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2020 Virtual IRM Voting Analysis Report

Depending on what is decided, all voters (Members or Alternate) must have the ability to immediately access email or WebEx to vote on the IRM at the December meeting.

Voting Requirements from Policy 5

- Straw Poll – Voting Members enter number .1% above or below Base Case – both NYSRC Secretary and NYSRC Counsel verify voting results – votes should be easy to count
- IRM Vote – EC Secretary enters the proposed IRM – Voting Members approve or decline by email to both the Secretary and NYSRC Counsel
- Both NYSRC Secretary and NYSRC Counsel must be able to independently verify the vote results.
- Voting can go multiple rounds – records must be retained, and results must be able to be printed and saved.

Option 1 – Using email

Using email, the Voters will send emails using the subject to notate which part of the process is being voted on. For example, Straw Poll, IRM “#” Vote, et Emails will be sent to H. Schrayshuen and P. Gioia. H. Schrayshuen and P. Gioia will caucus via phone to count and verify votes. H. Schrayshuen will announce the vote results and keep voting records per Policy 5.

A form email, with a layout like the paper ballot can be crafted and distributed in advance.

Option 2 – Use a Virtual Voting Platform

Using a virtual voting platform could speed up the voting process. If a platform is decided to be used a test would need to be conducted in advance to identify and resolve any potential IT or other issues. H. Schrayshuen and P. Gioia would also need to conference via phone to confirm vote. Results will be printed and saved per Policy 5.

1. **WebEx** – Both Straw Poll and IRM voting can be completed using WebEx. Voter and NYSRC Counsel must attend the meeting via WebEx (no phone -only dial-ins). Results can be saved. Still must determine if there is a way to limit voting to only EC Voting Members to avoid accidental voting. Will investigate establishing the voting members as a Panel under WebEx.
2. **Electionbuddy.com** – This platform is free when there are less than 20 voters. Two administrators can sign on at the same time ensuring NYSRC Counsel and EC Secretary can verify results. We were able to test the system to do both Straw Poll and IRM Voting. Voting notifications are immediately sent to Voting Member’s emails when voting starts. Results are reported immediately when the votes are submitted. The results can be saved.
3. **SurveyMonkey.com** - \$75 for 3 users. We were able to test the system to do both Straw Poll and IRM Voting. During tests, voting notifications took up to 4 minutes to send to Voting Member’s emails when voting starts. Results are reported immediately when the votes are submitted. The results can be saved.



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4. **Eballot.com** – \$59.88/year \$4.99 per month. From the information on the website we should be able to do both Straw Poll and IRM Voting. Voting notifications should be sent to Voting Member's email immediate when voting starts. Results are reported immediately when the votes are submitted. The results can be saved. Two administrators can sign on at the same time ensuring NYSRC Counsel and EC Secretary can verify results. Unlike other systems we were not able to test this platform. Purchasing this platform is the only way to test the system.

Regardless of NYSRC EC's decision, it is necessary to know who will be the voter (Member or Alternate) a few days prior to the vote.

Potential voters will need to review the final plan in advance and have opportunity to ask questions prior to the December EC meeting.

A practice session with the voting platforms if one of those is selected is advised.