# The Virtual Parliamentarian

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# ARE E-MEETINGS ALLOWED

"Except as authorized in the bylaws, the business of an organization or board can be validly transacted only at a regular or properly called meeting—that is, as defined in 8:2(1), a single official gathering in one room or area—of the assembly of its members at which a quorum is present."

RONR (12th ed.) 9:30

## THE VIRTUAL PARLIAMENTARIAN

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"Among some organizations, there is an increasing preference, especially in the case of a relatively small board or other assembly, to transact business at electronic meetings . . ."

"A group that holds such alternative meetings does not lose its character as a deliberative assembly (see 1:1) so long as the meetings provide, at a minimum, conditions of opportunity for simultaneous aural communication among all participating members equivalent to those of meetings held in one room or area."

RONR (12th ed.) 9:31

"Under such conditions, an electronic meeting that is properly authorized in the bylaws is treated as though it were a meeting at which all the members who are participating are actually present."

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**BYLAWS** 

(CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS)





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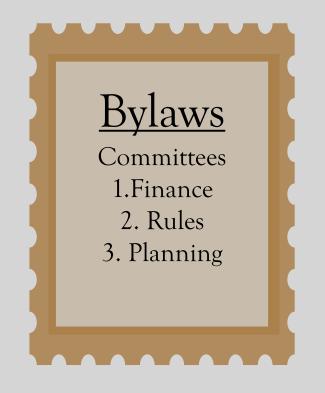


Committees Expressly Established In The Bylaws

Finance Committee

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Can Only Meet Electronically If Authorized In The Bylaws

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That an Auditing Committee of three members shall be appointed annually by the President at the Association's March meeting, whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year and to report at the annual meeting; the committee may hold electronic meetings.

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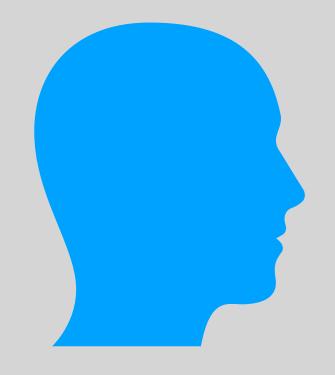
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## Instructions Contained In The Motion Establishing The Committee

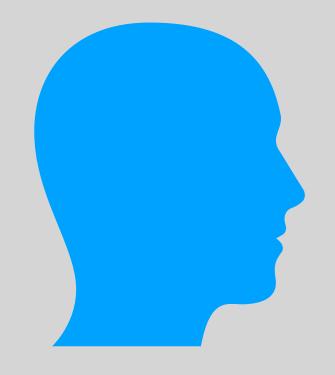
I move that the motion be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the chair, with instructions that the committee may hold its meetings electronically.



## Subsequent Instructions To A Committee



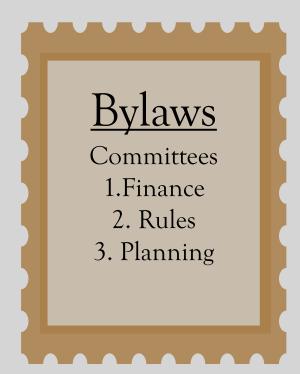
I move that the committee to which was referred the motion to hold a centennial celebration, with instructions to report back at the October meeting, shall be further instructed that it may hold its meetings electronically.



## Can This Same Method Be Used With A Committee Expressly Established In The Bylaws?





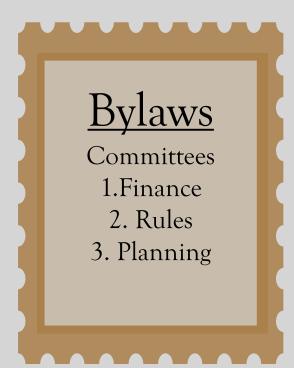






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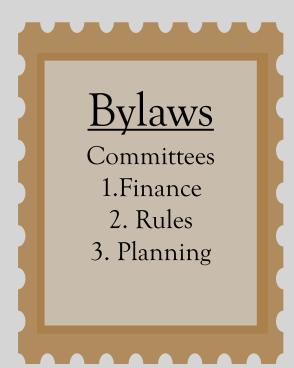
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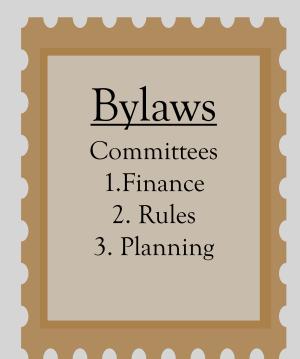
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#### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

"As in the case of a board or any assembly, committees that are expressly established by the bylaws can hold a valid electronic meeting only if authorized in the bylaws to do so."

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#### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

"A committee that is not expressly established by the bylaws, however, may instead be authorized to hold electronic meetings by a standing rule of the parent body or organization, by the motion establishing the particular committee, or by instructions included in a motion referring an individual matter to the committee or issued subsequent to such a motion.

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# TYPES OF ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

# Electronic Participation In A Meeting vs. Meeting Electronically

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Where Members Participate Via Software With Advanced Capabilities For Meetings

#### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

"Various provisions for electronic meetings are possible, so that more than the minimum standard of an audioconference may be required."

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#### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

"Thus, if the bylaws provide for meeting by videoconference (but not merely by "teleconference" or "audioconference"), the meeting must be conducted by a technology that allows all participating members to see each other, as well as to hear each other, at the same time."

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Most Web Platforms Allow Participants To Optionally "Dial In" With Voice Only

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# What Does A Web Platform Need?

#### Aural Communication

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"It is important to understand that, regardless of the technology used, the opportunity for simultaneous aural communication is essential to the deliberative character of the meeting."

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# ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

"Therefore, a group that attempts to conduct the deliberative process in writing (such as by postal mail, e-mail, "chat rooms," or fax)—which is not recommended—does not constitute a deliberative assembly."

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## ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

"Any such effort may achieve a consultative character, but it is foreign to the deliberative process as understood under parliamentary law."

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#### Aural Communication

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Method For Voting

Aural Communication

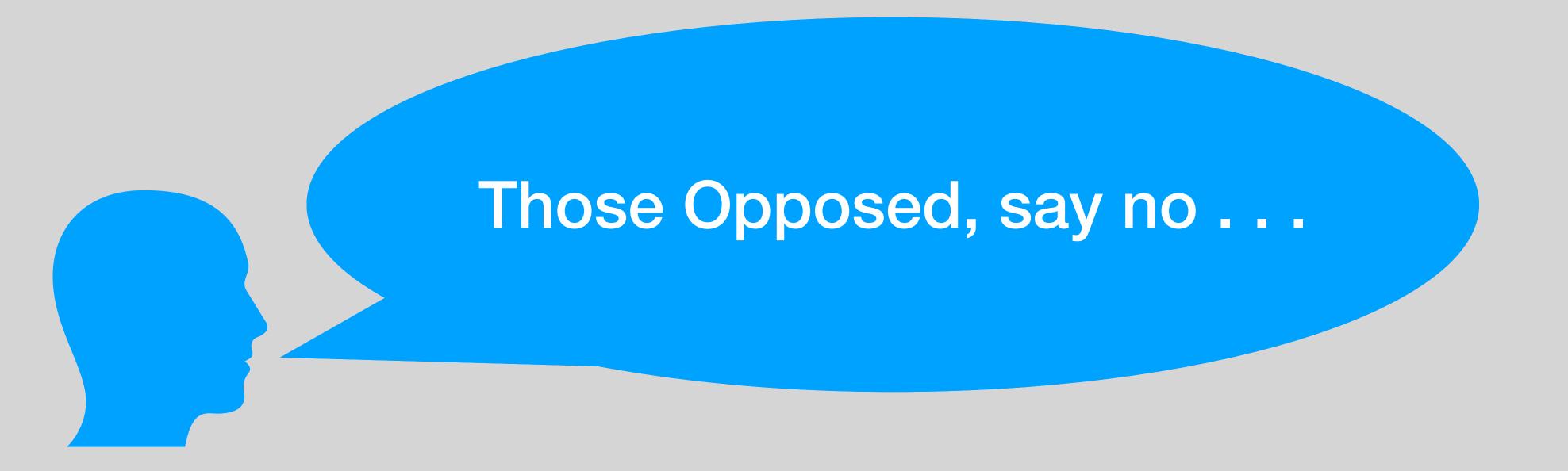
Method For Voting

Voice Vote Is Not Practical In Electronic Meetings

Those in favor, say aye . . .

Aye!

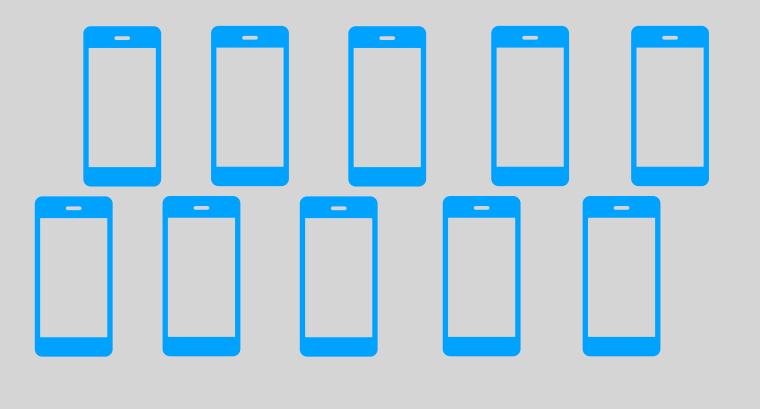
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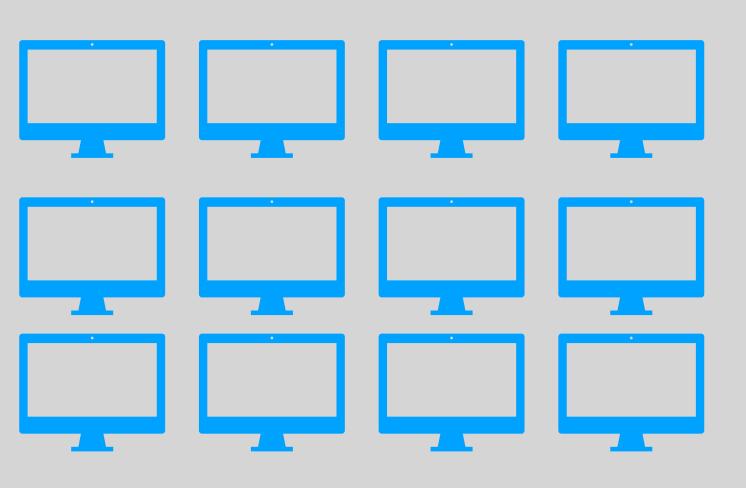
Those Opposed, say no . . .

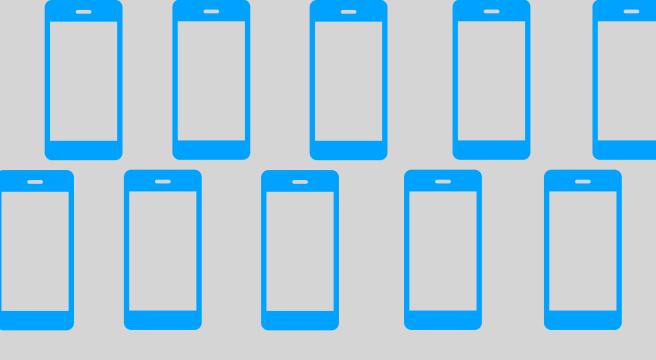
No!

The ayes (noes) have it, and the motion is adopted (lost).

