

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS GUIDE

Unless specifically provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

### **A. SIMPLE MAJORITY – BY VOTING SIGN OF AN ELK**

*(One more than half of those voting required)*

1. Selection of an Auditor (Section 13.040)
2. Bills against the Lodge (Section 12.060)
3. Approval of Lodge budget (Section 12.070)
4. Listing of Lodge real estate for sale and/or entering into any sales contract, after compliance with GLS 16.050 (Section 12.070)
5. Approval of club management budget (Section 16.040)
6. Application for reinstatement made by Member within 30 days after being dropped for nonpayment of dues (Section 14.180)
7. General motions made in conduct of business at a regular session of the Lodge
8. Order of Business with the exception of items (h) through (q) and (d) which may be transposed (Section 15.020)
9. Amendments to Grand Lodge Constitution (Article IX, Sections 1 & 2, and Section 17.030 – Ratification Process)
  - a. Vote at its first regular meeting in September
  - b. Certify to Grand Lodge Secretary on or before the first Monday in October
10. Amendments to a proposed budget (Section 12.070, Opinion 23)
11. Lodge may vacate the position of any Officer (Section 12.140):
  - a. Who is absent from meetings of the Lodge, or duty, during two consecutive months without good cause, or
  - b. Who was replaced by an acting Officer under the provisions of Section 12.020, and determined by the Lodge to be unable to complete his term of Office

### **B. MAJORITY OF VOTES OR BALLOTS CAST**

1. Election of Officers (Section 3.090):

- a. By written or printed ballot or voting machine
- b. Where more than two candidates and no majority, nominee receiving fewest ballots shall be eliminated from ballot until a nominee receives the majority of votes cast
- c. No further nominations accepted on night of election if a candidate has been previously nominated

2. Election to fill a vacancy (Section 12.150)

- a. Voting procedure as governed by Section 3.090
- b. By written or printed ballot or voting machine
- c. Nominations allowed on night election ordered and also on night election held
- d. A vacancy caused by election of another elective Officer may be filled at the same meeting

3. Election of only one nominee (Section 3.090) The Lodge may direct any Officer to cast the vote of the Lodge for the nominee

**C . MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT –  
~~BY VOTING SIGN OF AN ELK~~**

*(Members not voting are counted as "NO" votes)*

1. Amendments or revisions to By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules (Section 17.060)

- a. Proposed in writing and read at a regular meeting of the Lodge
- b. 10 days' notice to Members required

2. Incorporation of a Lodge or Club (Section 16.020)

- a. Proposed in writing and filed with Lodge Secretary
- b. 10 days' notice to Members required
- c. Majority vote of those present unless Statutes of the State require a different number

3. Formation of a separate corporation (Section 16.030, Opinion 03) Same procedure as Section 16.020

**D . TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY –  
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1. To overrule the decision of the Exalted Ruler  
(Section 15.030)
2. Removal of an Officer for immoral conduct, abuse in office, or actions which may dishonor the Lodge  
(Section 12.141)
  - a. Specific procedures, Step 1 initial hearing, Step 2 formal hearing
3. Application for membership by Reinstatement  
(Section 14.180)
  - a. After 30 days from being stricken from the rolls

#### **E . TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY – BALLOTS CAST**

1. Application for membership by Initiation  
(Section 14.030)
  - a. Notice to Members required (Section 14.010)
  - b. By ballot box; white balls = elect and black cubes = reject
2. Application for membership by Transfer Dimit  
(Section 14.110)
  - a. Procedure same as membership by Initiation
3. Application for membership on an Absolute Dimit  
(Section 14.120)
  - a. Procedure same as membership by Initiation
4. Application for membership by Certificate of Release (Section 14.180)
  - a. Procedure same as membership by Initiation
5. Application for membership by Certificate of Status  
(Section 14.230)
  - a. Member in good standing of a suspended or dissolved Lodge
  - b. Same procedure as application by Transfer Dimit
  - c. Certificate of Status from the Grand Secretary
6. Application for membership by Certificate of Status  
(Section 14.250)
  - a. Member of a suspended or dissolved Lodge not in good standing by reason of nonpayment of dues or stricken from rolls

- b. Same procedure as application by Certificate of Release
- c. Certificate of Status from the Grand Secretary – \$10.00 fee
- 7. Reconsideration of a favorable membership ballot (Section 14.050)
  - a. Must be between initial ballot and initiation
  - b. Special procedures and favorable vote to confirm election

**F . TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF MEMBERS**

**~~PRESENT — BY VOTING SIGN OF AN ELK~~**

*(Members not voting are counted as “NO” votes)*

1. Proposal of line item expenditures in excess of budget (Section 12.070)
  - a. Referred to Trustees for written recommendation
2. Proposal to increase budgeted fund by transferring funds from another fund or authorize borrowing against anticipated income (Section 12.070)
3. Expenditures from a contingency fund (Section 12.070)
4. Expenditures of unbudgeted income (Section 12.070)
5. Permission to build, buy, sell, remodel or lease property (Section 16.050)
  - a. 10 days’ notice to Members required
  - b. Approved by the Board of Grand Trustees
6. To rescind an approved action (Section 15.020, Opinion 07)
7. Merger and consolidation of contiguous Lodges – Surrender of Charter (Section 11.060)
8. Dropping a Member owing any indebtedness to the Club or Lodge (Section 14.170)
9. Proposal or Resolution by a Lodge to amend or enact Law or to amend the Constitution (Section 17.010)

**G . TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT — BY SECRET BALLOT**

1. Life Membership (Section 14.260)

- a.* 10 days' notice to Members required
- 2. Transfer of Life Membership (Section 14.260)
  - a.* Requested at time of transfer of membership
- 3. Honorary Life Membership (Section 14.270)
  - a.* 10 days' notice to Members required
- 4. Appeal to Lodge by a Member suspended from Club privileges (Section 16.040)
  - a.* 10 days' notice to Members required
  - b.* To modify or reverse action of the supervising body requires 2/3 affirmative secret ballot

**H. THREE-FOURTHS MAJORITY OF MEMBERS  
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- 1. Honest belief candidate was a naturalized citizen when in fact naturalization had not been completed (Section 14.020)

**I. THREE-FOURTHS MAJORITY OF MEMBERS  
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- 1. Voluntary surrender of Charter or Dispensation (Section 11 .100)
  - a.* 10 days' notice to Members required