

Virtual Meeting Committee Report

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A conversation within the Trustee WhatsApp Group was around how hard it was for members to find telephone numbers for a telephone conference and how hard it was to become members. This committee reached out to the chair of the telephone conference committee, Greg M, and asked if he would have a conversation with the Virtual Meeting Committee. During the discussion it was learned why it was so difficult to find, join and maintain the telephone conference. The point that we tried to learn was how to make the telephone conference easier to join, easier to become listed on the ISO site and how to get more information out to the members at large. Several agenda items were created just for that purpose. To define what a meeting is and to combine the virtual meeting committee and the telephone conference committee.

The Virtual Meeting Committee realized that we had so much work to do and that we needed help. An email was sent to all Trustees saying exactly that and asked trustees to join the committee. The response was overwhelming. The committee accepted 8 additional trustees plus one area (12) had two groups that had 30 individuals who asked to join. With that many people the committee was actually able to test a voting platform capable of meeting the requirements needed for a virtual meeting. There are some issues that need to be worked out, however

the actual process was easy to understand and when used easy to remember.

One area that needs to be evaluated is the use of absentee ballots for a Virtual Meeting. Currently if a Trustee lives outside of the United States, they can cast an absentee ballot and will be considered as being physically at the meeting. Their votes also count towards meeting the requirements for a quorum. This needs to be addressed for Virtual Meetings.

The next process the committee needs to work on is choosing a translation app that will be used within the platform that hosts the Virtual Trustee meeting. Once a app is chosen it will have to be put to a stress test.