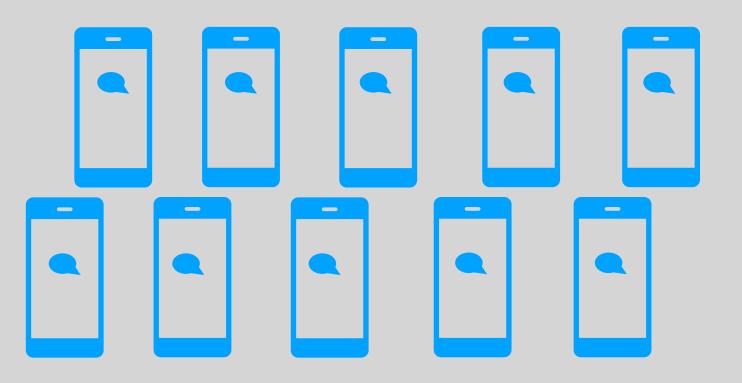


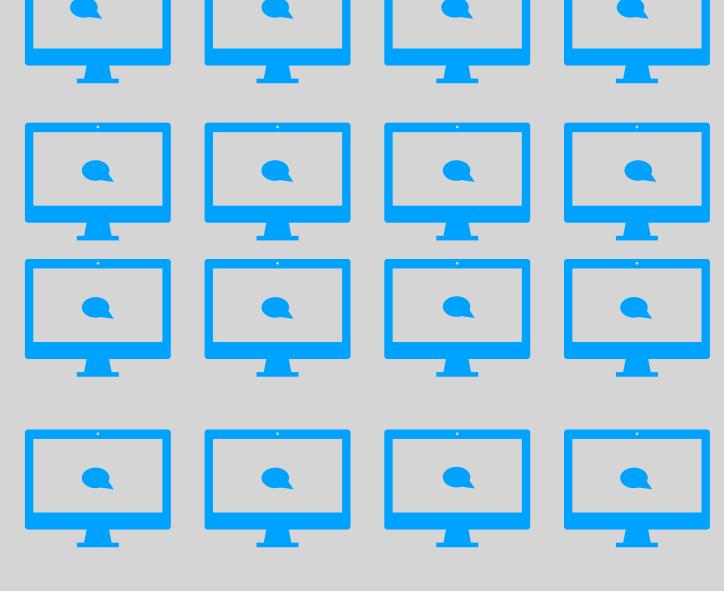




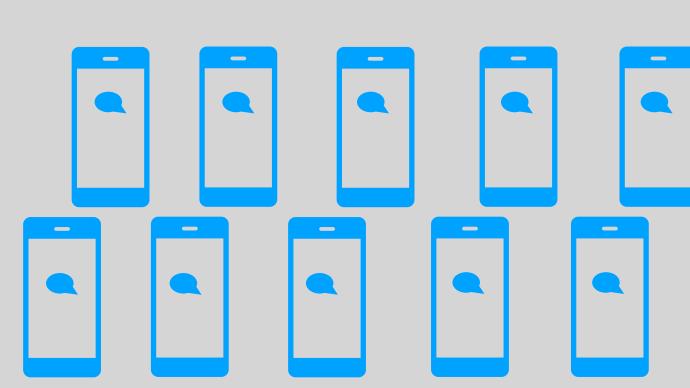






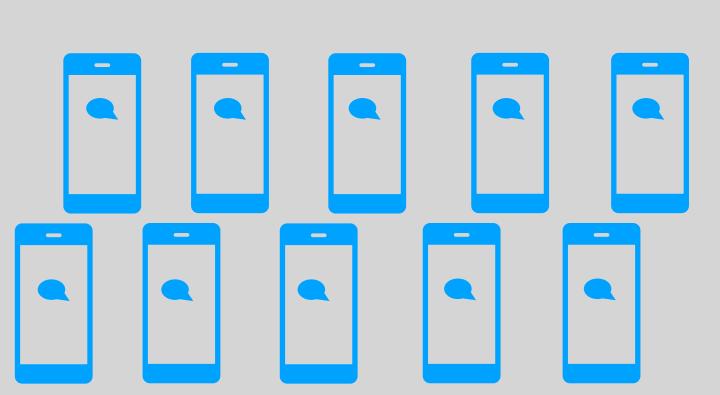








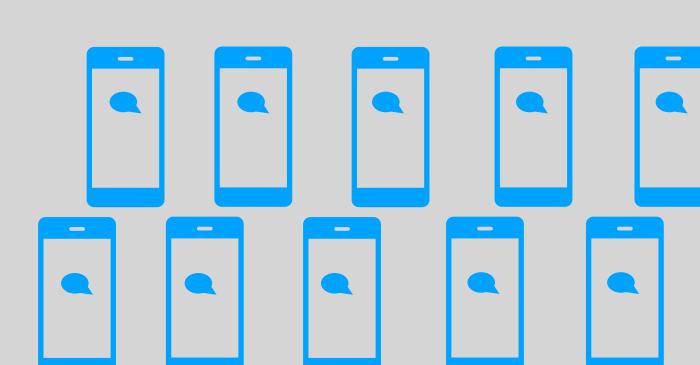




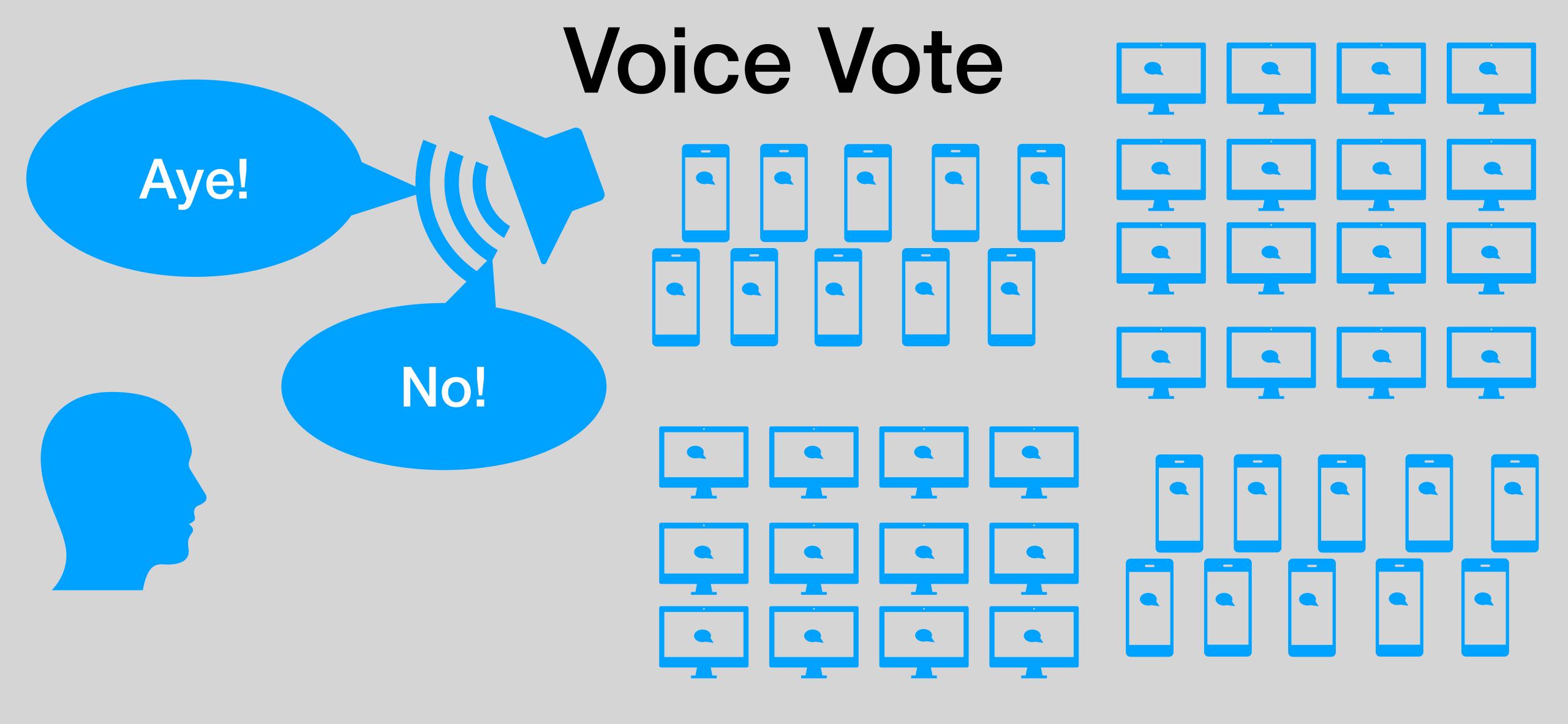




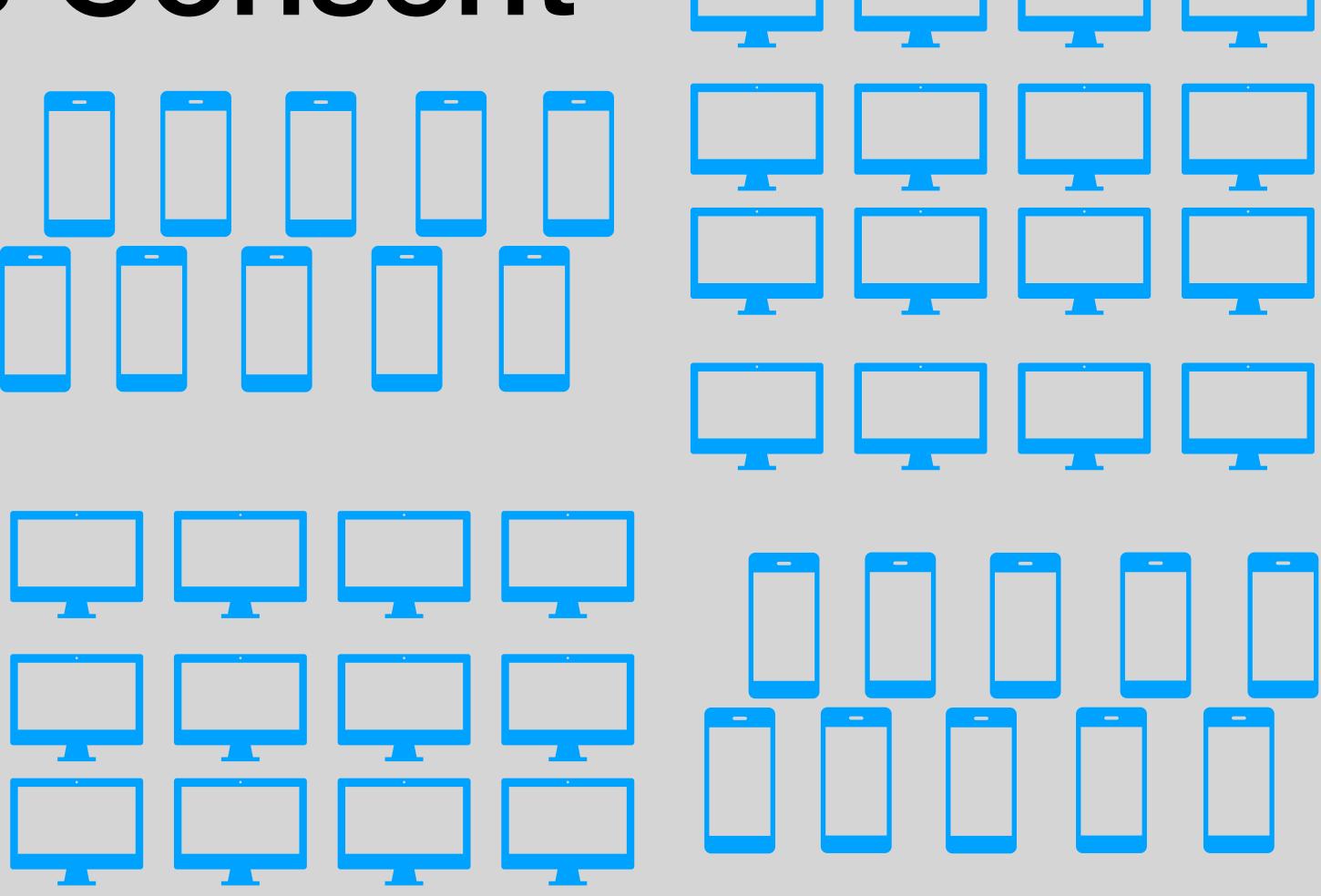




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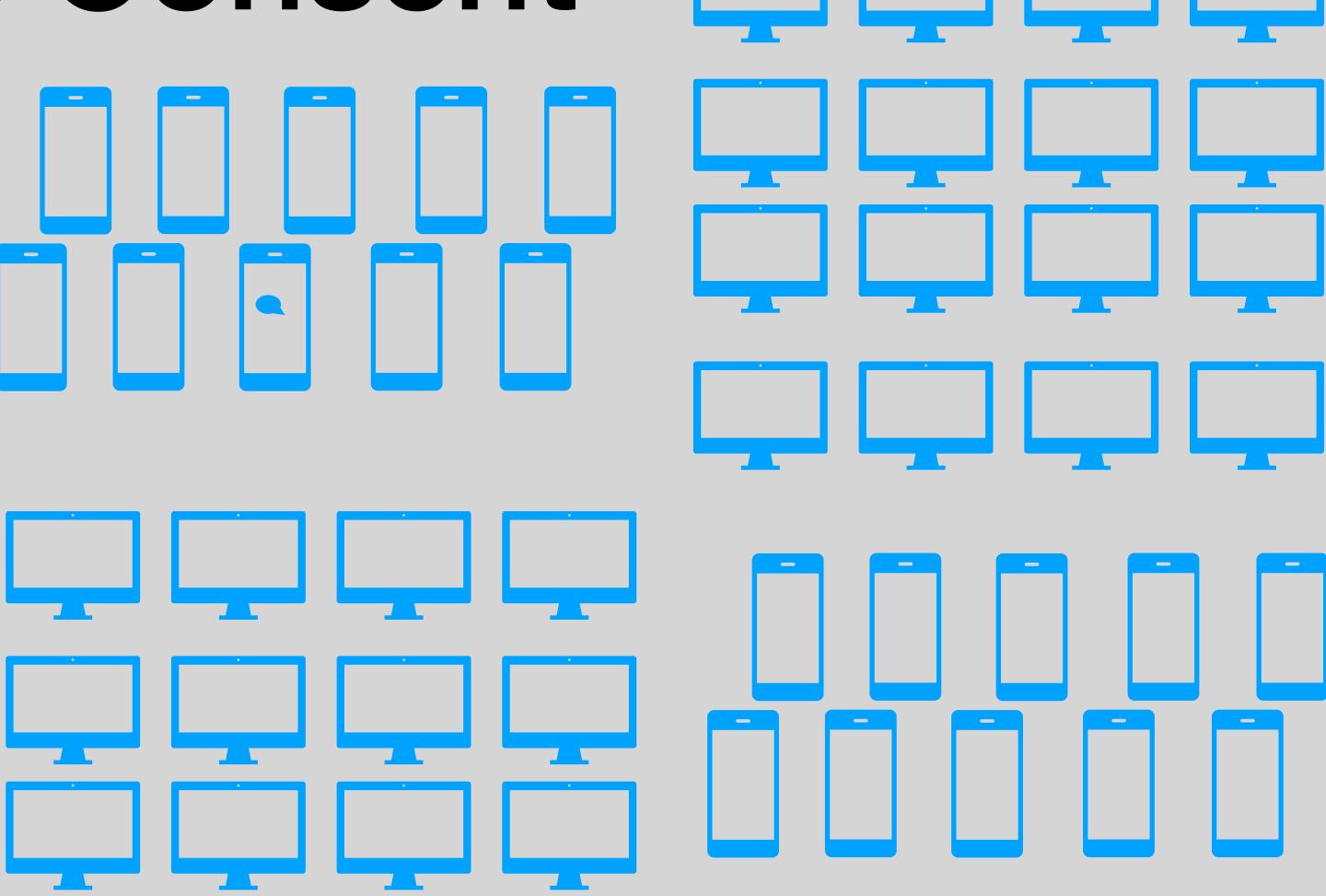


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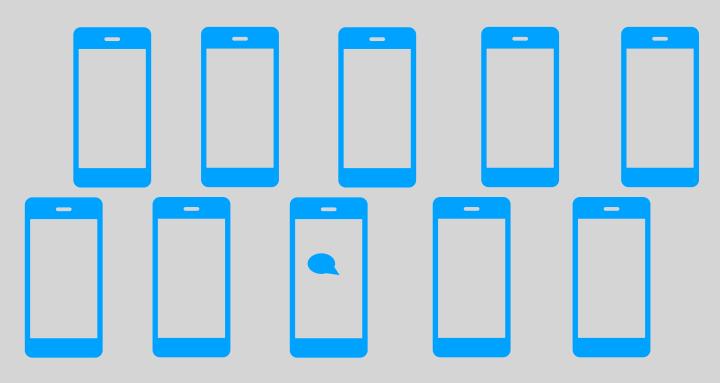
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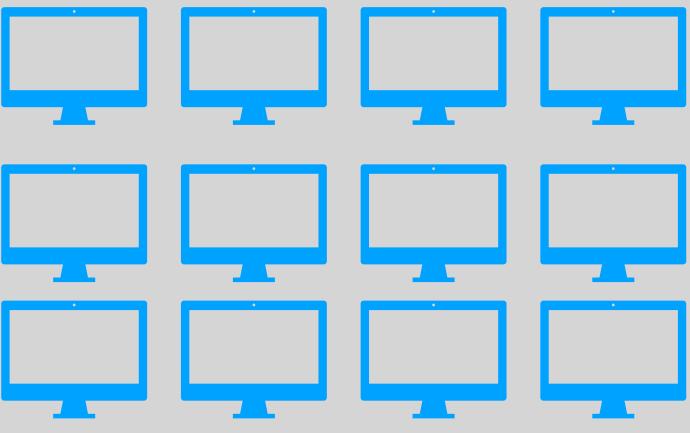


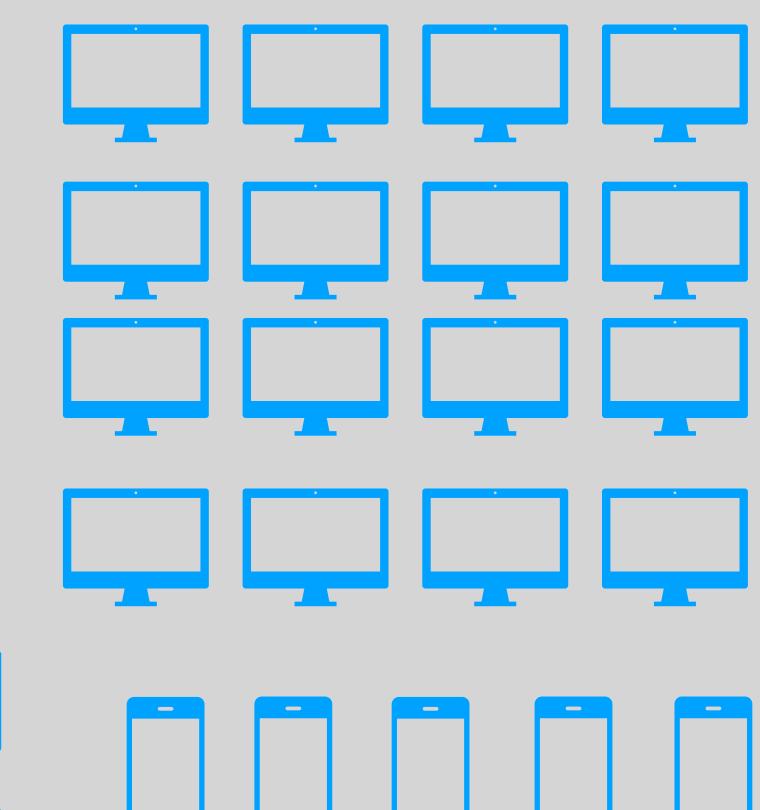


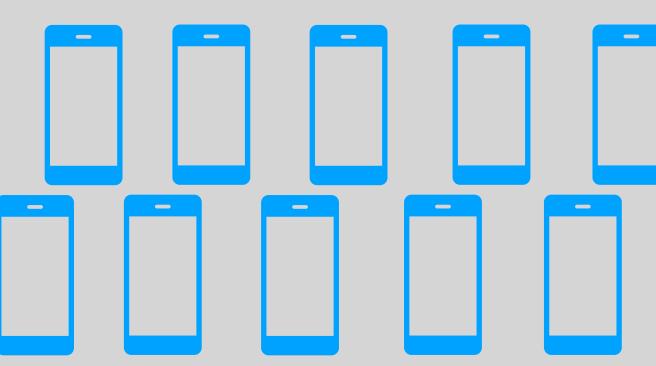
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Those Vote Totals Should Always Be Provided As A Number, Not As A Percentage

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Must Be Able To Ensure
That Only Members Have
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#### Necessities For An Electronic Meeting

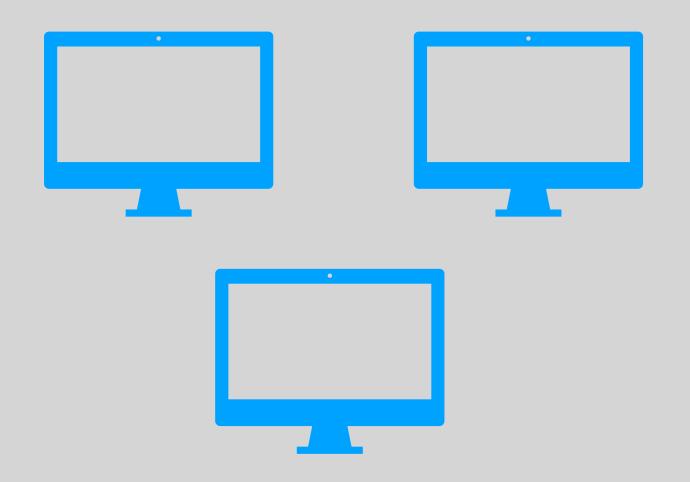
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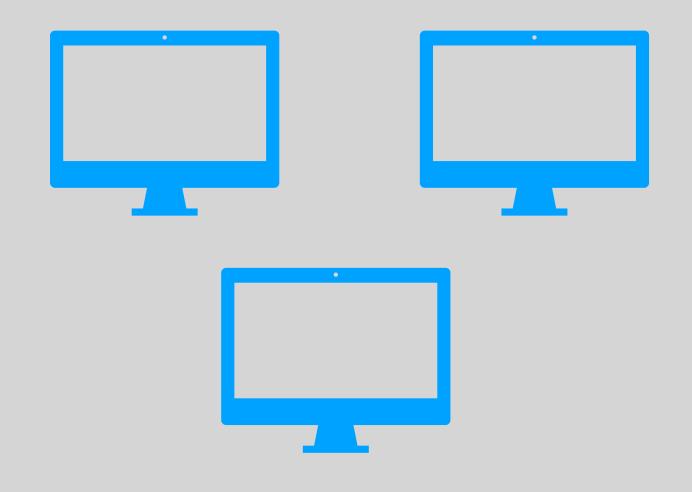
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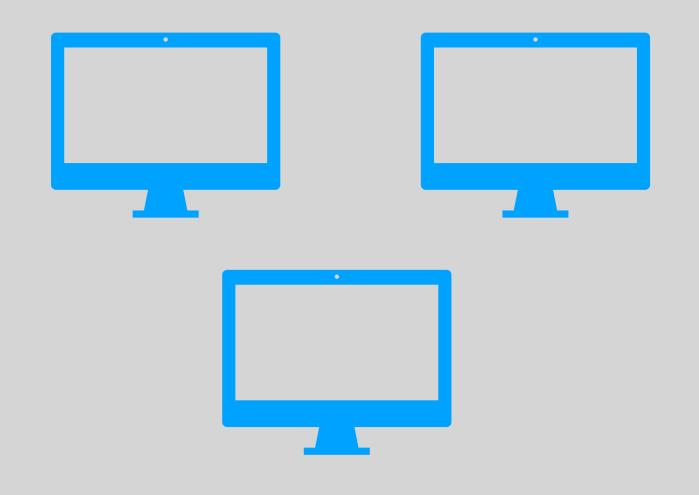
Sometimes A Separate Voting App Or Voting Software Is Necessary

