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Reference Subcommittee
Reference Subcommittee:

- **Purpose:** to provide problem-solving opportunities on motions.
- **Delegates are chosen by their regions for this subcommittee of the Conference Bylaws Committee.**
- **Visitors are welcome to attend all but the Thursday morning session of the committee.**
Reference Subcommittee:

- Review of motions on results of Agenda Questionnaire, or required by Conference rules, motions that are:
  - similar,
  - divided or controversial,
  - confusing or questionable, or
  - receive three amendments on the Conference floor.
- A motion that has been sent to Reference because three amendments were received will return to the floor for an up or down vote. (No further amendments are permitted.)

Requests for review come from:

- Conference or maker of the motion,
- Bylaws Committee, or
- the chair.
Reference Subcommittee:

- May make recommendations to the Conference on reviewed motions if the committee is in agreement (no more than two dissenting votes).
  - Adopt
  - Adopt with amendments
  - Defeat
  - No recommendation
  - Refer to committee
Emergency New Business

- Emergency New Business cannot be a bylaws amendment, only a motion for a new policy or change to an existing policy.

- If a delegate brings forward an idea that they believe must be talked about at this year’s meeting:
  - The Conference Support Committee (CSC) desk has a form for Emergency New Business (ENB).
  - The form is completed and placed in the ENB box before 4:00 p.m. on Friday.
  - The delegate who submitted the motion attends the ENB session on Friday night to answer questions.
    - Unlike at the Reference Subcommittee meeting, the maker of the motion does not participate in debate of the motion at the ENB meeting.
Emergency New Business

- To be considered ENB, the matter must be of an urgent nature that will impact OA as a whole.
- After the Reference Subcommittee has addressed all ENB, the subcommittee will then address and formalize the ENB motions that will be presented at the business meeting on Saturday, if time allows.