

## **Electronic Voting**

You received a small wireless electronic device as you checked in at this meeting. Because of its small size and the need for it to be handy throughout the meeting, we suggest that you make use of the attached lanyard by hanging it around your neck. **You will please turn in the device as you leave the meeting.**

The voting device has buttons for yes and no. When the Moderator announces an electronic vote, you will be given fifteen or twenty seconds to record your vote by pushing the appropriate button. That vote will be recorded by our central computer and that fact will display in the little window on your device. If, during the voting period, you realize you made a mistake you can push the other button and the system will delete your first attempt and record your new vote. At the end of the voting period, all votes will be recorded and the resulting vote totals will be displayed on the screens. I will also announce that vote and declare the outcome. This results in an accurate, secret vote. No record is made or kept of who cast each vote.

We plan to use electronic voting instead of hand counts and paper ballots. I will continue to call for voice votes on some articles. When a larger quantum of vote, such as two thirds, is required, we will vote electronically so that we have an accurate count.

Based on our experience at past meetings, I think you will be pleased with this method of voting. It will also speed up the meeting as we vote on controversial matters.

A suggested rule for this meeting is printed on the back of this sheet. Our first electronic vote will likely be one to approve this rule.

Barry Eager, Moderator

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## **Proposed Rule for Berlin's 2023 Annual Town Meeting**

For this meeting, voting by electronic means will replace counted standing votes or votes by show of hands. Electronic votes will also be used in place of secret paper ballot votes.

The Moderator shall have discretion to use electronic voting when he deems it desirable to have a complete, accurate vote count.