# Technical Support Is Essential



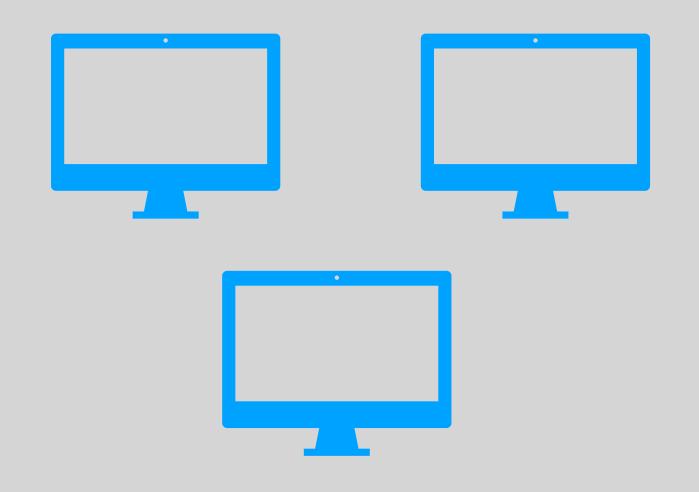


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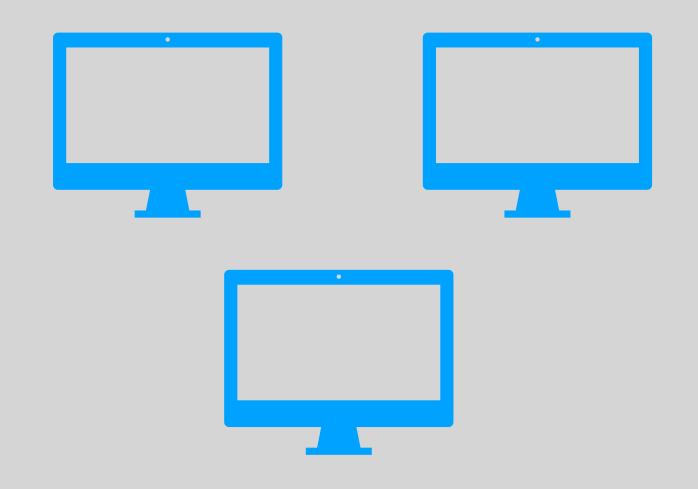
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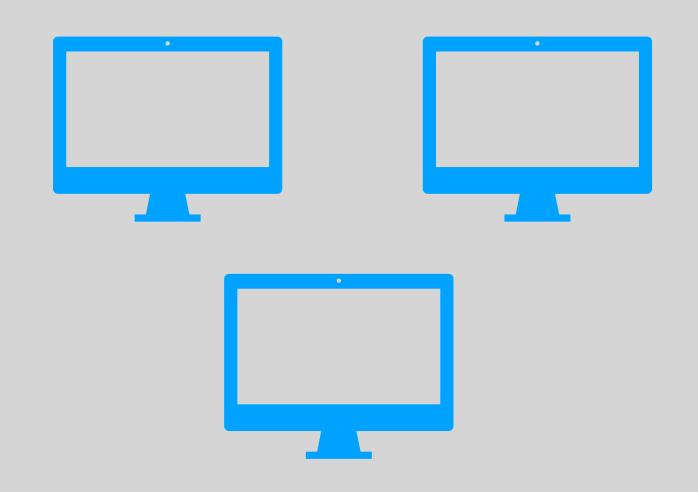


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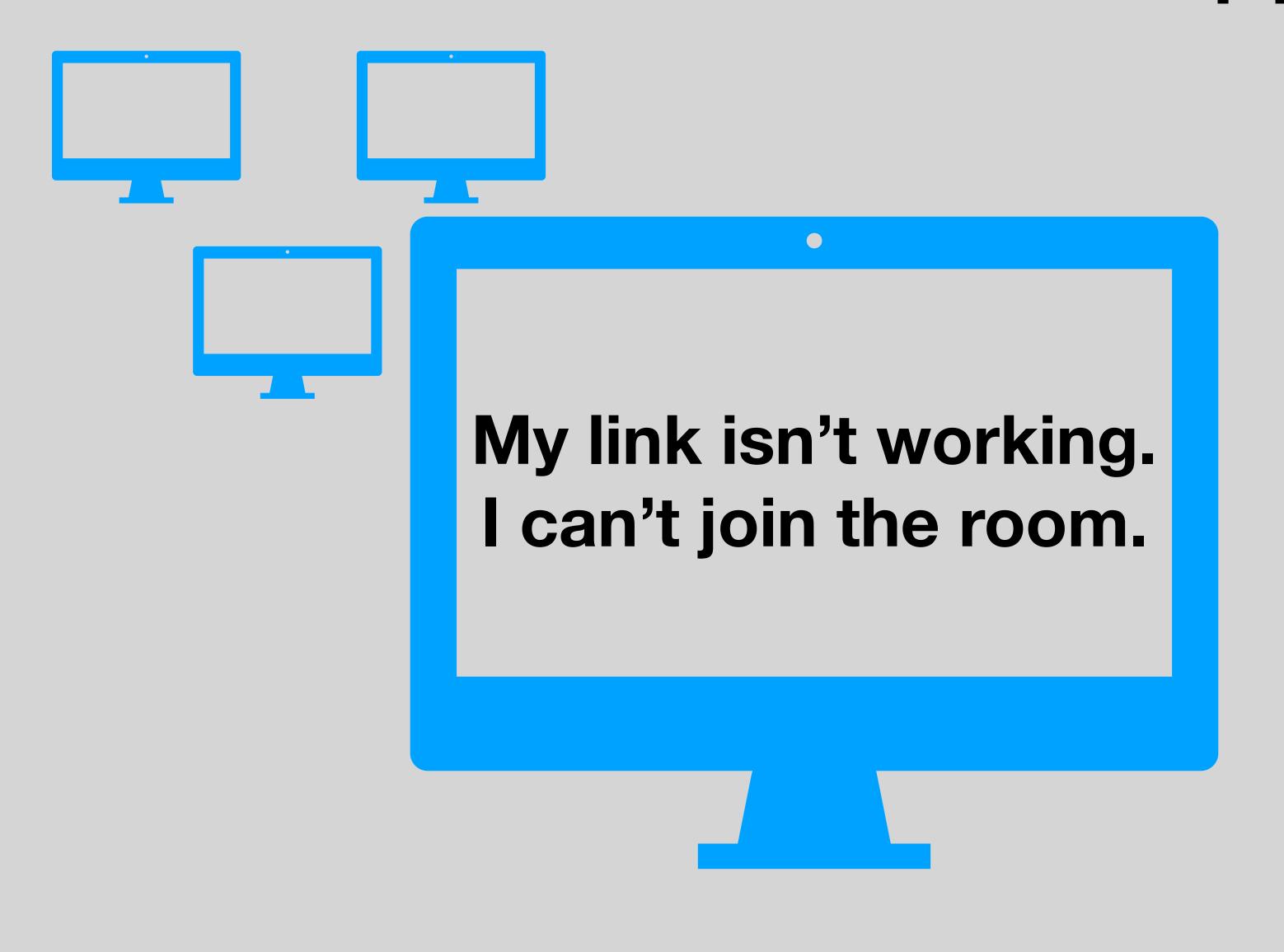


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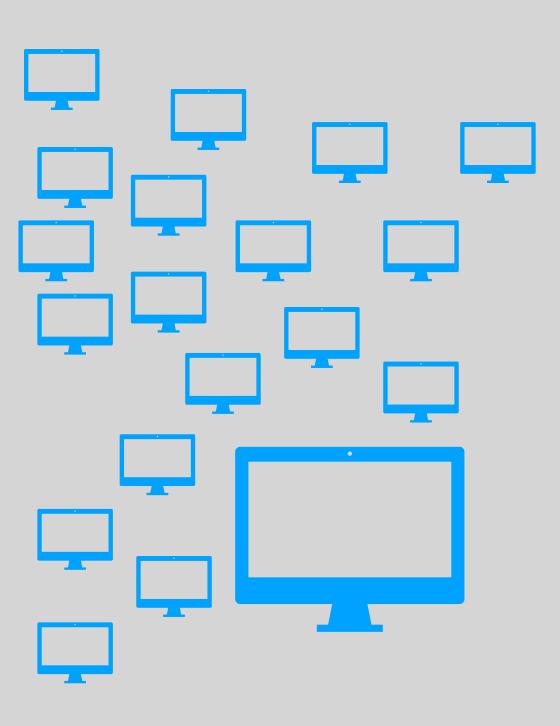


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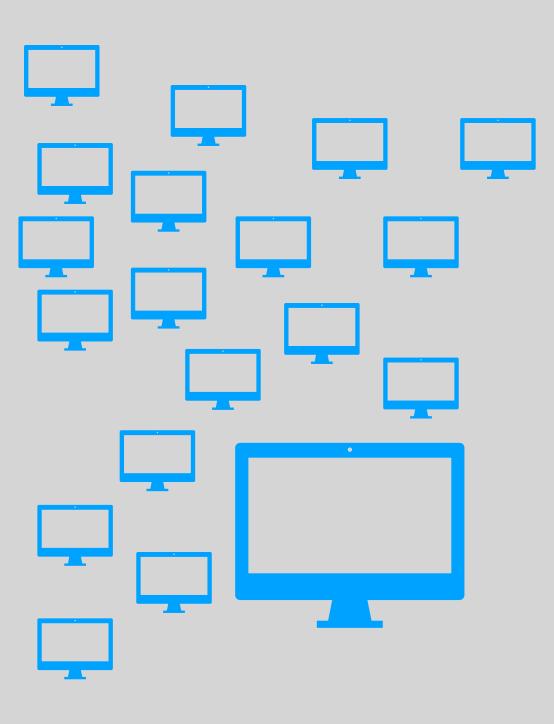


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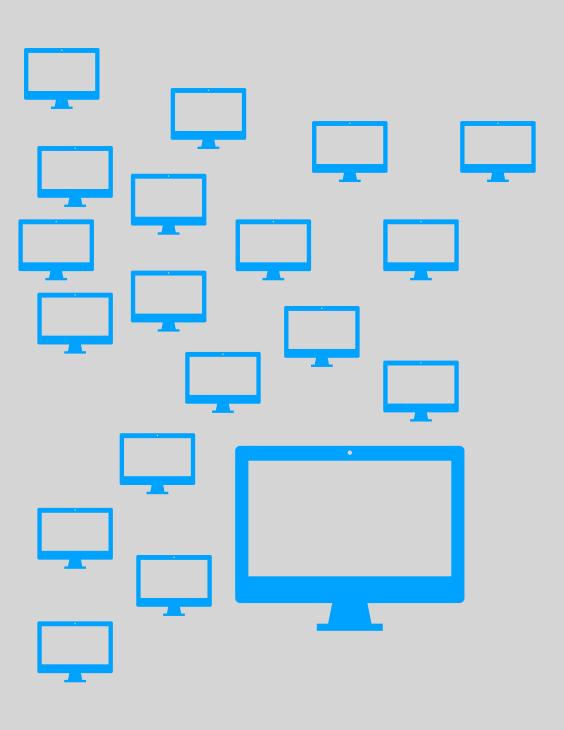
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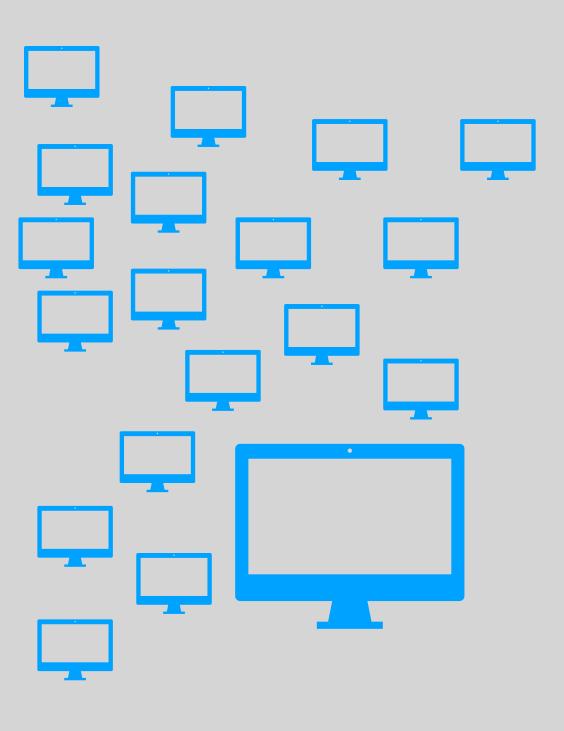


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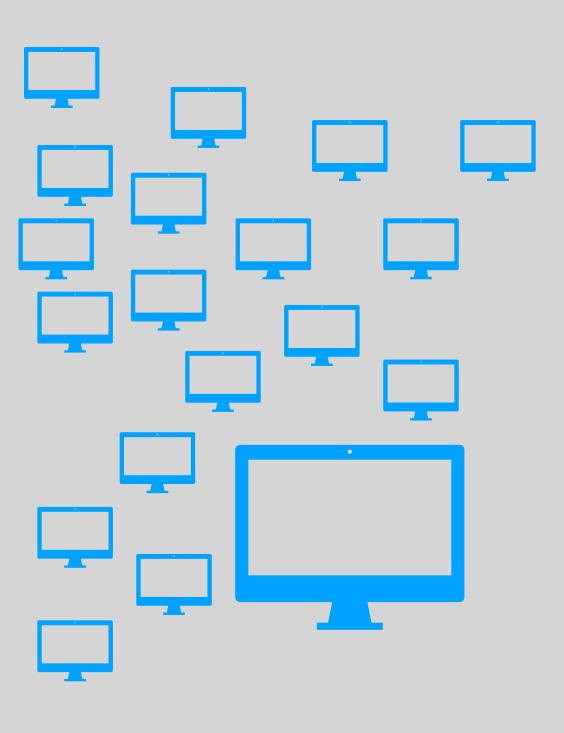
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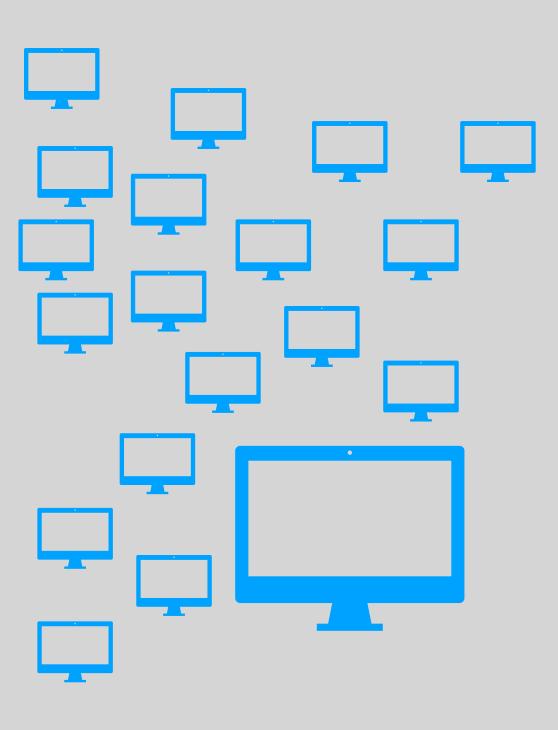


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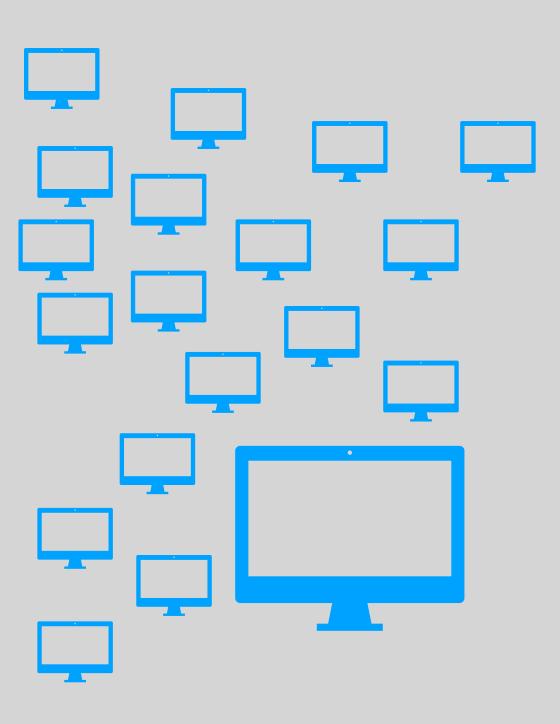
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Monitor & Manage Chat Window



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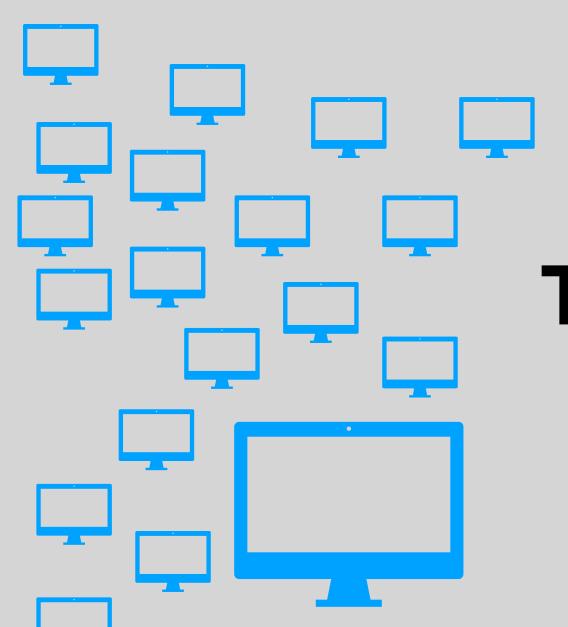
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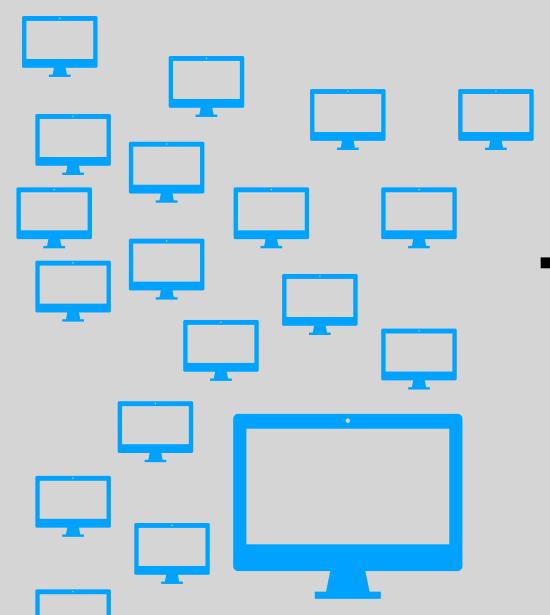
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If Technical Support is to be member volunteers, they should become familiar with the platform to be used, and their other duties inside the meeting should not infringe upon their technical responsibilities.

