

July 10, 2014
NW14-014

TO: Northwest Council
FROM: Northwest Legislative and Public Affairs Committee
SUBJECT: **PRESUBMITTED NEW BUSINESS: Revision of Northwest Legislative Voting Policy**

The SPEEA Council and the Northwest Council have different requirements for determining a position on any legislative or public issue.

This requirement has resulted in confusion between the two councils.
To reduce confusion, the Northwest Legislative and Public Affairs Committee recommend that the Northwest Council adopt the SPEEA Council procedure.

Northwest Policy V-A(5)

5. Passage or adoption of any legislative or public issue proposal shall require a 60 percent majority of votes cast at a duly constituted Northwest Council meeting. The total affirmative vote cast must be at least a majority of the total number of seated Council Representatives. Council Representatives who are employed beyond fifty statute miles from the meeting and are unable to attend are excluded from the total number required.
6. The pre-submitted motion shall include the information that to pass, the motion will require a 60% majority of votes cast and the total affirmative vote cast must be a majority of seated Council Representatives. The Council Chairman shall announce these numbers prior to the Council vote.
7. The number of votes cast for and against the issue and the numbers required to pass shall be recorded in the Northwest Council Minutes.

SPEEA Policy V-A(5)

5. Passage or adoption of any SPEEA legislative or public issues proposal shall be by published ballot and require:
 - a) Total affirmative vote cast must be at least a simple majority of the total number of seated Council Representatives. Council Representatives who are employed beyond 50 statute miles from the meeting and are unable to attend are excluded from the total number required.

MOTION

It is moved that: **THE Northwest COUNCIL APPROVES REVISING SPEEA LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC ISSUES VOTING POLICY:**

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