

The Formal Consensus Process

INTRODUCTIONS

- Clarify Process
- Present Proposal or Issue
- Ask Questions to Clarify Presentation

LEVEL I: BROAD CONSENSUS

- Group Discussion
- Call for Consensus

LEVEL II: IDENTIFY CONCERNS

- List Any Concerns
- Group the Related Concerns

LEVEL III: RESOLVE CONCERNS

- Resolve Grouped Concerns
- Call for Consensus

- Restate Remaining Concerns
- Ask Questions to Clarify Concerns
- Limit Discussion to Resolving One Concern at a Time
- Call for Consensus

CONSENSUS

ALTERNATIVE CLOSING OPTIONS

Stand Aside

Send to Committee

Declare Block

The Formal Consensus Process requires:

- Active cooperation and goodwill
- Disciplined speaking and listening
- Respect for the contributions of every member
- Active participation as a creative individual within the structure