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# WEB PLATFORMS



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# NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC MEETING

#### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

"The notice of an electronic meeting must include an adequate description of how to participate in it (for example, the telephone number to call for a teleconference must be provided)."

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Teleconference

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- Phone Number To Dial

#### Teleconference



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- Code To Enter

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#### Videoconference



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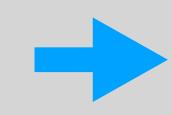


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#### Videoconference





- Phone Number To Dial - May Have An Audio-Only Option



- Code To Enter



#### Videoconference



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- Code To Enter



- Time To Join (vis-à-vis the meeting time)



L - Web Address



- Phone Number To Dial



- Code To Enter



- Time To Join (vis-à-vis the meeting time)



\_ - Web Address

#### Web Platform



- Phone Number To Dial



- Code To Enter



- Time To Join (vis-à-vis the meeting time)



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- May Have To Register In Advance

Web Platform

Link

Web Platform





- Sometimes The Link Is Individually Unique

Web Platform





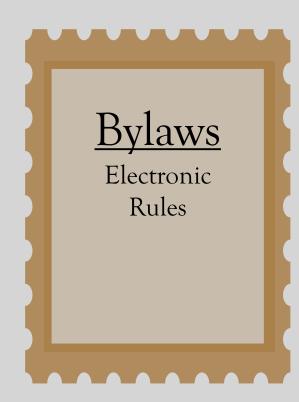
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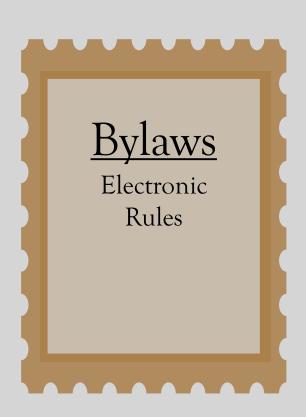
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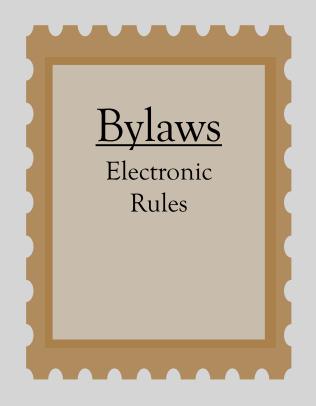
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# DRAFTING ELECTRONIC RULES

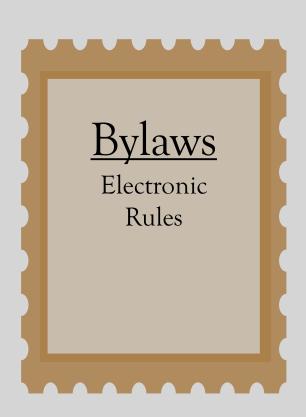


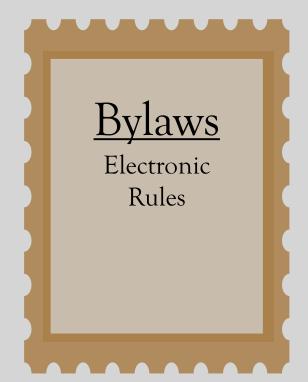






Where in the bylaws should provisions for electronic meetings be placed?

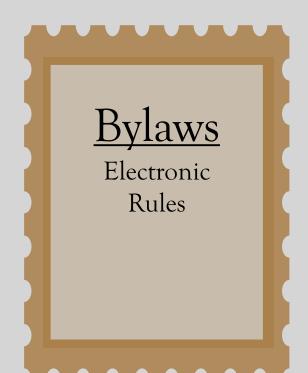




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- VIII. Parliamentary Authority
- IX. Amendments

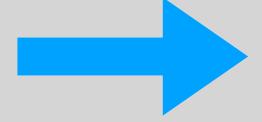
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#### Don't Overdo It





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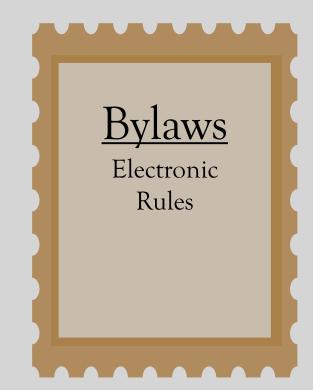
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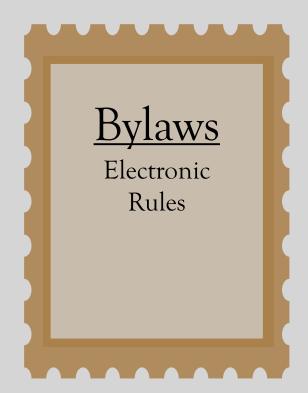
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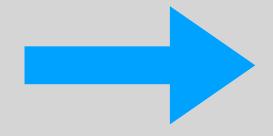
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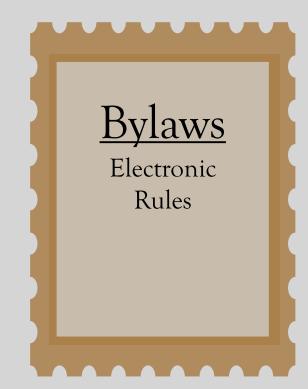
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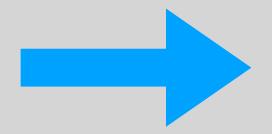
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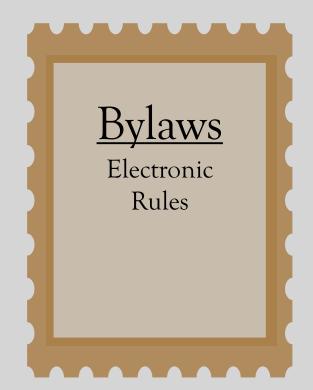


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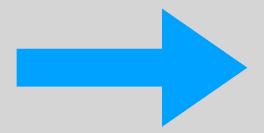
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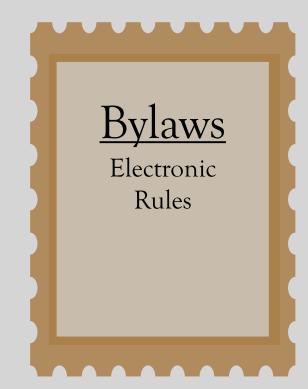


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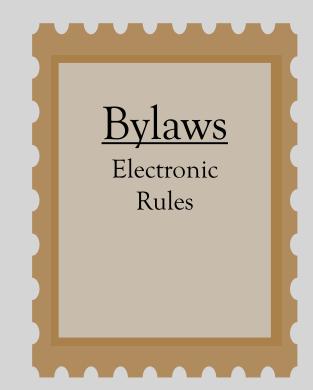
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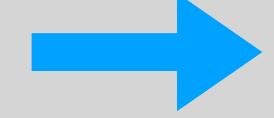
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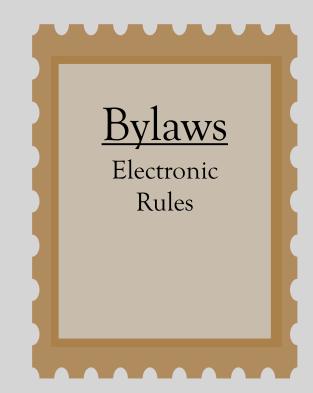
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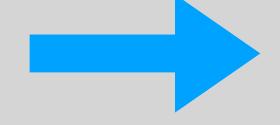
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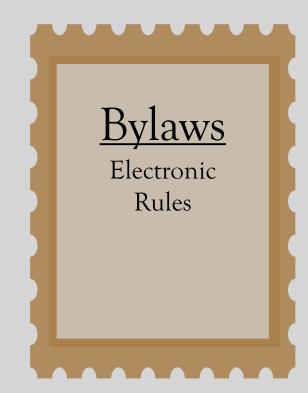
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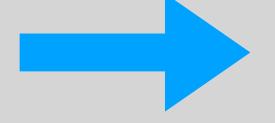
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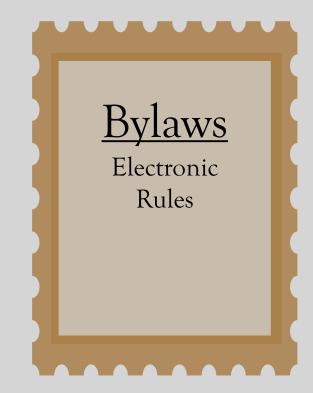
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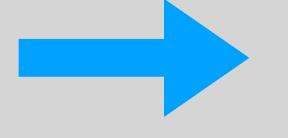
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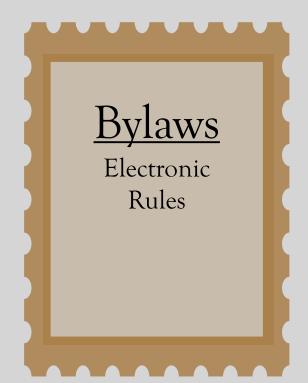
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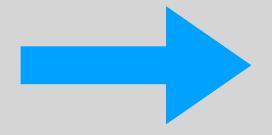
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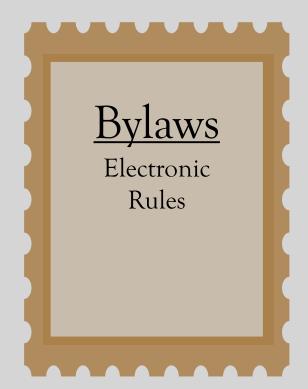
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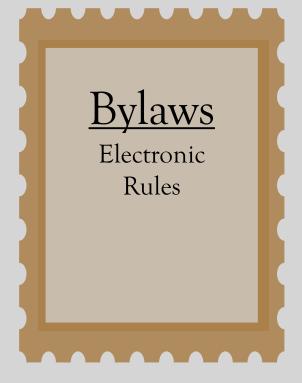
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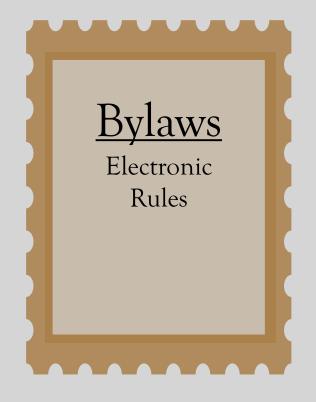
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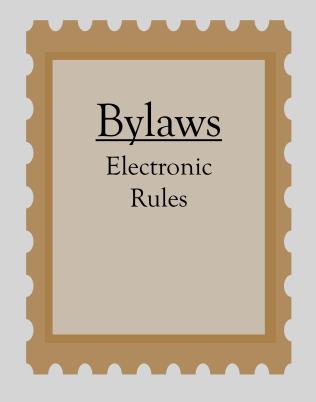
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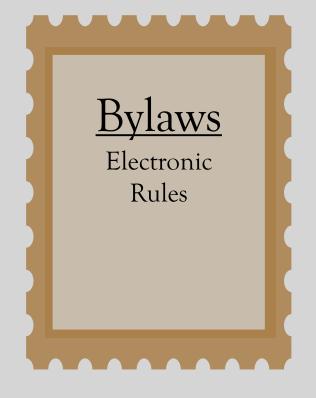
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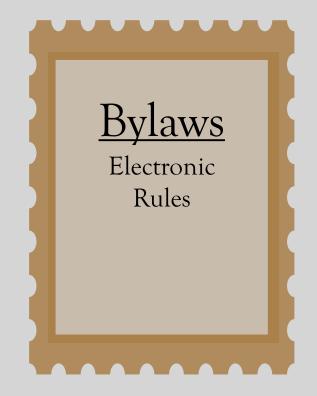
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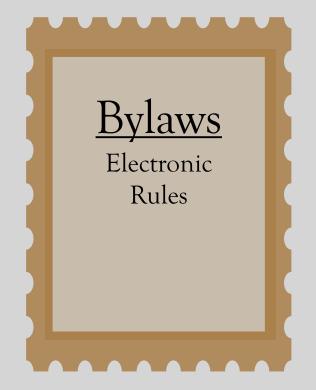


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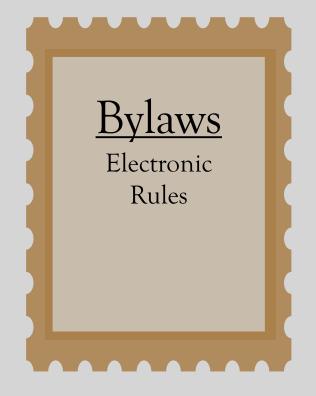
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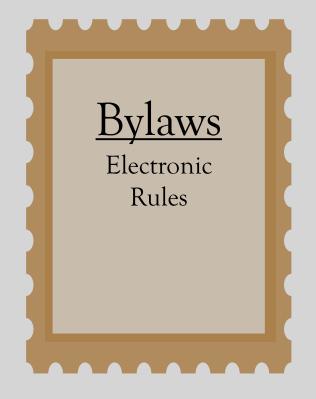
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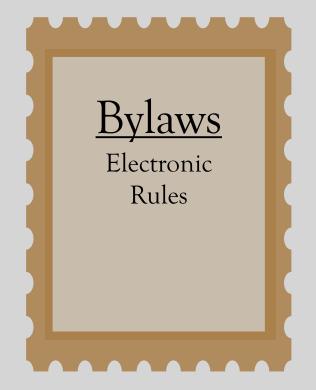
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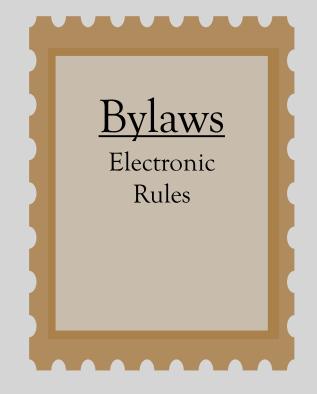
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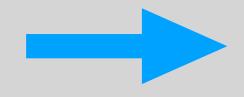
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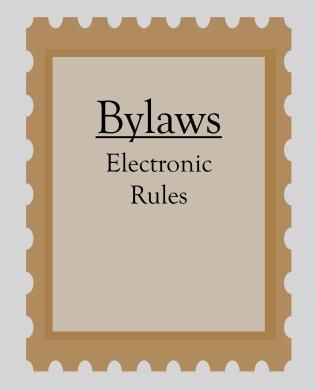
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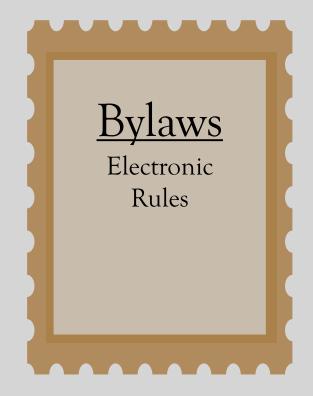


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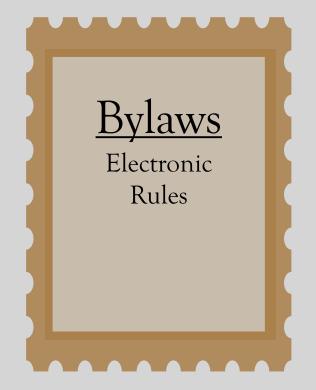


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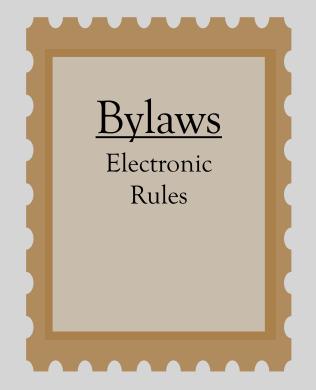
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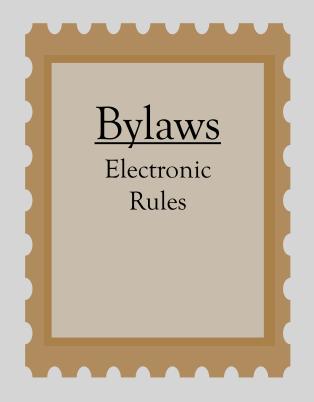
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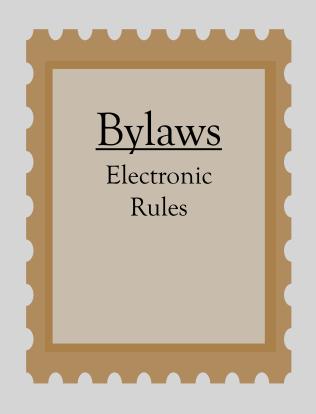


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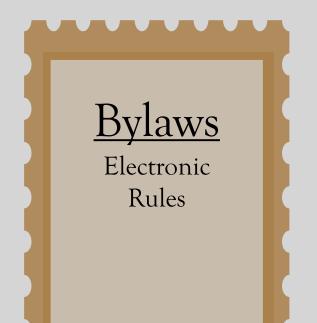


