

NANA Disagreement Resolution Policy (2022)

The following procedure will be used to navigate disagreements among NANA Coalition or Steering Committee members, including (but not limited to) those about policy priorities, NANA statements, and NANA positions on legislation or regulations, if unable to be remedied between the disagreeing parties. The following specific process may be modified or waived with the consent of all Steering Committee members. In the case of a breaking or urgent issue, the Steering Committee may proceed directly to a vote as stipulated in this section, with the consent of all NANA Steering Committee members.

1. The Steering Committee will convene a meeting to deliberate on the issue.
 - a. Notice will be given to each member of the Steering Committee and the disagreeing parties not less than 10 days prior to the meeting, unless an issue is breaking and urgent.
 - b. At the meeting, members of organizations will present their sides of the disagreement to the NANA Steering Committee for an amount of time agreed to by the Steering Committee. The default time will be 10 minutes for each side for presentation.
 - i. The meeting will be moderated by the Convener. In the event the Convener is involved in the disagreement, the NANA Steering Committee will appoint another party not involved in the disagreement to serve as Moderator by simple majority. If all parties are involved in the disagreement, a simple majority vote will determine the Moderator.
 - ii. Presentations.
 1. Presentations will proceed and be attended in a mutually respectful manner. The Moderator will act to limit interruptions and disrespectful behavior.
 2. The Moderator will ensure equal time to both sides presenting.
 3. Equal additional time may be granted to the disagreeing parties to extend their presentations with a two-thirds majority vote of the Steering Committee.
 - iii. Questions.
 1. Steering Committee members may then ask questions of each side for an amount of time agreed to verbally by the Steering Committee. The default time will be 20 minutes for each side for questions. The Moderator will be responsible for ensuring even time for questions for both sides.
 2. Equal additional time may be extended for questions with a two-thirds majority vote of the Steering Committee.
 - iv. Voting.

1. A vote will then be held on the issue, with each NANA Steering Committee member organization receiving one vote. Steering Committee members will have one week to review and vote.
2. The vote will be closed by default.
 - a. All NANA Steering Committee members will submit their votes to the Moderator to tally the votes.
3. If any party requests an open vote, a two-thirds majority of NANA Steering Committee member organizations must agree to an open vote. Otherwise, the vote will remain closed.
 - a. Roll will be called by the Moderator and all NANA Steering Committee members will submit their votes.
4. By a simple majority, the results of the vote will determine NANA's action on the issue.
 - a. In the event of a tie, another round of discussions and voting following the above procedure will be held to determine the outcome. At the discretion of the Moderator, following consultation with the Steering Committee members present, timings of further presentation and questions may be modified.
 - b. In the absence of a definitive vote on the issue, NANA has no position on the issue in contention.