

Blue Goose Alliance
ELECTRONIC MEETINGS
&
VOTING PROCEDURES

The bylaws of the Blue Goose Alliance describe the procedures to be followed for meetings and voting in **Section 6**. Since Members of the Board are separated by vast distances, formal meetings are difficult and expensive to arrange. Board Members and the Working Group are constantly in contact via e-mail. Thus, when an issue is recognized as needing Board action, it is logical to hold a regular meeting using electronic means. The following outline provides the procedures to be followed during such events, and does not deviate from provisions found in the bylaws.

1. Electronic Meetings-The BGA-WG is a forum open to all members of the working group via the internet. Each member is encouraged to participate in all discussions, debates, and deliberations, and is urged to submit ideas and information via the BGA-WG website.

2. Electronic Voting-

(A) Only Board Members can vote.

(B) A Member of the Board may make a motion at any time. Upon a Second to the motion, the president will call for discussion, and will limit discussion to a time period of not less than 3 days nor more than 7 days. At close of debate the president will present the motion and call for a vote, and will announce the time for voting to close. (7 days maximum)

(C)1-If the president determines that a proposal/question is of the magnitude to require full board participation or approval, the president may, by following the procedures outlined above call for a vote on a specific question. OR

2-If time constraints require a vote be taken without allowing the normal time for the discussion and voting process, the president may call an for an “*emergency vote*.” Those Board Members who VOTE, waive the right to request more time for discussion.

(D) In all cases, the total number of votes, whether they be YES, NO, or ABSTAIN, will determine whether a quorum is present. **Section 6.4** *At any duly convened meeting of the BOD, half of the Directors must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business....*

(E) Any Board Member not voting will be considered absent from the meeting

(F) If enough votes are received to meet the quorum requirement, business can be conducted as per **Section 6.5** *At any BOD meeting having a quorum present, the affirmative vote of a majority present shall be necessary and sufficient to adopt a decision, except those specific decisions that under these bylaws require otherwise....*

(G) At the close of the voting period, the president will tally the votes and announce the results, and the secretary will record the proposition and the results of the voting.

~~Approved November 17, 2002~~
Date

/s/ Evelyn Redfearn
Secretary