

## Refuge Recovery Groups-Voting and Quorums

### Voting

When voting, General Refuge Recovery business meetings operate on the principle of group democracy. The RR group super-majority voting method requires that 65-70% of the quorum be in favor of a motion for that motion to pass. This is a middle path between a simple majority and unanimity.

In Refuge Recovery, cooperation is assumed, and it is often counterproductive to introduce a main motion before there has been discussion of its subject matter. After every voting member has had a chance to offer input, the intent of the group is usually clearer, and the chair can be of service by attempting to coalesce what he or she has heard into a coherent motion, and ask if anyone will introduce the motion.

The RR group voting method, combined with limited pre-motion discussion by all voting members present, is the most balanced approach we have found for accomplishing necessary group business while promoting group unity. These methods have been practiced successfully in RR group business meetings, RR Service Committee meetings and RR Service Board meetings since that time.

### Quorum

A quorum is the minimum number of members of a deliberative assembly necessary to conduct the business of that group.

Refuge Recovery Group business meeting quorums require that the voting officers of the group plus at least two meeting members are present for voting on any motion. Individual RR groups set any further quorum requirements.

For purposes of initial group creation and election of the first set of group officers this quorum rule can be set aside.