



GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD OPERATING PRACTICE
VOTING PROCEDURES IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

I. Purpose of Voting Procedures

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II. Applicability of Voting Procedures, Definition of Voting Representative

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Any individual, regardless of GISB membership status, can attend in the Executive Committee Subcommittees and Task Forces -- all meetings are open. For subcommittees and task forces where the members are not named, individuals, regardless of GISB membership status, can vote with one restriction -- only one representative per company is permitted to vote. If multiple representatives for a company attend, the representatives for such company choose which representative is the voting representative.

III. Voting Requirements

Each voting representative to the meeting should be associated with one of the five industry segments -- end users, local distribution companies, pipelines, producers or services. As an issue is called to a vote, each segment has five votes to cast. If less than five voting representatives from that segment are present, the votes are reduced to the number of voting representatives present from that segment. If more than five voting representatives for a given segment are present, the votes are normalized across the number of voting representatives present for that segment. For example if a given segment has ten voting representatives present, each vote cast for that segment carries a 0.5 weight (5 votes per segment/10 voting representatives present).

IV. Determining the Outcome of the Vote

The votes are tallied and the issue under consideration for the vote is determined to have passed if the total of the affirmative votes is greater than the total of the negative votes. Abstentions do not count. Quorum is not required. The vote can be reported both in total and by segment or in total only, as the subcommittee or task force directs. The resulting vote should be reported in the meeting minutes.



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