

Consensus decision-making process to be used at the WCN AGM

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Introductions

- **Clarify Process**
- **Present proposal or issue**
- **Questions to clarify presentation**

Level 1: Broad open discussion

- **Group discussion**
- **Call for consensus**

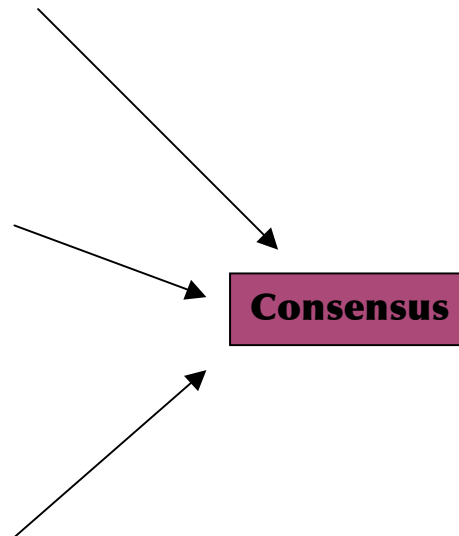
Level 2: Identify concerns

- **List any concerns**
- **Group related concerns**

Level 3: Resolve concerns

- **Resolve grouped concerns**
- **Call for consensus**

- **Restate remaining concerns**
- **Questions to clarify concerns**
- **Discussion limited to resolving one concern at a time**
- **Call for consensus**



Alternative closing options

- **Stand aside** - the person with concerns does not accept the proposal but 'stands aside' and allows the rest of the group to reach consensus
- **Send to committee** - this most likely involves mandating the Steering Committee to make a decision on a matter that would usually be decided by the AGM.
- **Declare block** - the concerns of a certain person or people are so serious that s/he/they block the proposal. After this happens, either an alternative proposal is made, or in case no further options are available, a vote takes place.
- **Vote** - In case consensus really cannot be reached on a certain topic, the facilitator will call for a vote. In this case 80 per cent of those present would need to vote for the proposal in order that it would be approved.