

## Voting at Meetings

Introduction: According to the Community Association Institute:

"Each member of the Board shall be presumed to vote 'yes' on any action taken by the Board of directors unless the member specifically votes 'no' or abstains from voting because of a conflict of interest. A member of the Board of Directors should not abstain on reasons of general principle and may do so only when a conflict of interest actually exists. The nature of the conflict and the reason for abstaining must be disclosed to the remaining members of the Board of Directors and recorded in the minutes or the meeting"

I think this is a good practice that allows full disclosure on intentions and we should follow this. This will allow and ensure full participation in decisions. It will also help prevent personal agendas, simmering issues unknown to the other Trustees, and ensure conflicts are resolved as early in the process as possible. I would ask Brian, as Secretary, to help us hold to this and make sure the information is recorded. When we vote, as it says, it is yes unless stating. The minutes should show those by name who vote 'no'. If abstaining it should list the name and list the conflict of interest.

Conflict of Interest = A conflict between a person's private interests and public obligations

**MOTION:** That the above be adopted an official Association policy effective immediately.

**Second?** Yes. **Discussion:** What happens if you are not in attendance? You can't vote.

**Vote:** 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Motion was passed at the HOA Board Meeting on July 22, 2003 and was included in the minutes published in the August 2003 Fairwood