Intersangha Decision-Making Processes July 2020

Quarterly Intersangha meetings

The Intersangha meets quarterly each calendar year: January, April, July and October. Meetings are two hours in length. All Recovery Dharma Portland participants are invited.

Elections of Intersangha officers and approval of committee chairs take place at the January Intersangha meeting each year.

Quarterly Intersangha meetings provide a place for updates regarding weekly meetings, committee planning and Intersangha finances and governance. Proposals may also be considered by the meeting attendees, and voted on as follows if the required quorum is present:

Quorum required for voting

Only one representative of a meeting may vote at the Intersangha meeting, however; sixty percent (60 percent) of all existing meetings must have a representative present at the Intersangha meeting for a vote to be taken on any proposal. Sixty percent is the established quorum for vote taking.

Non-attendance of Intersangha meetings by weekly meetings

If a weekly meeting is not represented at two consecutive quarterly Intersangha meetings, that meeting will not be counted towards the total number of meetings in order to determine whether the 60% quorum has been reached.

Should the weekly meeting removed from quorum consideration be represented at a later quarterly Intersangha meeting, its presence will again be counted towards the quorum determination.

Intersangha Working Group

Intersangha officers and committee chairpeople meet monthly (except August and December) to stay informed regarding meeting needs and committee plans and to track emerging issues.

Working Group decisions and voting

The Intersangha Working Group will be permitted to take votes on issues that affect the Intersangha. These votes may occur at the monthly meetings, or in extremely urgent

moments, with a majority of the working group via an in-person meeting or electronic channels.

Votes at the Working Group level are approved when a majority votes in favor of a proposal. Votes are not approved when a majority votes against the proposal. If an officer position is vacant, that position does not count towards the total or the majority proportion.

The Intersangha and Working Group decisions

All Working Group decisions reached by a vote shall be announced to the Intersangha via the RDPDX newsletter and appropriate social media channels, and at the next Intersangha meeting.

If the Working Group approves or denies a proposal, the Intersangha, at a quarterly Intersangha meeting, has the right to reverse that approval or denial. If the Intersangha votes to reverse a Working Group decision, the Working Group may not take up that issue for a vote for 6 months after the Intersangha's reversal.