

By-law amendment regarding "Quorum"

By-Laws Section II.E.2 currently is as follows:

"Quorum" means the presence of a majority of the voting membership (i.e., more than half the voting members plus one). A quorum must be present when votes are taken.

Issue: Currently the definition of a Quorum (50% +1) results in a higher threshold if the total voting members are an odd number, versus a simple majority threshold if over half the total voting members is an even number. The following examples demonstrate the differing results if the total voting membership is an even number compared to an odd number.

Committee A has 7 members. 50% of 7 is 3.5. Since there are no ½ members, the 50% is rounded up to 4 and the plus one results in 5 people required for a quorum. Committee B has 6 members. 50% is 3 and the plus one quorum is 4. If we correct the definition, the quorum for a 7-member committee is 4 (more than half), and the quorum for a 6-member committee is also 4, but in both instances the rule works the same. It is over 50% of the voting members.

Proposed Amendment:

"Quorum" means the presence of a majority of the voting membership (i.e., more than half the voting members ~~plus one~~). A quorum must be present when votes are taken.