

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS
POLICY & PROCEDURES**

POLICY TITLE:	E-mail Voting Procedure
CLASSIFICATION:	Board
POLICY NUMBER:	04-02-B
DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR:	Board of Trustees
MOTION:	Steve Selinsky
SECONDED:	Beth Ashmore
DATE SUBMITTED (initial):	August 20, 2004
DATE APPROVED:	May 14, 2007
SUNSET DATE:	2010

PURPOSE: To establish procedures for the Board of Trustees to follow when discussing or voting on matters by electronic means

POLICY: The Board of Trustees shall adopt specific policies to regulate the transaction of business by electronic means.

PROCEDURE:

Presentation of a Topic for Informal Consideration: The president may present a topic or issue for discussion without presenting a motion on which a vote must be taken. He/she may do this electronically by distributing the topic to the entire Board of Trustees, using the agreed upon distribution list maintained by the National office. The president shall set a time limit of no less than 24 hours for the discussion. At the end of this period, he/she may seek to extend the discussion period, refer the issue to a committee or working group, invite a motion from a member of the Board, close discussion or take other appropriate action.

All Board members are encouraged to participate in the discussion, observing the same rules of order and courtesy as apply to formal Board meetings. All contributions to the discussion should be posted to all Board members, again using the National distribution list.

At the end of the time period for informal consideration, or at any time before, a member of the Board may make a formal motion for action, based on the direction of the discussion up to that point. This may be voted upon electronically, in accordance with Bylaws Article VIII, Section 4 and the procedures of this P&P or may be carried forward to the next Board teleconference, if placed on the agenda by the President.

Presentation of a Motion for Consideration: All motions to be voted upon electronically shall be submitted in the same form as a motion made during a formally convened Board meeting; the motion shall be in writing, a second shall be secured and discussion shall be allowed for no less than 24 hours before a vote is taken. All further discussion shall again include all members of the Board of Trustees.

At the end of the specified discussion period, voted may be cast by all eligible Board members. Because an electronic vote prevents the assurance of a quorum,

NAHU's bylaws require that two-thirds of all Board members vote affirmatively for an electronic motion to pass; at this time, with 15 voting Board members, a minimum of 10 votes is required. Unless otherwise specified by the president, Board members shall cast their vote using the approved distribution list, to be received by all Board members, and recorded by the Secretary.

At the conclusion of the voting period, the Secretary shall tabulate the votes to ensure that the voting threshold has been met; failure to meet the threshold, regardless of the outcome of the votes cast, shall defeat the motion. The Secretary shall formally announce the results of the vote to the entire Board of Trustees, and shall record the vote in the minutes of the subsequent formal Board meeting.

If a motion fails because a significant number of Board members did not cast a vote on the issue, the president may, at his/her sole discretion, extend the voting deadline or add the topic to the next Board meeting. However, he/she may take both actions (ie. If the deadline is extended and there are still insufficient votes, the matter may not be carried over to the next board meeting, except as a newly introduced agenda item).

NOTE: Inclusion of all Board members is dependent on their access to messages from other Board members. Each Board member shall ensure that his/her correct contact information is on file with the National office. The Executive Vice President shall establish and maintain an official distribution list with electronic addresses for all Board members.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

Date

Attested by Secretary

ADDENDUM:

S A M P L E

ELECTRONIC VOTE RESULTS

For the motion:

Motion Maker: _____

Second: _____

BoT Voting Member	Member Name	Vote Cast
President		
President-Elect		
Vice President		
Treasurer		
Secretary		
Past President		
RVP Region 1		
RVP Region 3		
RVP Region 4		
RVP Region 5		
RVP Region 6		
RVP Region 7		
RVP Region 8		
Leg Chair		
Member Chair		
Total Yes Votes		
Total No Votes		
Total Abstentions		
2/3 Requirement Reached		
Motion Outcome		

Date

Attested by Secretary