

The PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP of NORTH IDAHO, District 8, moves that WSEA 92 establish a quorum for voting on motions during Area 92 Assembly meetings; whereby two-thirds of registered, eligible voting members are required to vote on motions.

Background:

This motion was presented at the last Assembly in Richland (October) with very favorable support and discussion. However, there was mention about officially writing by-laws and adding this to them. Therefore, I withdrew it from the floor to be incorporated into the by-laws. We have offered to help in any way to make that happen, but as of yet it has not. Therefore, I would like to re-introduce it because of its importance to AREA 92

Definition of Quorum:

A Quorum is the minimum number of members who must be present in a meeting to pass a motion. This requirement protects the organization by preventing a very small number of members from taking action on behalf of the entire organization.

Definition of Informed Group Conscious (“Principles Before Personalities”)

“What is an Informed A.A. Group Conscience?” The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before a definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. Principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to Minority opinions with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the group works slowly-discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The results rest on more than a “yes” or “no” count-precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term “informed group conscience” implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.”

We need full participation by as many elected and appointed standing committee chairs, GSRs and DCMs as possible to arrive at a **Quorum and an informed group conscience**. We ought never vote on a motion that changes WSEA 92 policy without first ensuring there is a sufficient number of eligible voting members (GSRs DCMs, Elected and Appointed WSEA Committee Chairs) present in the body to help ensure a quorum and an informed group conscience.

Case in point: If a motion is presented late at night, when a lot of people have left, it is not a true reflection of an informed group conscious. Per instance: The recent vote on the new handbook began with 56 eligible voters. It continued late and many left. There was a money issue (reimbursement for gas Mileage), which should be put to the groups first. **It was passed with only 23 eligible voters present.**

Methodology:

The Area 92 Chair/Secretary will take roll call on Saturday morning, of all DCMs (or Alternate DCM If voting in place his/her DCM) , Area 92 Elected and Appointed trusted servants, and by a show of hands, all GSRs (or Alternate GSR if voting in place of GSR). The Area 92 Chair/Secretary will record the number of these eligible registered voters who are in attendance during this roll call. **There will need to be at least 2/3 of this number of eligible registered voters present when a motion is voted on.** In the event there is not a 2/3 quorum, the motion will carry over to Sunday.