Resolution: Nemine Contradicente Voting Rules for 2019 CFMS Spring General Meeting

WHEREAS a large number of resolutions submitted is a sign of a healthy federation;

WHEREAS the length of the resolutions sessions generally cannot be extended to accommodate the number of motions received;

WHEREAS to bring all resolutions to the floor within the time constraint, debate must be efficient and focus on vote-determining issues rather than opinions and commentary;

WHEREAS nemine contradicente voting can help expedite the session by allowing noncontroversial motions to pass by consensus without a formal vote;

WHEREAS motions that have associated financial spending should be debated to ensure good use of the organization's finances;

WHEREAS the procedure for nemine contradicente voting is as follows:
1. Motion is read by the Chair.
2. Mover speaks in favour of the motion for a maximum of two (2) minutes.
3. The Chair asks for direct negatives from the floor.
   - If there is no direct negative, the motion is adopted and minuted as "Adopted nemine contradicente."
   - If there is a direct negative: the Chair asks objector whether they would like to either: (a) proceed directly to a minuted vote or (b) to open a speaker list.
     - If (a) proceed directly to a minuted vote: the Chair calls the question.
     - If (b) open a speaker list: the Chair asks for maximum of five (5) speakers, who approach the microphone for a maximum of one (1) minute each.
       - After the first speaker list, the Chair asks to call the question.
       - The floor can request a second speaker list of five (5) speakers for one (1) minute each.
       - The floor may continue to request additional speaker lists with an additional five (5) speakers for one (1) minute each.
       - No individual speaker may speak more than twice, for a maximum total of two (2) minutes, on a single resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Member Resolutions Sessions at the 2019 CFMS Spring General Meeting be conducted with nemine contradicente voting for all resolutions that do not have an associated financial cost.

Financial Cost: $0

Level of Effort: None

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