

Indian Nations Presbytery

E-Vote Policy

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E-vote may be used between presbytery meetings for matters which are time sensitive and generally routine in nature (i.e. an item which cannot wait until the next stated meeting and which does not seem worthy itself of a called meeting).

E-vote may only be used for matters which do not involve presbytery expenditures, grants, or budget adjustments of more than \$1000.

The moderator may begin an e-vote after being notified of a committee request meeting these criteria, or moved and seconded by two presbyters having vote. Concurrence of the Stated Clerk is required as to the suitability of the matter for e-vote.

E-votes are moderated, as are all potential actions of the presbytery.

E-vote of course refers to voting, and perhaps having some discussion, by email.

When beginning an e-vote the moderator will indicate the time frame for returning a vote. Moderator will try to make this as generous as is feasible and reasonable.

All communication in e-vote is by “reply-all”.

If you wish to vote, do a reply-all, yes or no. (This is the email equivalent of “standing vote”.)

If you would like to discuss, do a reply-all – this begins discussion.

There are three allowable secondary motions: to amend, to refer to committee, and to ‘postpone definitely’ to the next stated or called meeting. A minimal amount of such secondary motions could work; more than a little bit and this becomes unworkable by email and the moderator will back us out of this as an e-vote issue and bring it to the next meeting. To make a secondary motion do a reply-all.

If there is an unworkable amount of discussion for email the moderator will back us out of this as an e-vote issue and bring it to the next meeting.

If you object to this matter being an e-vote, move to ‘postpone definitely’ to the next stated or called meeting; if this motion is seconded and wins, e-vote ceases, and this matter comes before the body at the next stated or called meeting.

If the e-vote proceeds normally the moderator will apprise the presbytery of the outcome by email, and the Stated Clerk will bring the results of the e-vote to the next stated meeting of presbytery and the action will be recorded then.