

The method of **VOTE ON A MOTION**

depends on the **SITUATION**
and on the **laws** of
your organization.



BY VOICE

The chairperson asks those in favor to say "aye" and those opposed to say "no."
(For majority votes only.)
Member may move for exact count.



BY SHOW OF HANDS

Members raise their hands as sight verification of or alternative to a voice vote. It does not require a count. Member may move for exact count.



BY ROLL CALL

If a record of each person's vote is needed, each member answers "yes," "no" or "present" (indicating the choice not to vote) as his or her name is called.



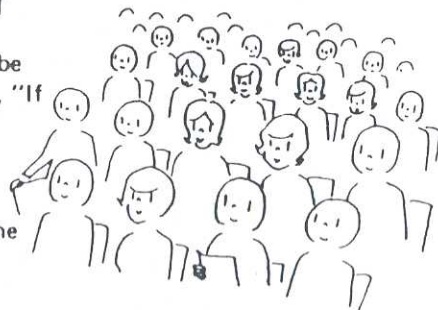
BY BALLOT

Members write their vote on a slip of paper.
Done when secrecy is desired.



BY GENERAL CONSENT

When a motion isn't likely to be opposed, the chairperson says, "If there is no objection..."
Members show agreement by their silence.
If someone says, "I object," the matter must be put to a vote.



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A question (motion) is **PENDING** when it has been stated by the chair but not yet voted on.

The last motion stated by the chair is the first pending.

The **MAIN MOTION** is always the last voted on.

A motion to **TABLE** (lay on the table)

This motion is used to lay something aside temporarily to take care of a more urgent matter. There is always the option to "take from the table" any motion for reconsideration by the assembly.



A motion to **POSTPONE INDEFINITELY**

This is parliamentary strategy -- allows members to dispose of a motion without making a decision for or against. It is useful in case of badly chosen main motion for which either "yes" or "no" vote would have undesirable consequence