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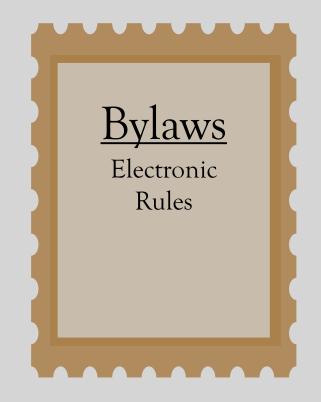
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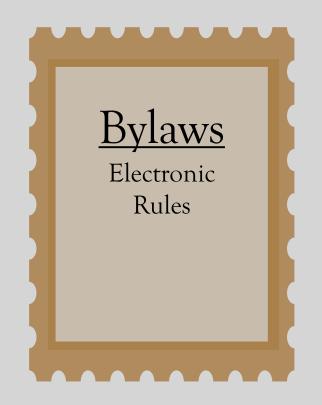
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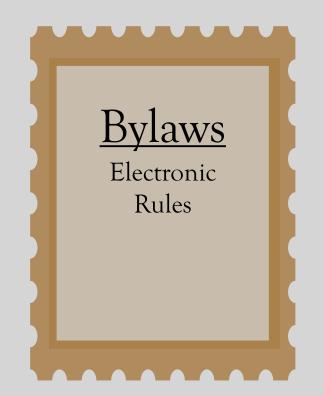


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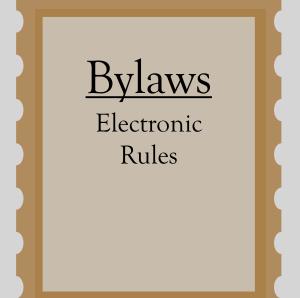


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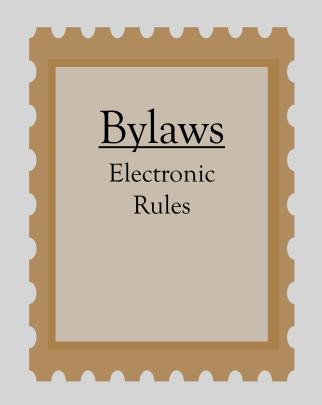
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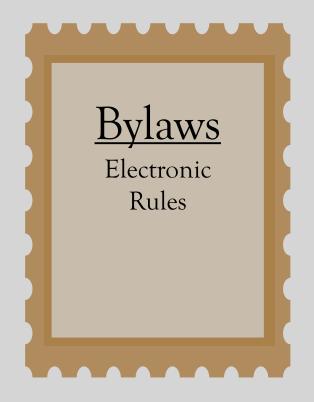


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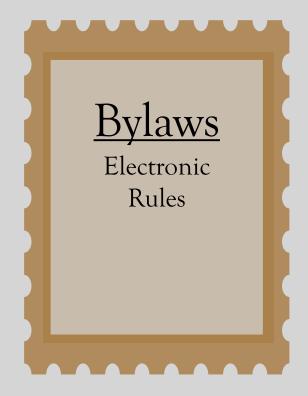


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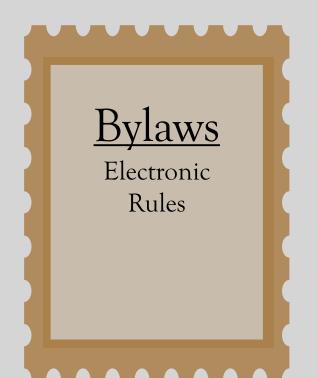
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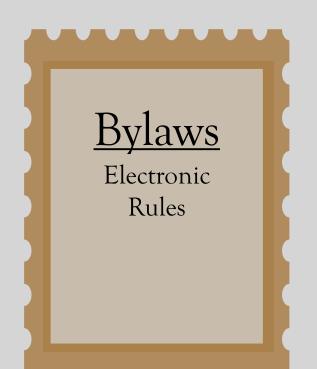
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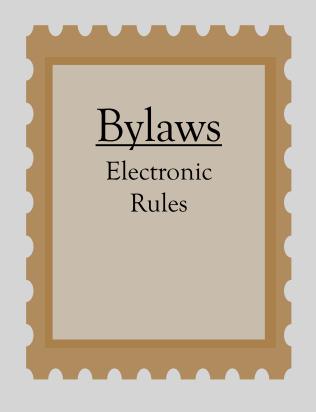
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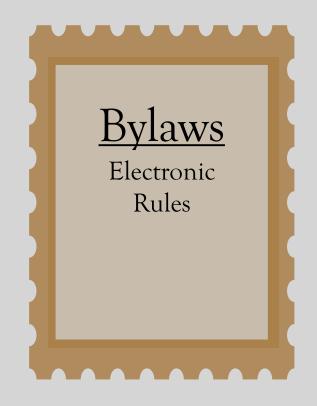
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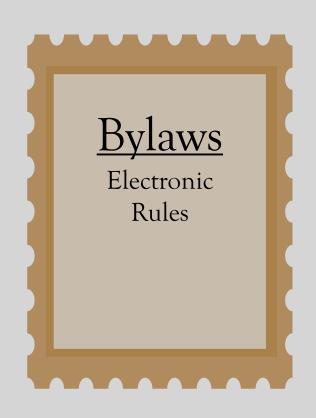


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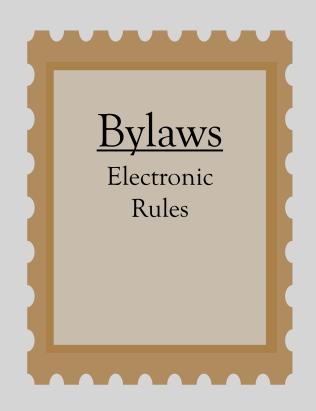
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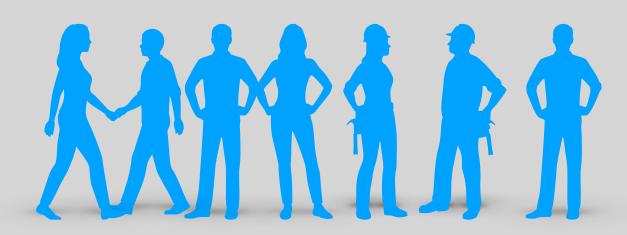
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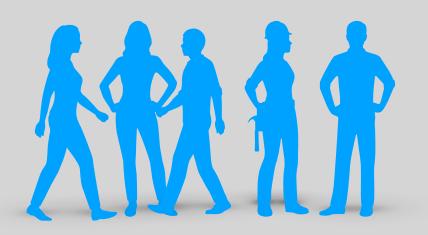


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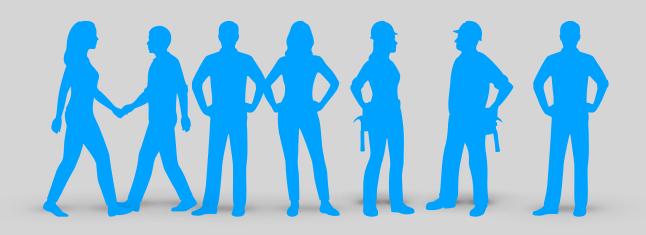


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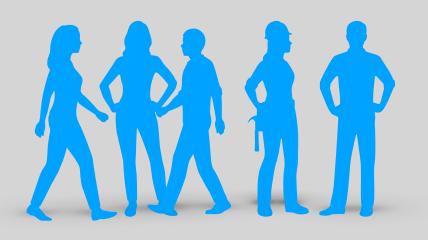




You Need To Be Able
To Differentiate



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1. USERNAMES. Participants shall enter their full names as their user names. Individuals using aliases shall be removed from the virtual meeting, but may reenter using their correct full names.

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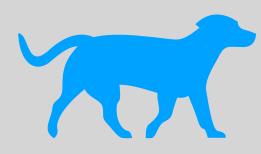
1.1 VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY. The Sergeant-at-Arms, and individuals working under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, shall verify that each member username matches an entry on the list of members.

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1.2 CATEGORIZATION OF PARTICIPANTS. Voting members shall be placed in a voting-members section (or otherwise identified as voting members). Nonvoting members shall be placed in a nonvoting-members section (or otherwise identified as nonvoting members). Guests shall be placed in a guest section (or otherwise identified as guests).











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2. MICROPHONES. Participants shall mute their microphones except when speaking. The chair, or an individual acting under the direction of the chair, shall mute the microphone of any individual who does not have the floor.



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3. INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT. Individuals participating in the electronic meeting shall be responsible for the functionality of their own equipment (e.g., computer, tablet, phone, speakers, microphone, camera, Internet connection, etc.).

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3.1. If a participant's equipment causes a hinderance to the meeting (e.g., audio feedback, glitchy images, excessive background noise, etc.), the chair, or an individual acting under the direction of the chair, shall disable or disconnect the distracting component.

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3.2. A member's inability to participate in the meeting, if caused by the member's equipment or connection (even an inability to attend or to vote), shall not invalidate the meeting or any of its proceedings.

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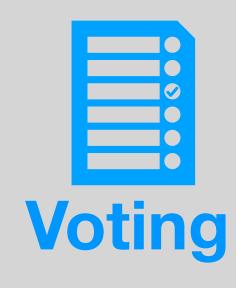


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4. SEEKING THE FLOOR. To seek the floor, a participant shall click the RAISE HAND button (or similar feature as directed by the chair).

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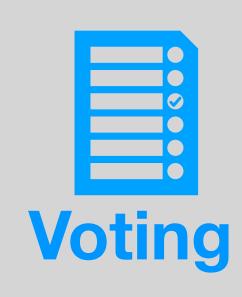


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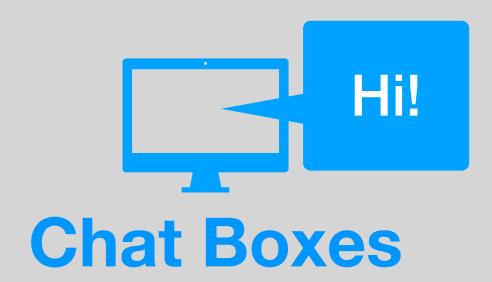
5. VOTING. During a meeting, the voting (including the election of officers) shall be held electronically by a method selected in advance by the Chair. If technical issues hinder the performance of the electronic voting, a different electronic method may be used, as directed by the assembly.

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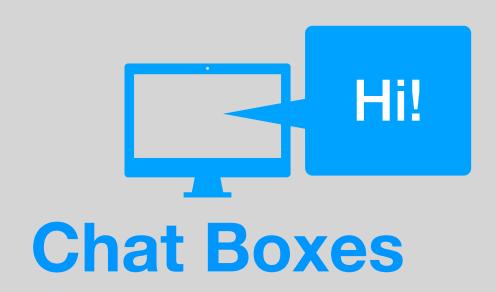


5.1 TABULATION. In an electronic vote, since the votes are not tabulated by hand, tellers are not appointed. When possible, the tally of the votes shall be displayed to the meeting participants. If such display is not possible, the tally shall be read by the chair or another individual under the direction of the chair.

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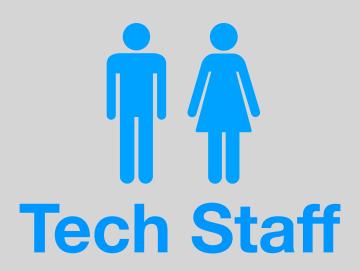


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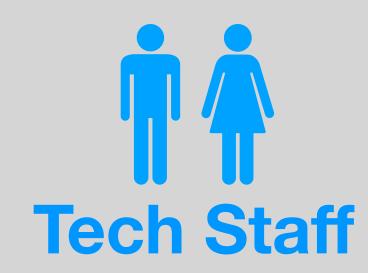


6. TEXT BOXES. Text boxes, if provided, shall be for official meeting use, as directed by the chair. Side comments in text boxes shall not be allowed and shall be erased.

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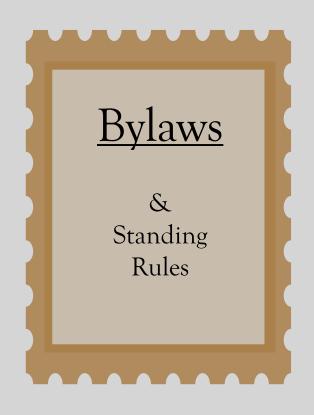


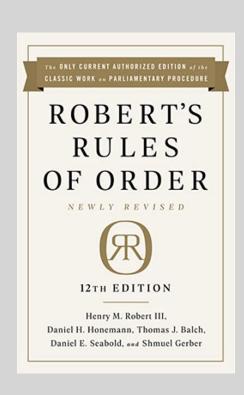
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7. ASSISTANTS AND TECHNICIANS. Before and during an electronic meeting, the Chair shall appoint assistants and technicians as needed to facilitate the operation of the electronic meeting.

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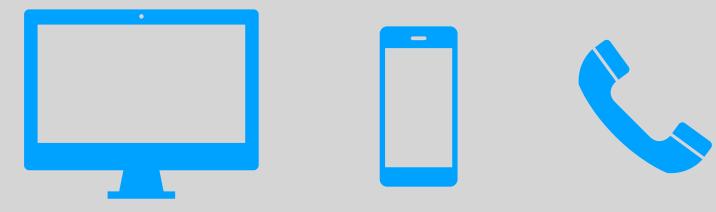
8. APPLICABILITY OF REGULAR RULES. Any electronic meeting shall simulate, as closely as practicable, an in-person meeting, and the rules applicable to an in-person meeting shall apply to an electronic meeting as closely as practicable.

# Determining The Presence Of A Quorum

"Under such conditions, an electronic meeting that is properly authorized in the bylaws is treated as though it were a meeting at which all the members who are participating are actually present."

### Electronic Quorum

Participating = Present



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Before Creating Any New Rules About A Quorum, Let's Review The Current Rules In RONR.

"Before the presiding officer calls a meeting to order, it is his duty to determine, although he need not announce, that a quorum is present."

"When the chair has called a meeting to order after finding that a quorum is present, the continued presence of a quorum is presumed unless the chair or a member notices that a quorum is no longer present."

"If the chair notices the absence of a quorum, it is his duty to declare the fact, at least before taking any vote or stating the question on any new motion—which he can no longer do except in connection with the permissible proceedings related to the absence of a quorum, as explained above."

"Any member noticing the apparent absence of a quorum can make a point of order to that effect at any time so long as he does not interrupt a person who is speaking."

"Debate on a question already pending can be allowed to continue at length after a quorum is no longer present, however, until a member raises the point."

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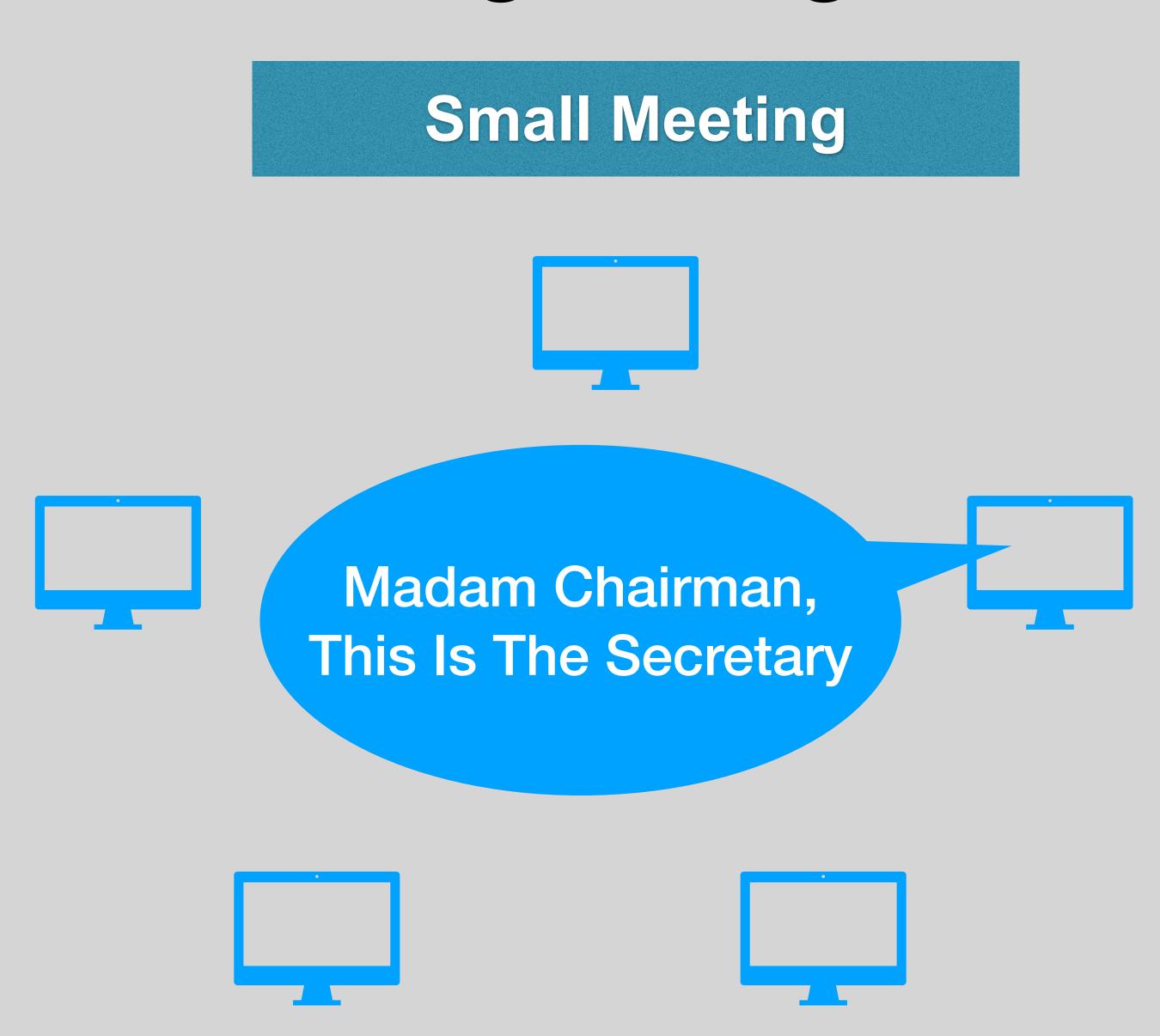


