

Testing for Consensus

After reasonable discussion, a straw poll will be taken to see if there is consensus. A member may request additional discussion before a straw poll is taken.

The following consensus technique will be used, in which members hold up one to five fingers to indicate a 'straw poll' position on an issue. The numbers represent the following positions:

- 1 – An unqualified yes to the proposal
- 2 – The proposal is acceptable
- 3 – I can live with the proposal, but I am not enthusiastic about it.
- 4 – I do not fully agree with the proposal, and need to register my view of it. However, I do not choose to block the proposal.
- 5 – I do not agree with the proposal and wish to stand in the way of it being adopted.

The group will seek further input from a person registering 4 or 5.

In the event that consensus cannot be reached, the members will vote on the issue. A supermajority of those present is required for acceptance of a proposal.

(Determine what a supermajority will be).