Using The Exploratory Round Robin

1. Proposals and recommendations will be submitted in writing in advance of the meeting if feasible, so members can think about them and mentally prepare.

2. Before discussion begins, members may be invited to make a personal note of their thoughts and responses, as a preparation for discussion.

3. The members will make comments on the draft item under consideration, going around the circle to each member in turn. This is an information-gathering step. While members may make suggestions as to which changes should be required or how the item might be improved, no amendments will be voted on or actions taken during this round of discussion. No one may speak a second time until everyone who wishes to do so has spoken once.

4. Members may pass, and speak at the end of the round if desired.

5. Members are encouraged to participate with a pencil in hand, to be ready with questions or points when their turn comes.

6. The secretary will note comments on the whiteboard or by projection so that everyone may see them (see sample form).

7. The chair will provide his/her comments last. The chair will refrain from answering questions or commenting until his/her turn arrives.

8. After the first round of comments, the group will either hold another round robin or engage in open discussion, as the group chooses.

9. The chair will summarize comments and observations and may suggest the next step, OR a member may propose a motion, which could be:
   a) To approve the item
   b) To amend the item
   c) To refer the item back to a committee or staff for further study, to report back at a given date
   d) To postpone a decision on the item to the next meeting
10. The chair will ask whether there is unanimous consent by saying “is there any objection to approving this proposal?” If no one speaks up saying “objection,” silence means consent, and the proposal is approved. If there is objection, a vote may be taken, or another action as appropriate.

11. If members wish to disapprove an item or withhold approval, they will vote against the motion to approve it.

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