**Resolution:** Nemine Contradicente Voting Rules for the 2019 CFMS Annual General Meeting

**WHEREAS** a large number of resolutions submitted is a sign of a healthy federation;

**WHEREAS** the length of the resolutions sessions generally cannot be extended to accommodate the number of motions received;

**WHEREAS** to bring all resolutions to the floor within the time constraint, debate must be efficient and focus on vote-determining issues rather than opinions and commentary;

**WHEREAS** nemine contradicente voting can help expedite the session by allowing noncontroversial motions to pass by consensus without a formal vote;

**WHEREAS** motions that have associated financial spending should be debated to ensure good use of the organization’s finances;

**WHEREAS** the procedure for nemine contradicente voting is as follows:

1. Motion is read by the Chair.
2. Mover speaks in favour of the motion for a maximum of two (2) minutes.
3. The Chair asks for direct negatives from the floor.
	* If there is no direct negative, the motion is adopted and minuted as “Adopted nemine contradicente.”
	* If there is a direct negative: the Chair asks objector whether they would like to either: (a) proceed directly to a minuted vote or (b) to open a speaker list.
		+ If (a) proceed directly to a minuted vote: the Chair calls the question.
		+ If (b) open a speaker list: the Chair asks for maximum of five (5) speakers, who approach the microphone for a maximum of one (1) minute each.
			- After the first speaker list, the Chair asks to call the question.
			- The floor can request a second speaker list of five (5) speakers for one (1) minute each.
			- The floor may continue to request additional speaker lists with an additional five (5) speakers for one (1) minute each.
			- No individual speaker may speak more than twice, for a maximum total of two (2) minutes, on a single resolution;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Member Resolutions Sessions at the 2019 CFMS Annual General Meeting be conducted with nemine contradicente voting for all resolutions that do not have an associated financial cost.

**Financial Cost:** $0

**Level of Effort:** None

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