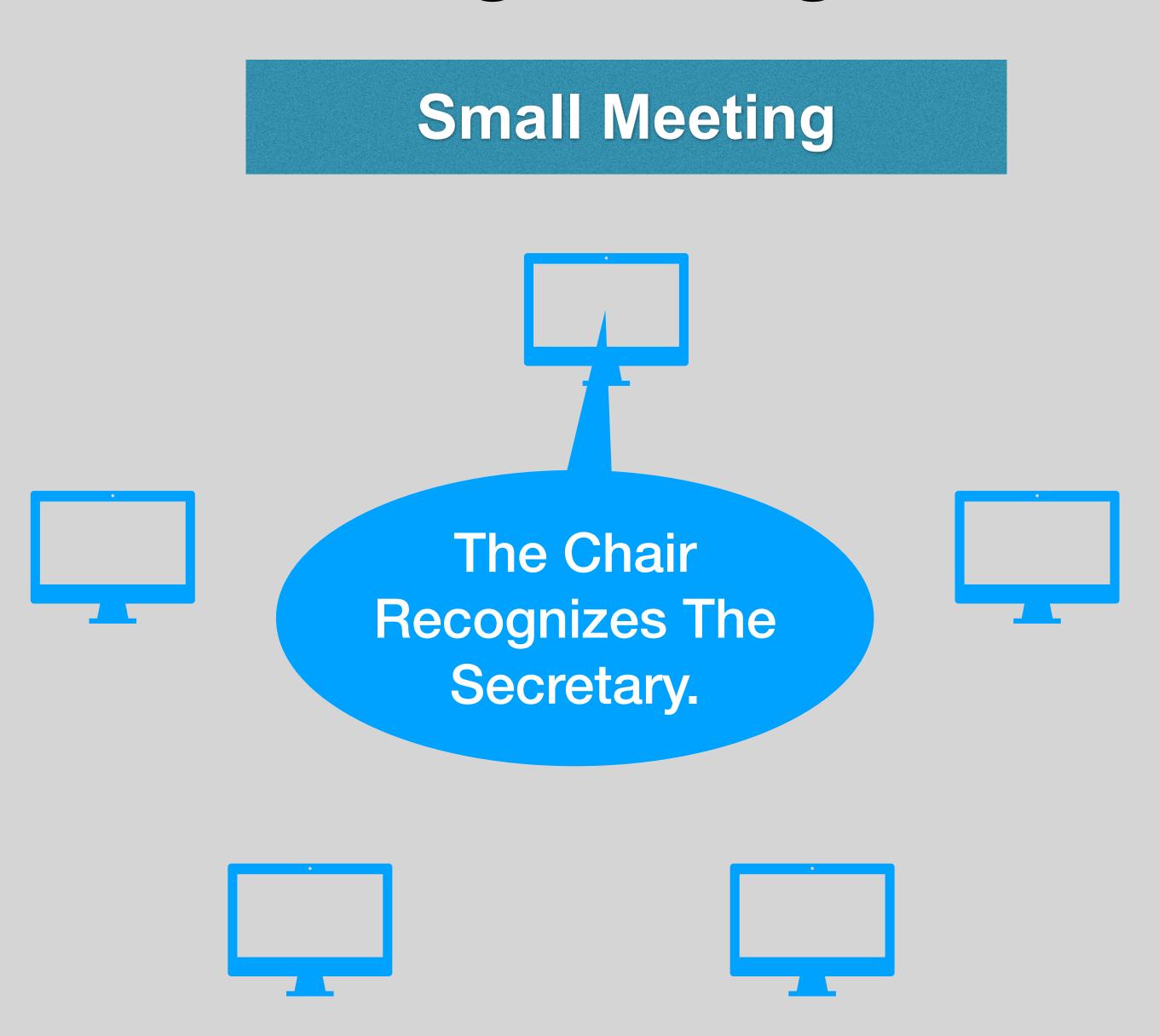


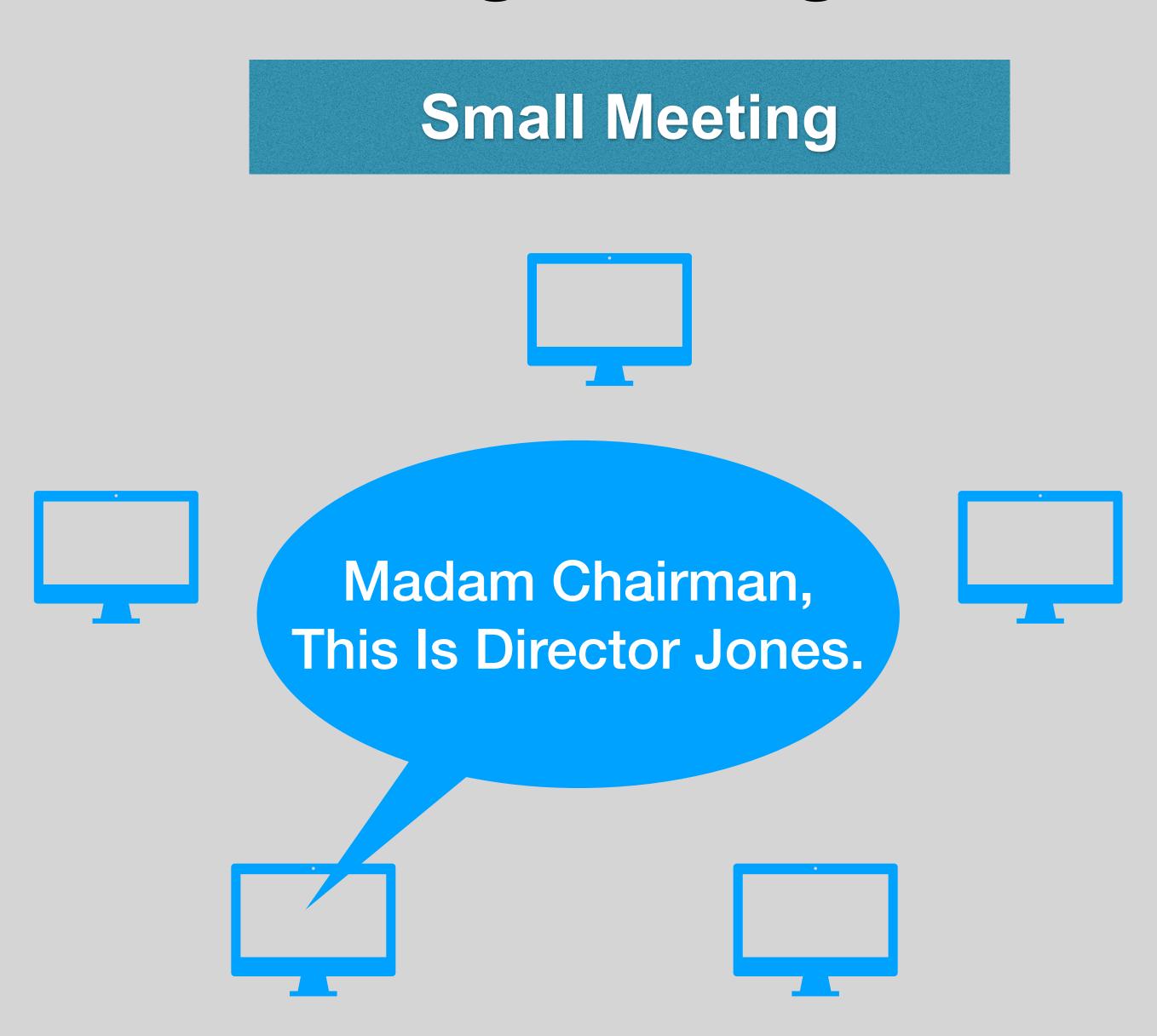


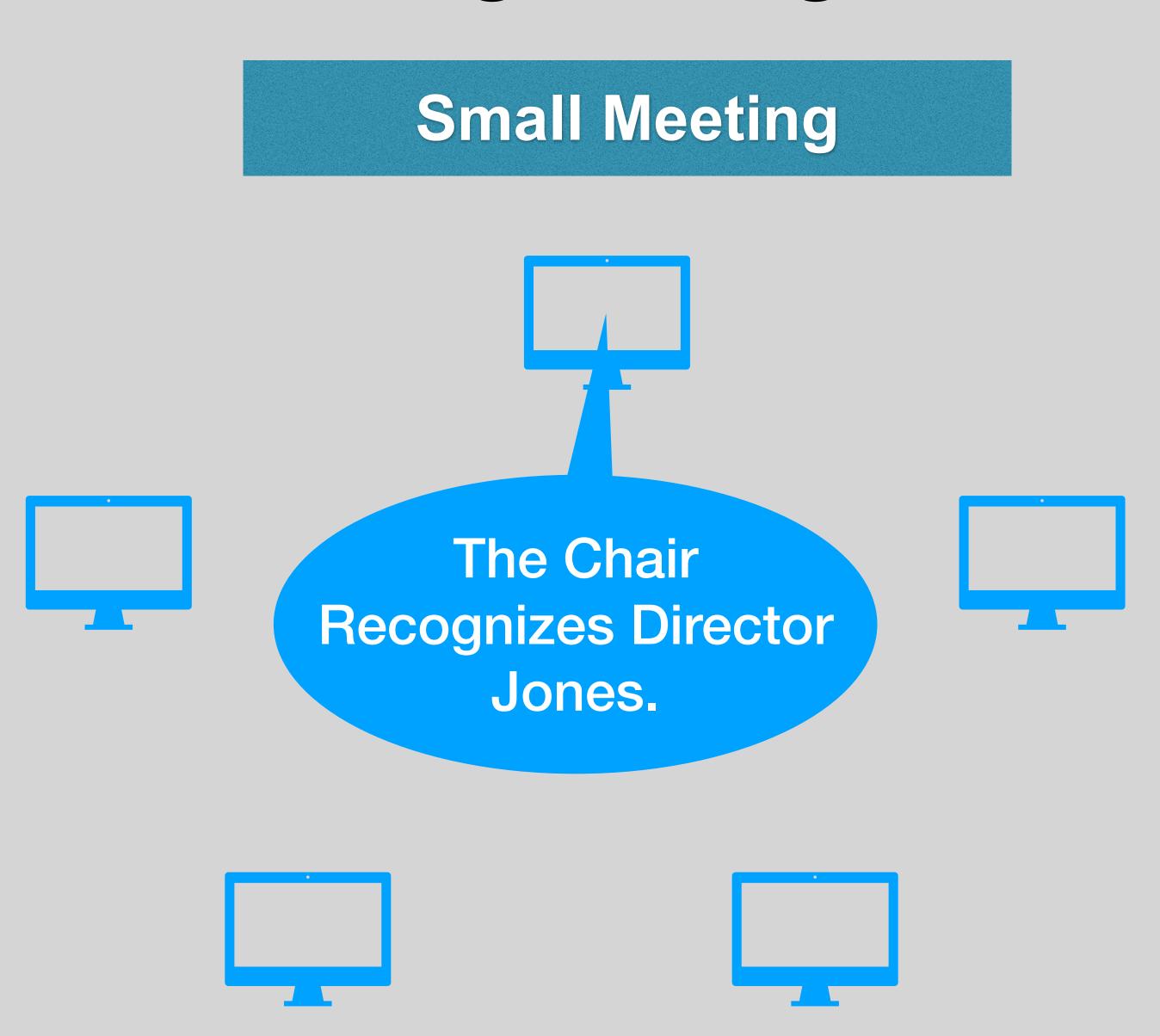












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QUEUE VS. REALTIME

Large Meeting

### QUEUE

- 1. Barbara Myers
- 2. In Toni Canton
- 3. Steve Mack
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### REAL TIME

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#### REAL TIME

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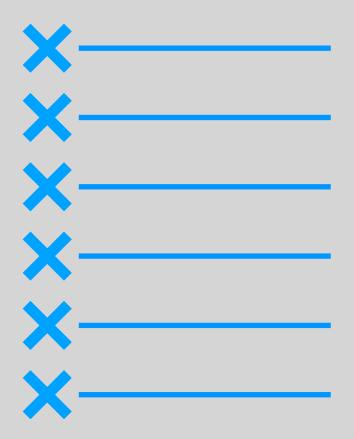
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# Debate

### Debate

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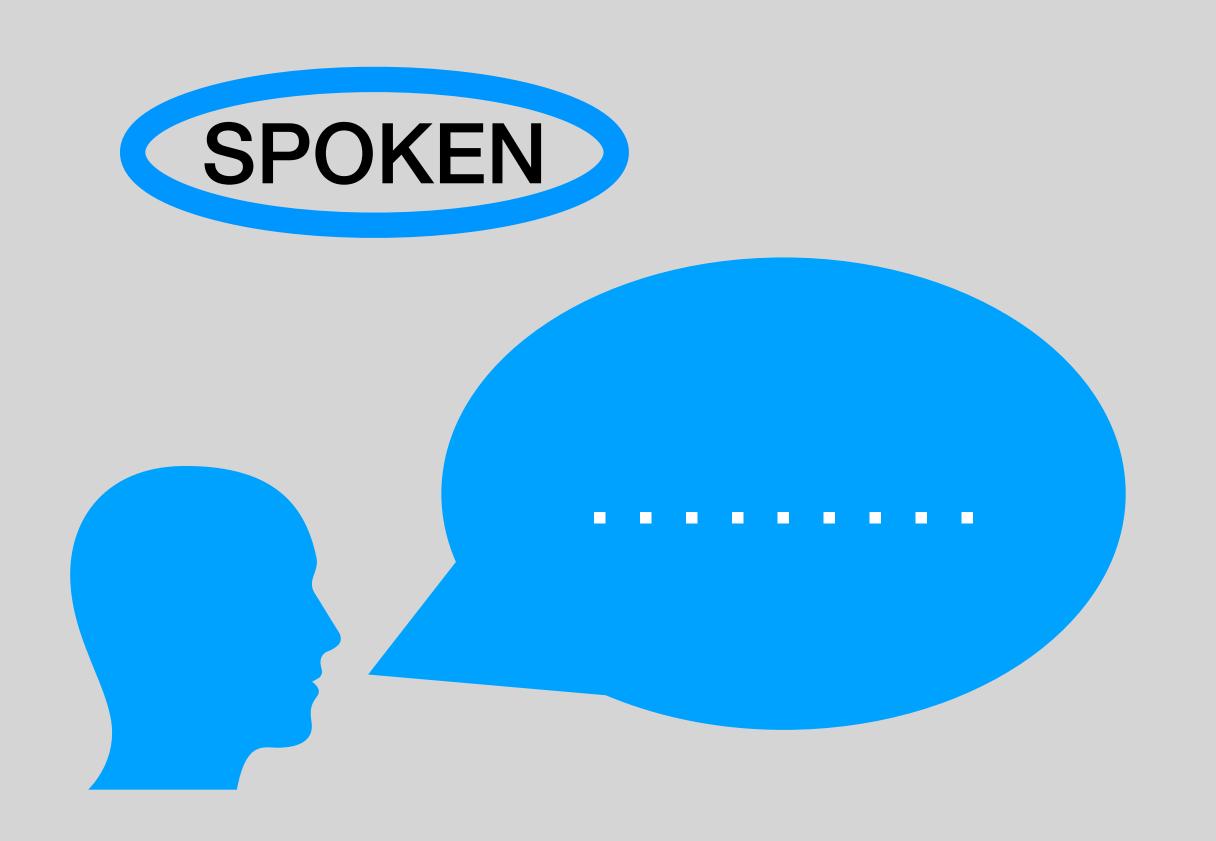


