

## **IRM Voting Rules Working Group**

The Working Group noted that we do not have a broken process and that the existing process has worked fairly well. However, we should consider options to improve the process, if possible. The following comments on the IRM voting procedure are submitted to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

**Step 1.** We need to ensure that the Executive Committee follows the first step of the existing voting procedure which provides that before any vote is taken there will be a full discussion by the Executive Committee of the IRM Study, the base case IRM, and the sensitivity studies, in which the Executive Committee members will have an opportunity to express their views.

**Step 2** Straw poll. Below are suggested options for the straw poll:

1 Include the base case IRM among the options, with votes of a whole or half integer above or below the base case (current process). If the base case is 18.2% votes could be for 18.2%, 18%, 18.5%, 17.5%, and 17%.

2. Include the base case IRM among the options but expand the options to whole, half and quarter integers, above or below the base case. For example, if the base case is 18.2%, one could vote 18.2% or plus or minus multiples of 0.25%, such as 18.25%, 18.5%, 17.75%.

3. Include the base case IRM among the options and votes in 0.5% steps above or below the base case IRM. For example, if the base case IRM is 18.2% votes could be for 18.2%, 18.7%, 19.2%, 17.7%, or 17.2%

4. Include the base case IRM among the options and permit votes to the nearest whole, half and quarter integer above or below the base case IRM. For example, if the base case IRM is 18.1% or 18.2%, then votes could include 18.05% and 18.25%, or 17.75%; if the IRM is 18.3% or 18.4%, votes could be for 18.25, 18.5%; 18.25 or 18%, if the IRM is 18.0%, votes could be for 18.25%, or 17.75%.

**Step 3:** Take successive votes on the three most popular choices, in order of popularity, to see if one gets at least 9 votes.

**Step 4:** If we still do not have a successful vote, then the Executive Committee members will caucus to discuss options to achieve the necessary votes.

**Step 5:** Vote(s) as recommended in Step 4.

**Step 6:** Repeat Steps 4 and 5 as needed