

3.5. MOTIONS AND VOTING AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BHASCNA

[COMMENT: This sub-section contains policies and commentary regarding all motions presented to and voted upon the BHASCNA. All voting within the BHASCNA is based upon motions made by the applicable parties.]

3.5.1. ORIGINATION of a MOTION. Motions must come from one of the following:

- 3.5.1.1. GSR's – **Parliamentary and/or Procedural motions made during a BHASC Meeting, in order to conduct BHASCNA business; or** from a Group Conscience: **all motions from a group conscience, which are seconded**, will go back to groups in written form.
- 3.5.1.2. Sub-committee chairs – pertaining to their sub-committee.
- 3.5.1.3. Administrative committee members – pertaining to BHASCNA as a whole.
- 3.5.1.4. RCM – concerning **BHASCNA Regional participation, or Region** as a whole.
- 3.5.1.5. Any NA member – during Open Forum session of the BHASCNA meeting.

3.5.2. PATH OF A MOTION

3.5.2.1. SUBMISSION

- 3.5.2.1.1. Motions made shall be kept anonymous, **leaving redacting maker** names out of all reports and minutes.
- 3.5.2.1.2. **Except for parliamentary and/or procedural motions made from the floor during a BHASC Meeting, all reports and** motions must be written on the appropriate forms, available from the BHASCNA. **in order to appear in the BHASCNA minutes.**

3.5.2.2. CONSIDERATION OF PARLIAMENTARY ORDER

- 3.5.2.2.1. The motion must be in order as decided by the chairperson. If a motion is decided to be out of order, any GSR may object to that decision by making an appeal. An appeal requires a second by a GSR and a simple majority vote in order to be heard.

3.5.2.3. SECOND

- 3.5.2.3.1. When a motion is in order, a second by a GSR is required.

3.5.2.4. ANNOUNCING the MOTION

- 3.5.2.4.1. The Chairperson will announce the motion to the BHASCNA and **if it is to be voted on**, ask if there is a need to clarify the motion.

3.5.2.5. OBJECTING to the MOTION

- 3.5.2.5.1. After a second and clarification, if necessary, any GSR may object to the consideration of the motion.
- 3.5.2.5.2. With a second for the objection and clarification for the objection, a simple majority vote of the BHASCNA will decide the outcome of the objection.

3.5.2.6. DISCUSSION / DEBATE on the MOTION

- 3.5.2.6.1. Discussion on a motion will be limited to a time period based on the overall impact the motion may have on the area. In general, the conscience of participants will be the guide.
- 3.5.2.6.2. The Chairperson, when deemed necessary, will limit debate on a motion to two (2) pros and two (2) cons. In such cases, a con will be asked for first. If no con is offered, a vote will be taken immediately.

3.5.2.7. AMENDMENTS to MOTIONS

- 3.5.2.7.1. A motion may be amended with the approval of the maker.
- 3.5.2.7.2. This does not apply to motions returned from a group conscience.

3.5.2.8. WITHDRAWING MOTIONS

- 3.5.2.8.1. A motion may be withdrawn at any time preceding the vote by the maker – once.

3.5.2.9. TABLING a MOTION

- 3.5.2.9.1. Motions may be tabled with a simple majority vote by the GSR's.
- 3.5.2.9.2. This may be done during the debate process or from a suggestion by the chairperson.

3.5.2.10. VOTING ON A MOTION

3.5.2.10.1. MOTIONS AFFECTING BHASCNA POLICIES

- 3.5.2.10.1.1. Any BHASCNA policy may be waived for the duration of a **single** meeting in order to perform actions necessary to conduct BHASCNA business at said meeting. **Said policy waiver requires a procedural motion and 2/3 majority vote of GSRs present at said meeting.**
- 3.5.2.10.1.2. All Motions that will permanently change BHASCNA policy will be referred out for a process of “Policy Review”, where the Motion Maker and the Policy Sub-Committee collaborate on developing the specific structure and wording for the Motion as it is to appear in the BHASCNA Policy Manual. The time period for completion of Policy Review is dependent upon the complexity of the Motion in question, therefore, whenever practical and applicable, the Motion Maker and the Policy Sub-Committee are encouraged to conduct the Policy Review prior to the original submission of a motion.
- 3.5.2.10.1.2.1. Upon completion of the Policy Review process, the motion will be referred back to Groups for a Group Conscience vote (see “MOTIONS REQUIRING GROUP CONSCIENCE”).
- 3.5.2.10.1.2.2. All Motions that will permanently change BHASCNA policy require a 2/3 majority of all voting groups to pass.

3.5.2.10.2. MOTIONS REQUIRING GROUP CONSCIENCE

- 3.5.2.10.2.1. Motions from a Group conscience **will be referred go** back to Groups ~~in written form~~, to be voted on there.
- 3.5.2.10.2.2. Motions to be voted on by groups shall be Xeroxed or scanned and included in the area minutes after ~~group maker~~ names have been ~~removed~~ redacted.
- 3.5.2.10.2.3. The Group Conscience votes on motions will be tallied in “Old Business” of the next regular BHASC meeting.

3.5.2.10.3. MOTIONS TO BE VOTED ON DURING THE BHASC MEETING

[Comment: All motions, written or verbal, which do not require a Group Conscience Vote]

3.5.2.10.3.1. VOTING ELEGIBILITY

[COMMENT: See “Voting Members” in the CLASSES of MEMBERSHIP section]

3.5.2.10.3.2. VOTING PROCEDURES

[COMMENT: See “Parliamentary Procedures” in the DEFINITIONS section]

3.5.2.10.3.3. TIE VOTE

- 3.5.2.10.3.3.1. The BHASCNA chairperson shall vote only in the event of a tie among regular voting members.
- 3.5.2.10.3.3.2. The chairperson may break a tie vote. If the chairperson abstains, the motion does not carry.

3.5.2.10.3.4. CALLING for a RE-VOTE

- 3.5.2.10.3.4.1. A GSR, with a second, may call for a re-vote once.

3.5.2.11. VOTING OUTCOME

- 3.5.2.11.1. It is the chairperson's responsibility to announce the motion before the vote and the outcome after the vote to the ASC. The voting outcome for each motion will be included in the **BASC Minutes**.