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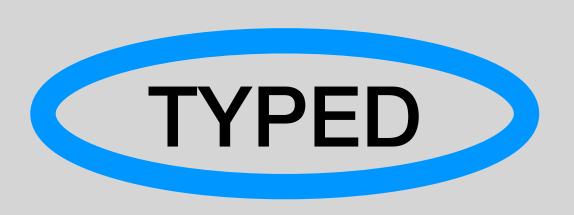
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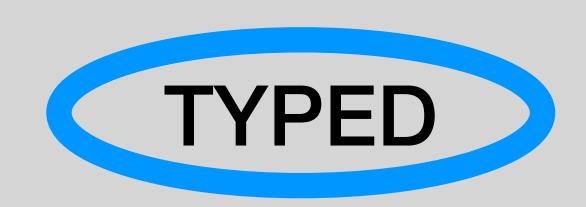
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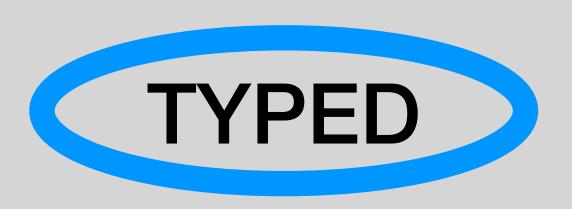
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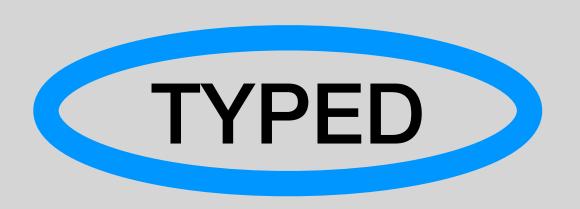
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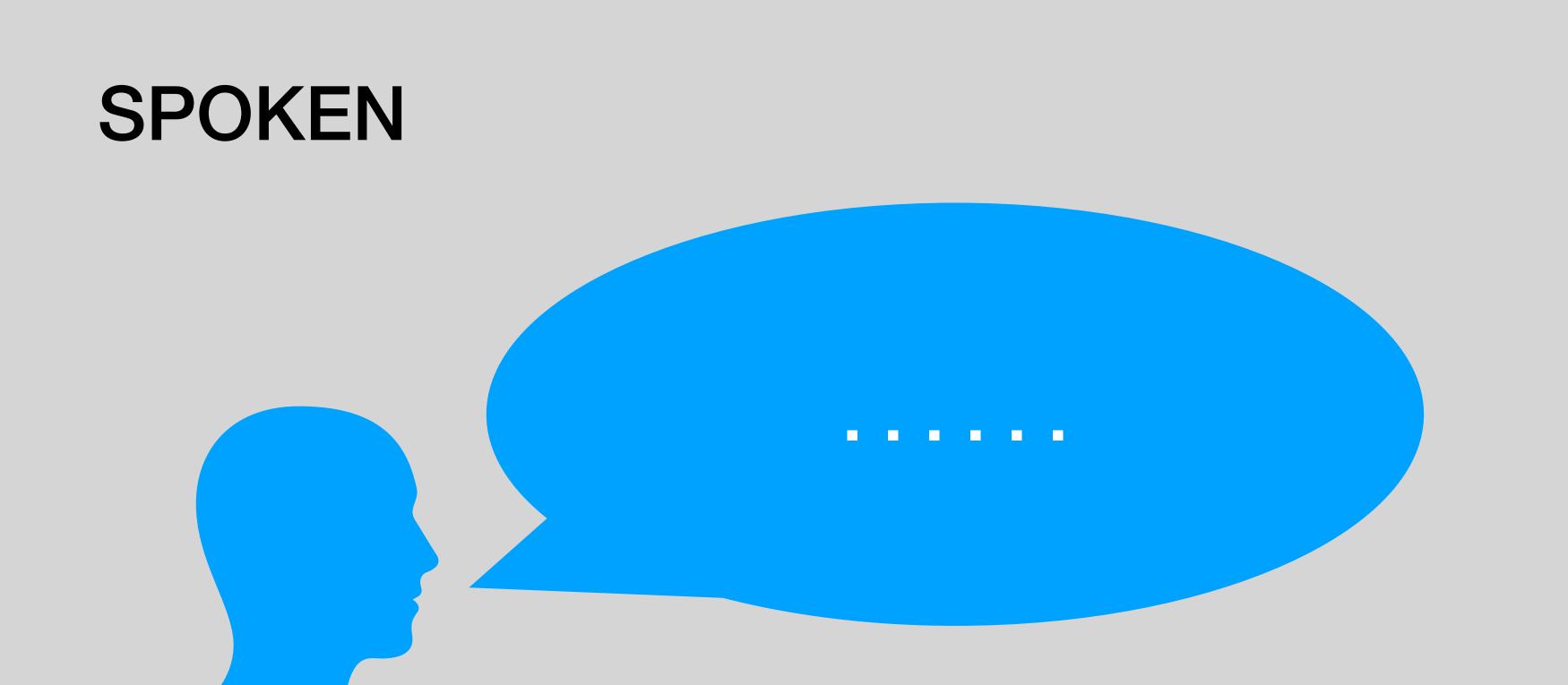




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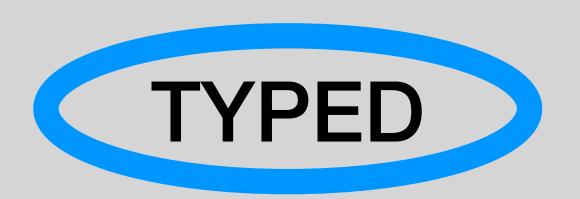
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Has everyone had a chance to read the comments?

SPOKEN





## ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

"A group that holds such alternative meetings does not lose its character as a deliberative assembly (see 1:1) so long as the meetings provide, at a minimum, conditions of opportunity for simultaneous aural communication among all participating members equivalent to those of meetings held in one room or area."

RONR (12th ed.) 9:31

SPOKEN





SPOKEN

#### SPOKEN

If Members Have The Opportunity For Simultaneous Aural Communication, Text Boxes Should Be Disabled.

Simulate
An
In-Person Meeting

In An In-Person Meeting, Members Communicate In Two Ways:

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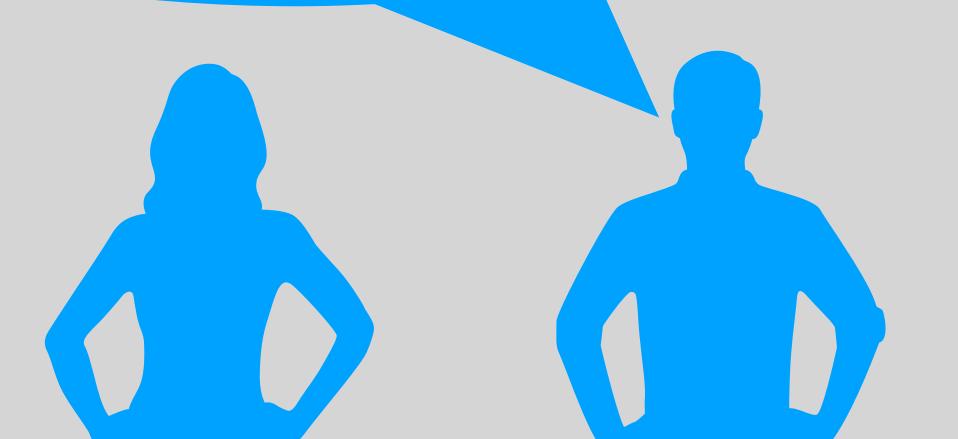
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Didn't We Adopt This Motion Last Year?

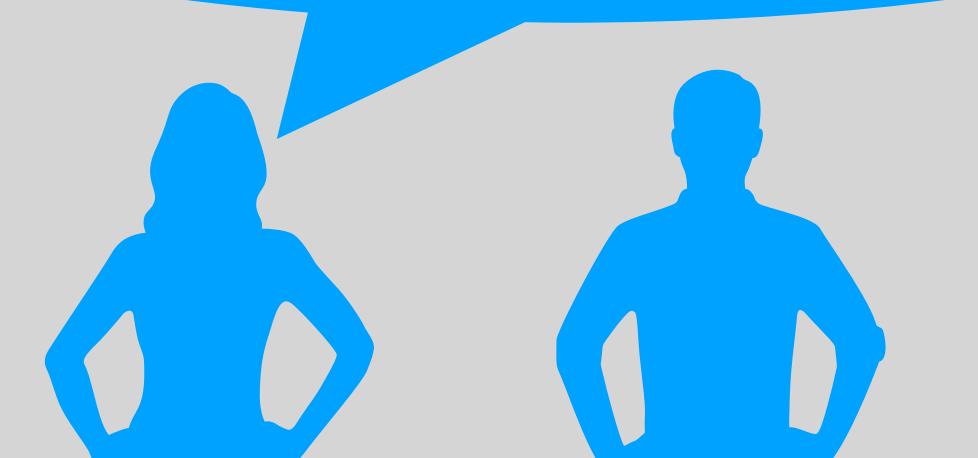
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No, Last Year Karen
Made A Similar Motion, But It
Wasn't Adopted.



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Remember When She Nominated Herself For That Committee, Then Declined The Nomination?





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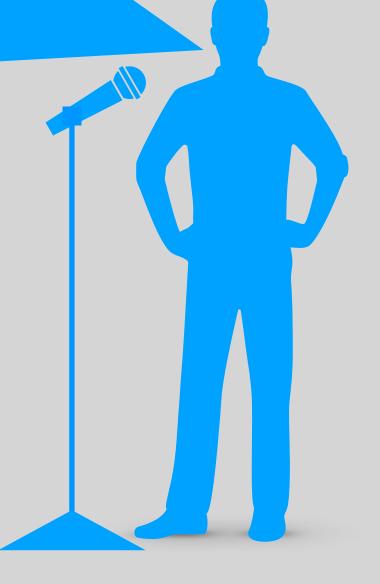
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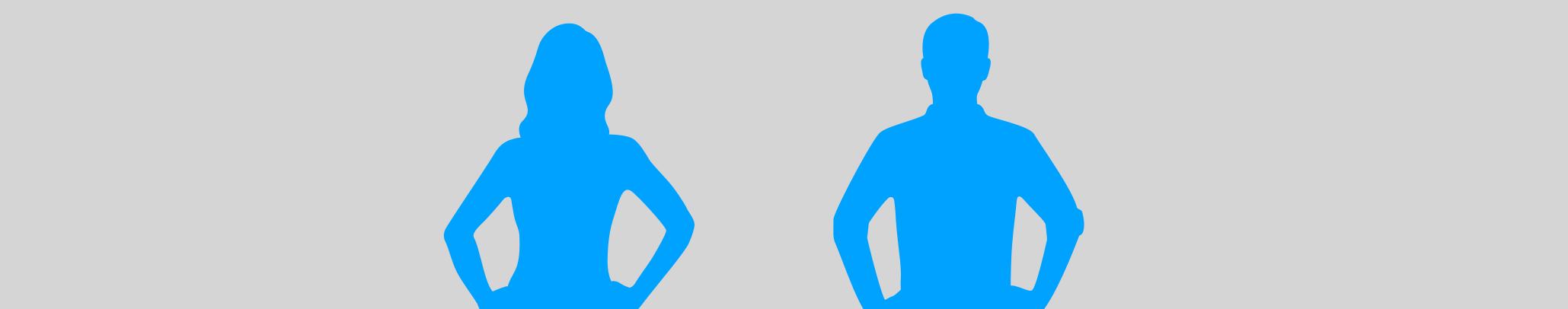
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I Support This Motion,
Because I Believe

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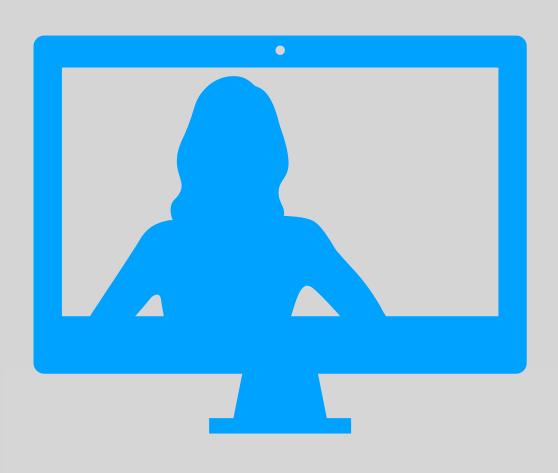
# Debate Simulate An In-Person Meeting

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"... that is, he must be recognized by the chair as having the exclusive right to be heard at that time."

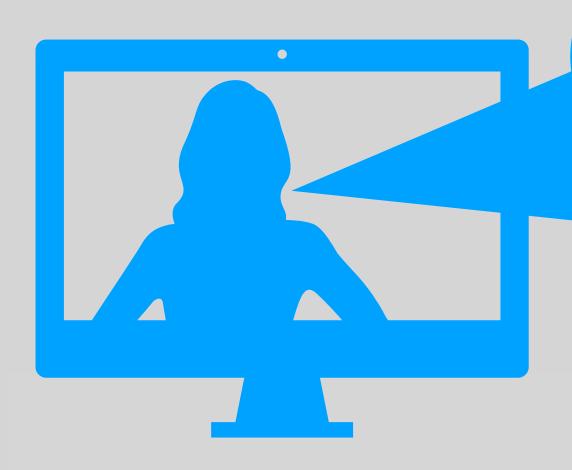
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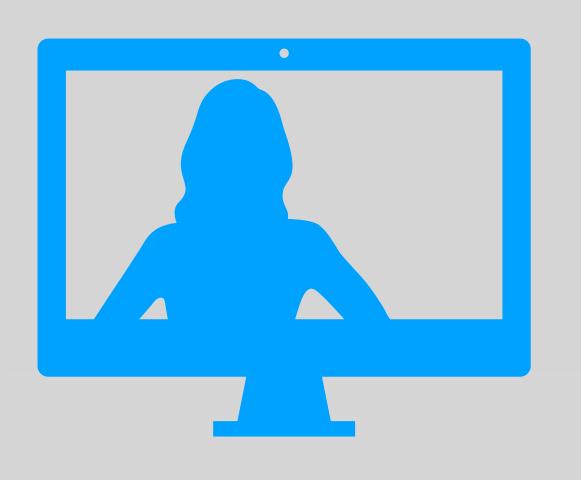


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I move that five hundred dollars shall be donated to the ABC Foundation.



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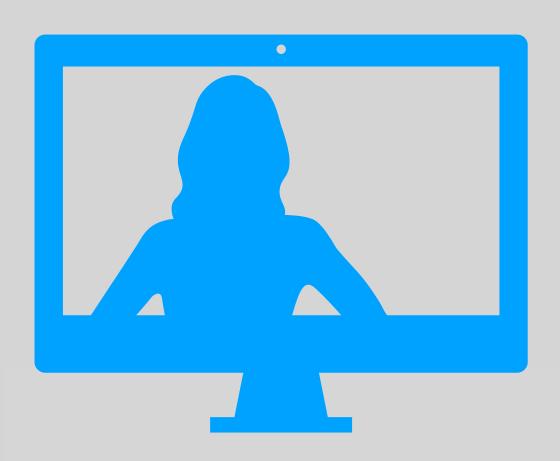
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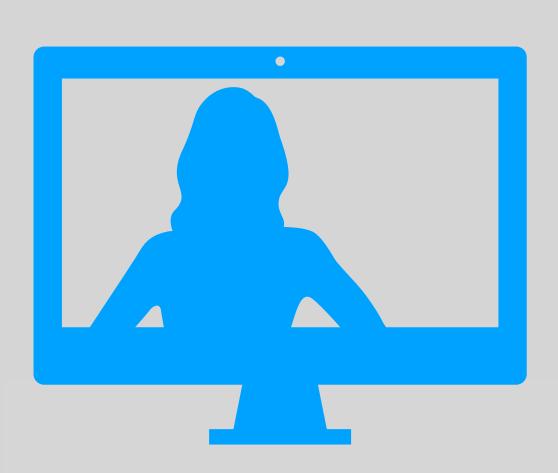
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I move that five hundred dollars shall be donated to the ABC Foundation.

Chair

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I move that five hundred dollars shall be donated to the ABC Foundation.

Chair

Secretary

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In-Person Meeting



I move that five hundred dollars shall be donated to the ABC Foundation.

Chair

Secretary

Staff

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Chair

Secretary

Staff

Maker

# What About Motions That Are In Order When Another Has The Floor?

When Another Has The Floor

When Another Has The Floor

Point Of Order

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Point Of Order

Parliamentary Inquiry

When Another Has The Floor

Point Of Order

Parliamentary Inquiry

Request For Information

When Another Has The Floor

Point Of Order

Parliamentary Inquiry

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Many Others

Large Meeting

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**Point Of Order** 

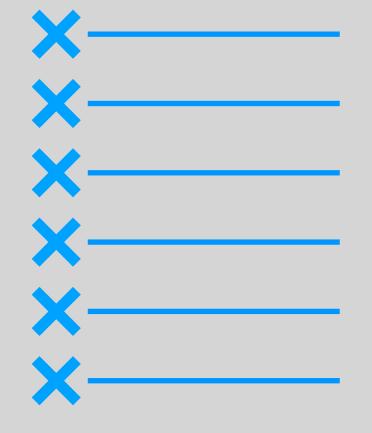
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Some Alternate Method Is Needed To Indicate A Motion That Is In Order When Another Has The Floor

#### Large Meeting

#### REAL TIME





Large Meeting

#### REAL TIME

**Barbara Myers** 

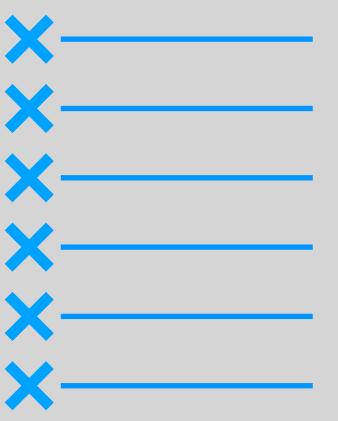


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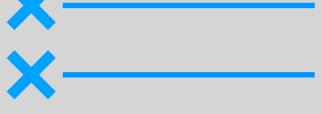


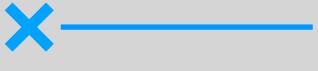
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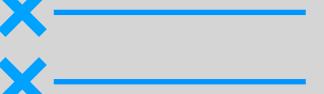
#### REAL TIME

#### **Barbara Myers**

	Mary Sanders
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The Chair sees that Mary Sanders has raised a hand. For what purpose does the member raise her hand?

#### **Barbara Myers**

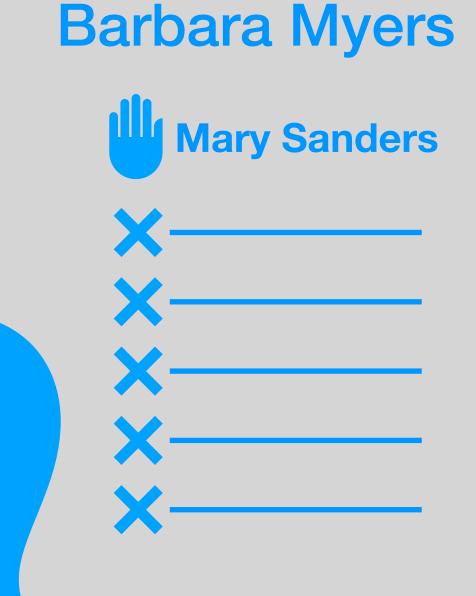


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I have a Request For Information.



