

I found two places in the CPHS policy manual that describe voting procedures. Text from the current manual and from an earlier manual is shown below, along with proposed revisions.

For comparison, here is earlier text under Proceedings on page 15 of the August 2006 policy manual: "Approval of a motion requires "yes" votes by a majority of CPHS members present, excluding the Chair. The Chair may cast a tie-breaking vote or may vote if his/her presence is necessary for the meeting to have a quorum."

Here is the current text under Proceedings on page 19 of the October 2023 policy manual that was recently distributed: "Approval of a motion requires "yes" votes by a majority of CPHS members present in-person or remotely, excluding the Chair. A member having made a motion cannot vote against their own motion. The Chair may only cast a vote in order to break a tie or if their presence is necessary to establish a quorum for the meeting. Motions receiving a tie vote do not pass. Members voting "no" are required to express their reason(s) for opposition."

Proposed revision: "Approval of a motion requires votes in favor by a majority of CPHS members present in-person or remotely, excluding the Chair. The Chair may only cast a vote to break a tie or if needed to establish a quorum for the meeting. Motions receiving a tie vote do not pass. Members whose votes are in a minority are encouraged to express their reason(s)."

Again, for comparison, here is earlier text under Meeting Minutes on page 17 of the August 2006 policy manual: "Motions and CPHS decision, including votes in favor, votes opposed, abstentions, and members absent at the time of vote (e.g., Total= 15; In Favor-14, Opposed-1, Abstained-0), as well as reasons for minority opinions."

Here is the current text under Meeting Minutes on page 21 of the October 2023 policy manual: "Motions and CPHS decision, including votes in favor, opposed, abstentions, and members absent at the time of vote (e.g., Total= 13; In Favor-12, Opposed-1, Abstained- 0), as well as reasons for abstaining and opposing."

Proposed revision: "Motions and the decision of CPHS, including votes in favor, votes opposed, abstentions, and members absent at the time of the vote (e.g., Total= 13; In Favor- 12, Opposed- 1, Abstained- 0), as well as reasons for minority votes, if they have been stated."