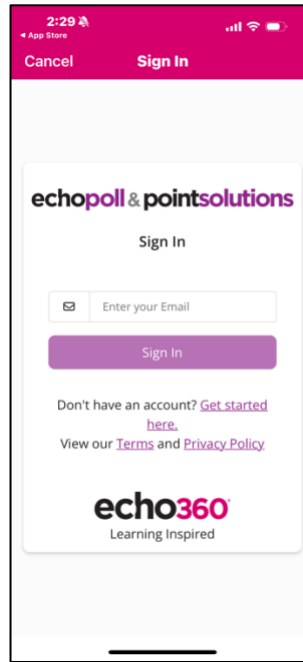
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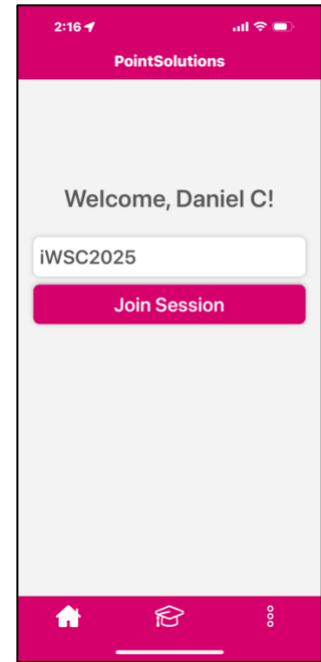
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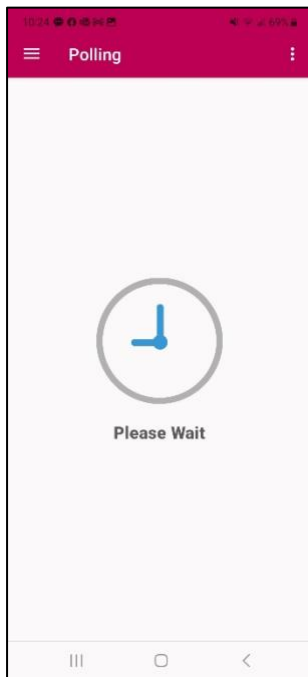
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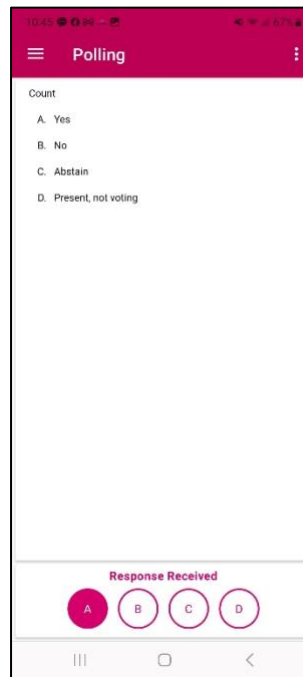
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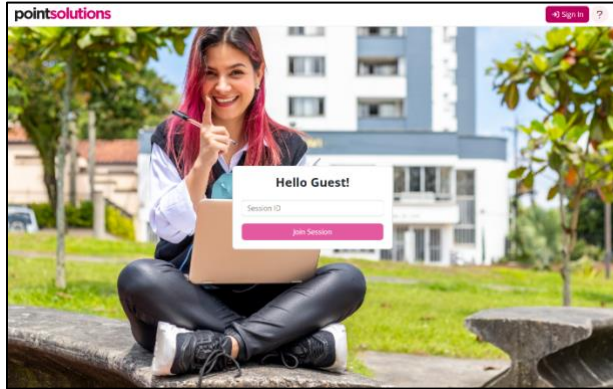
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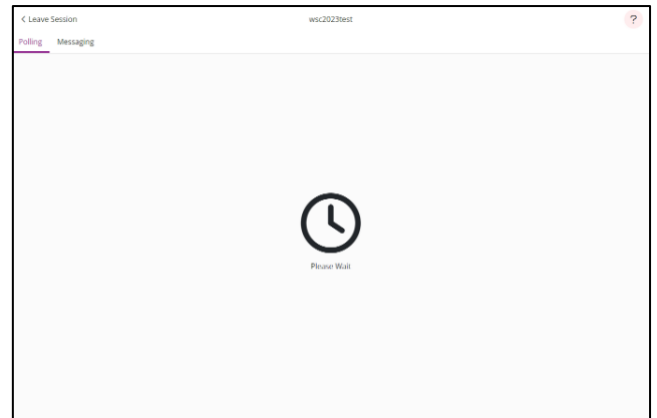
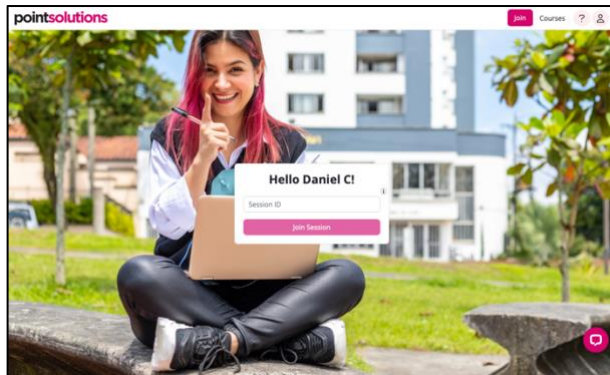
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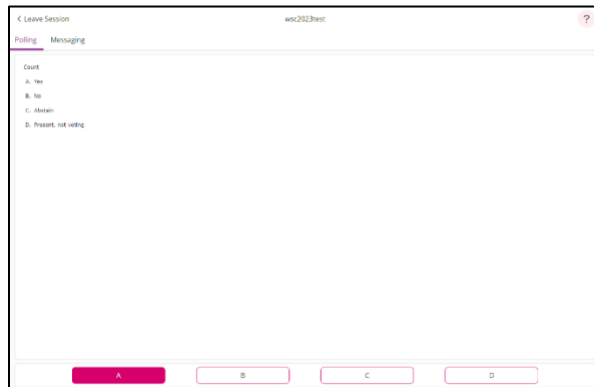


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