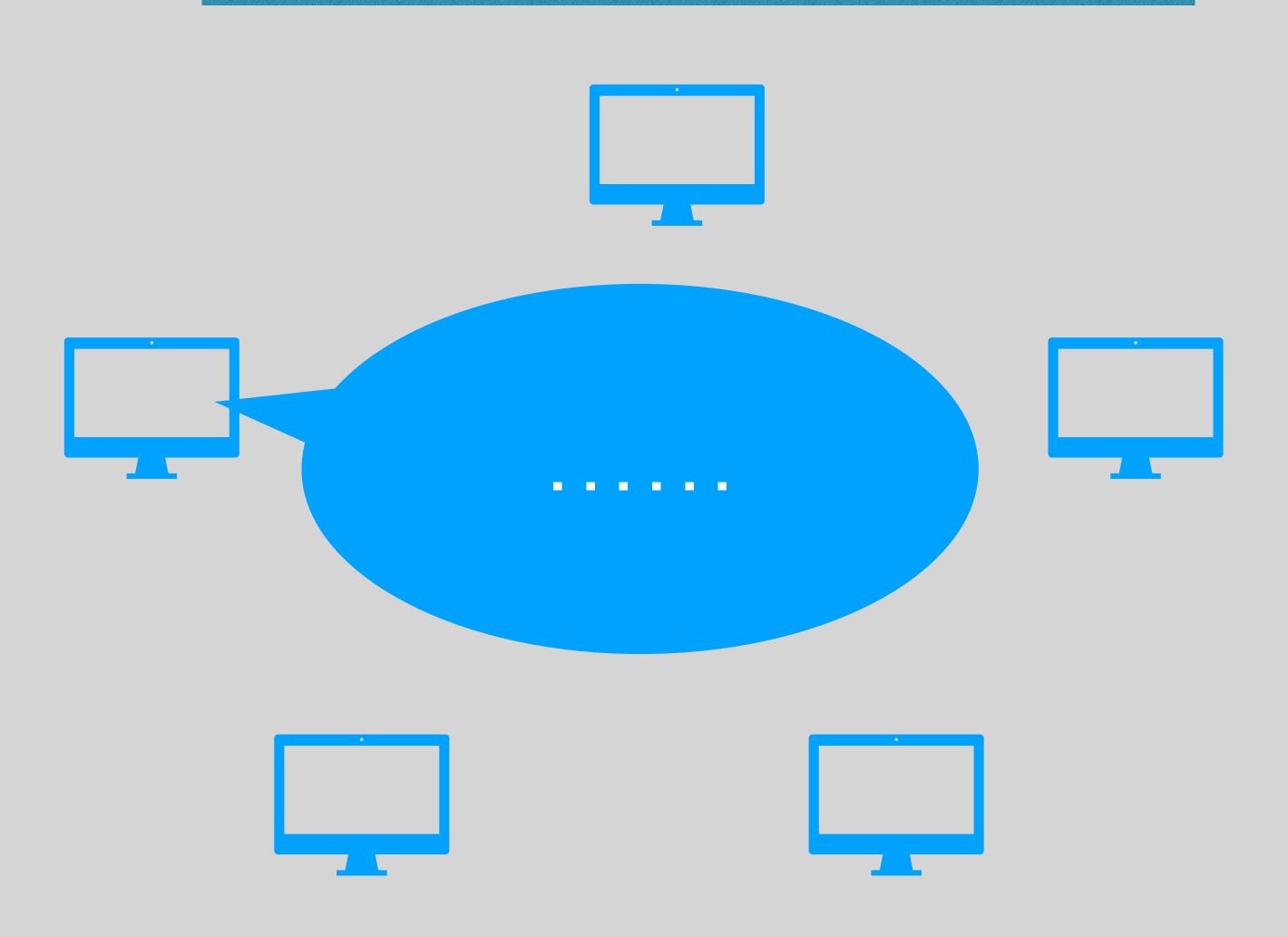


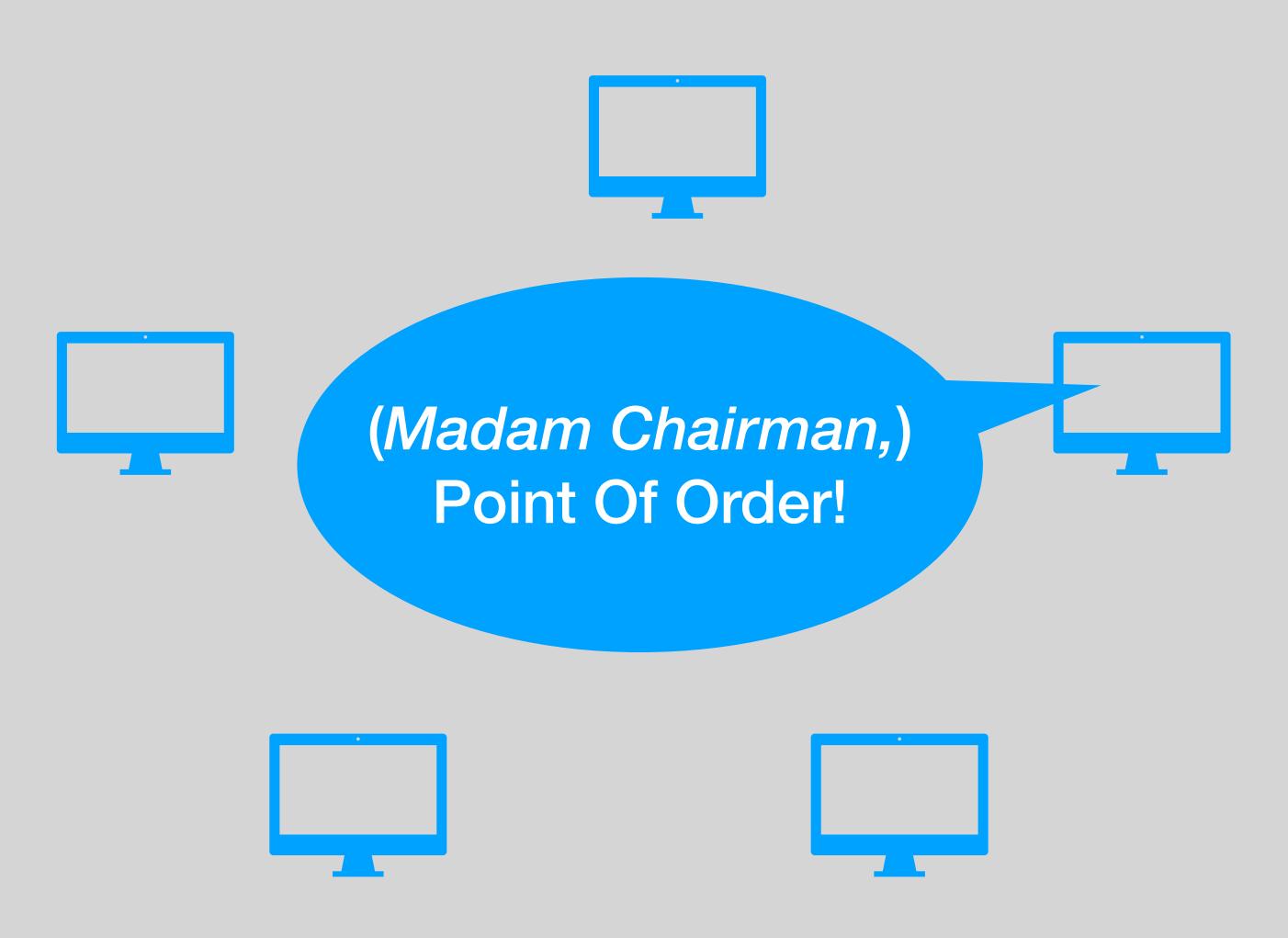


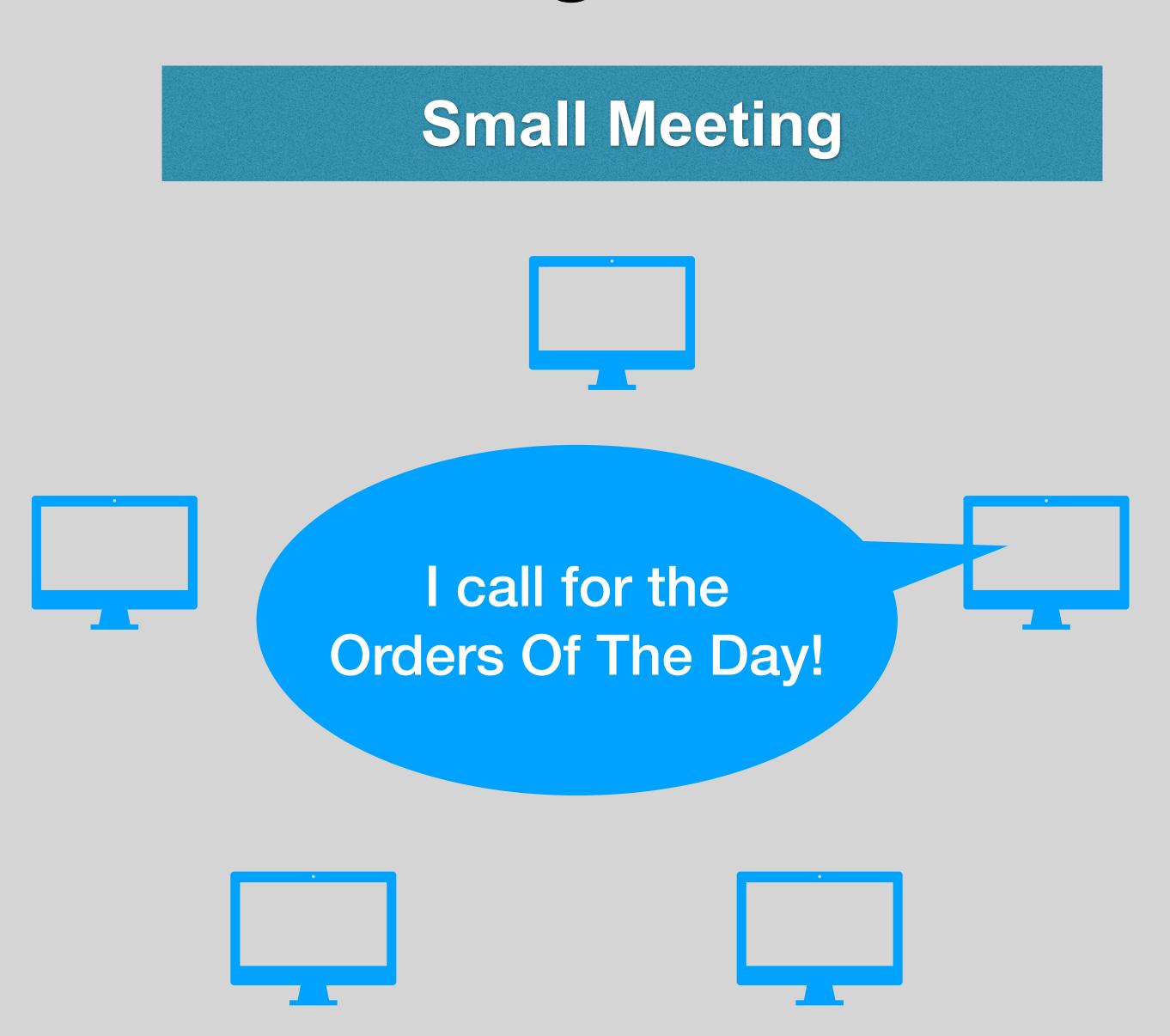












## Voting

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Small / Medium Meeting

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**Gallery View** 

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#### Large Meeting

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Features Of
The Platform







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Text Box
Yes No

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Text Box
Yes No

Difficult To Calculate

#### All Meetings

All Meetings

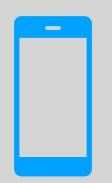
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Method For Secret Balloting

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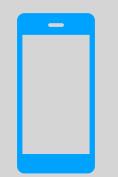


Method For Secret Balloting

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Who Is Familiar
With The Service

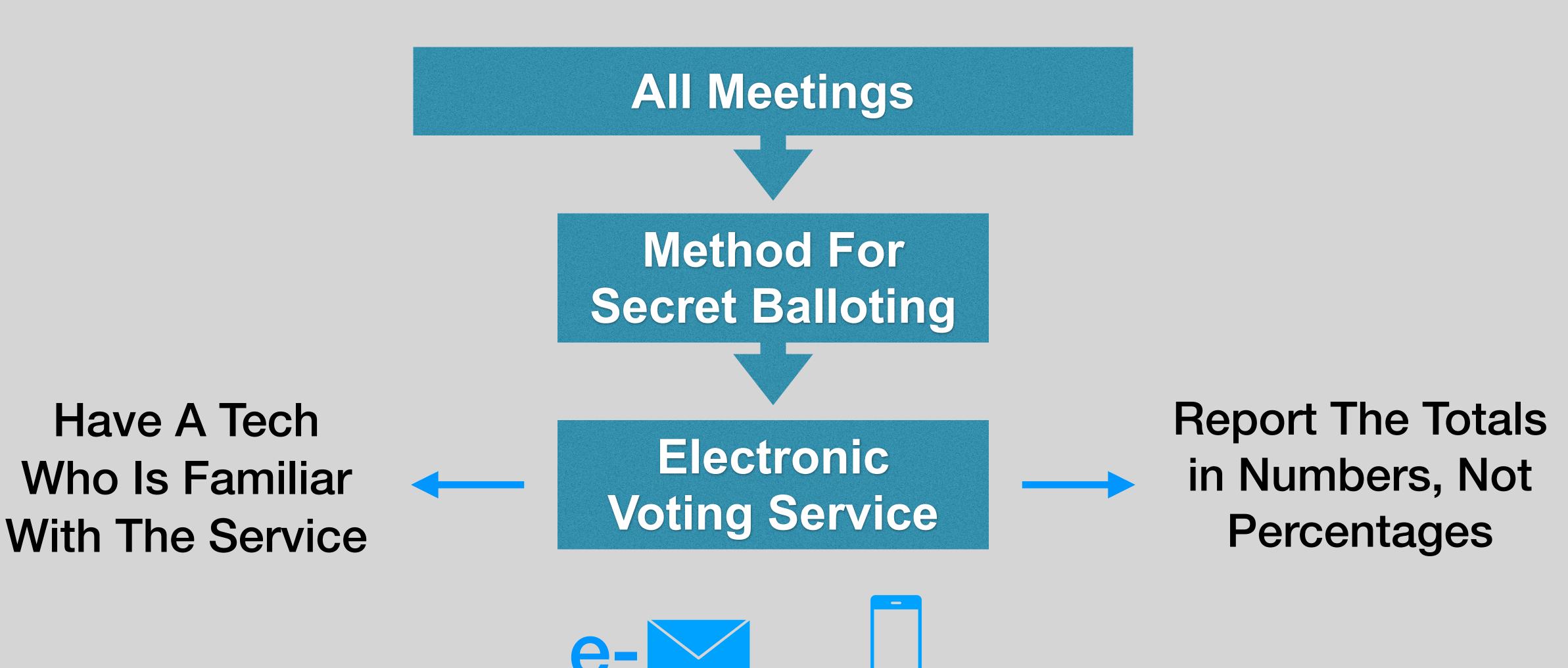
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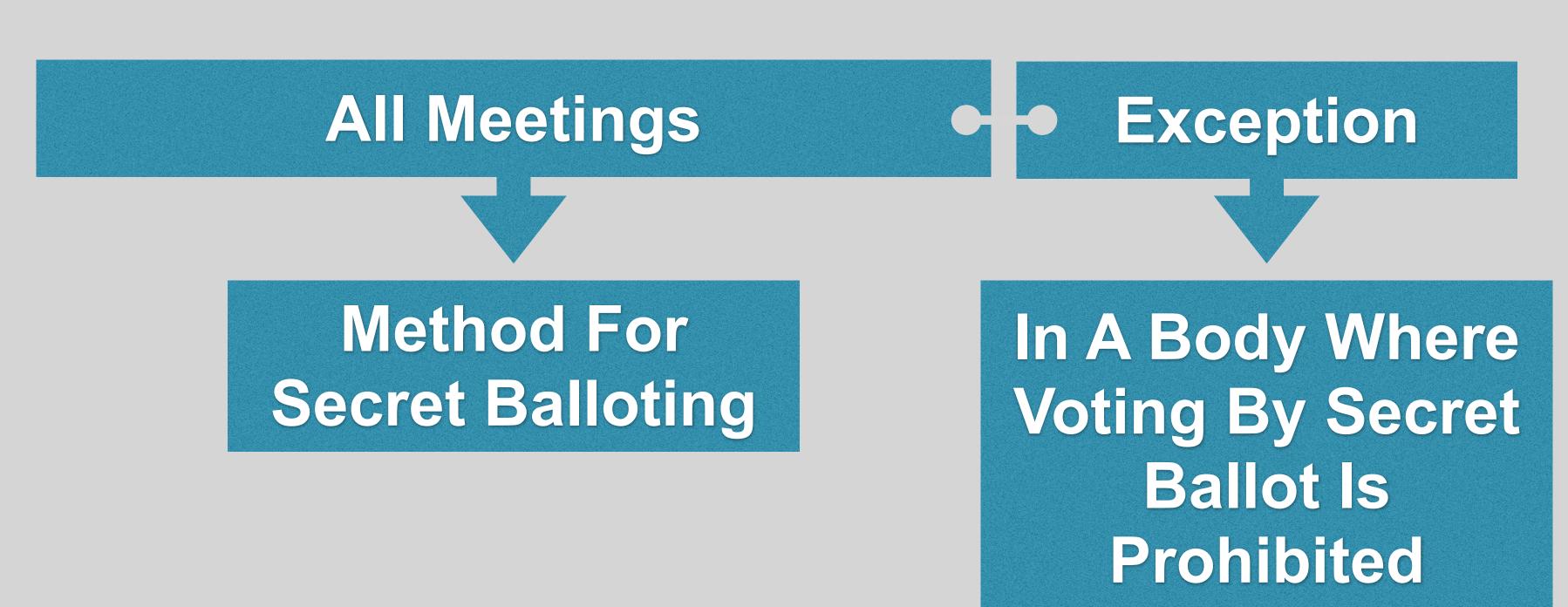


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### Test Everything In Advance

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