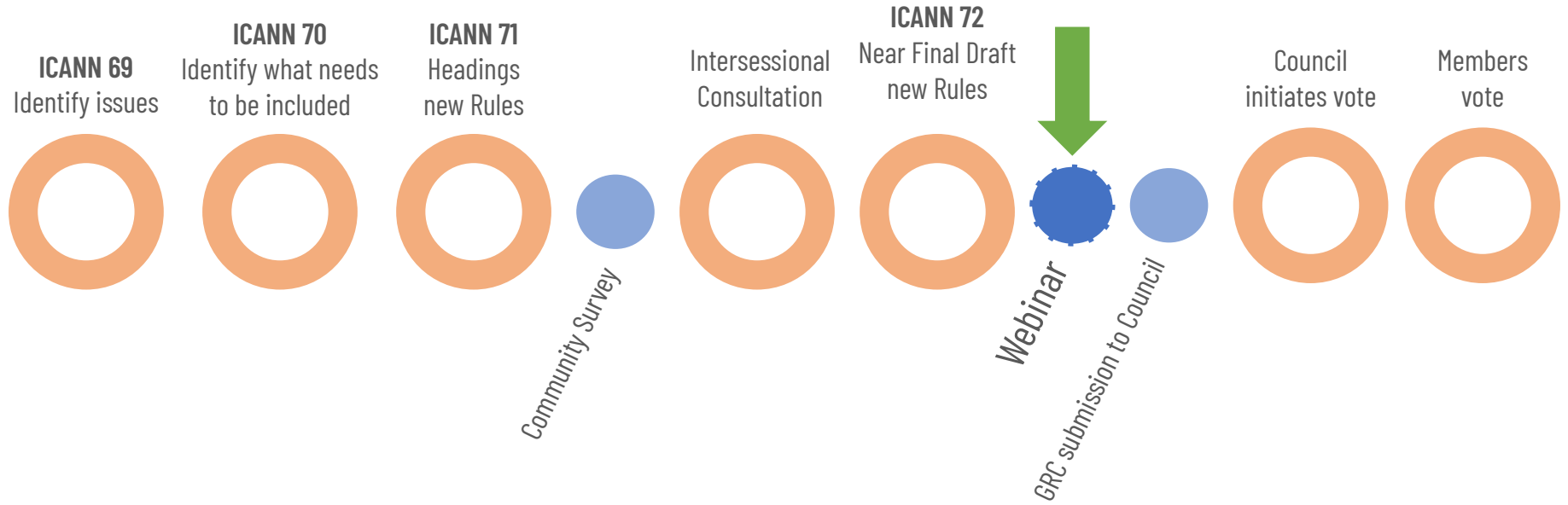


# Rules for the ccNSO Membership

*2021 Proposal*

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# The Roadmap



# Scope

What is **not** included in proposed Rules

- The role of Members and Council for ccNSO as Decisional Participant
  - Extensive discussion regarding the role of Members and Council with respect to decision-making
  - Awaits completion of draft of relevant Operating Procedures (Guidelines)

# Scope

What **is** included in proposed Rules

(Section 0) Introduction to the Rules

(Section 1) ccNSO Decision making

(Section 2) Voting by ccNSO Membership

(Section 3) Review of the Rules

(Section 4) Change mechanisms Rules and  
Operational Procedures (Guidelines)

Glossary

# Proposed Text

Feel free to follow along in the final draft document

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# Introduction (Section 0.A)

Governance of the ccNSO - Sources:









ICANN Bylaws  
Article 10 + Annex B, C & D  
EC / DP

The Rules for  
the ccNSO Membership

Operating Procedures  
(AKA "ccNSO Guidelines")

In accordance with ICANN Bylaws,  
Article 10, Section 10.3(k)

# Principles (Section 0.B) Not part of the Rules.

-  1. The ccNSO is a bottom-up organization
-  2. The ccNSO is open and transparent
-  3. The ccNSO will operate on a non-discriminatory basis
-  4. Minimum periods of notice for meetings and votes
-  5. Quorum for a vote to be valid, with a regional representation
-  6. One member, one vote, unless specifically provided otherwise
-  7. The ccNSO should be able to make decisions
-  8. Allow non members to participate

## Members only decisions (Section 1.1) other than explicitly provided in the ICANN Bylaws



A. Members vote to change the Rules.



B. Veto vote on ccNSO Council resolutions.



C. ICANN Board Seats 11 and 12 elections.



# Council only decisions (Section 1.2) other than explicitly provided in the ICANN Bylaws

## I. Administrative resolutions and/or decisions:

- Appointments of Members and Liaisons to groups.
- ccNSO Council meeting schedules, agendas and minutes.
- Voting on and Processing of Membership applications.
- Request a call for volunteers, preparation of timelines and summaries.

## II. The ccNSO Council resolution and/or decision to adopt a change to the Rules.



## Council decisions subject to the Members' Veto Mechanism (Section 1.3.1)

All ccNSO Council resolution and/or decisions are subject to the Members Veto Mechanism (as provided in section 1.3.2 below), unless specifically determined otherwise in the ICANN Bylaws or under the Rules.



# Council Decisions: The effective date of resolutions and/or decisions /Members' Veto Mechanism (Section 1.3.2)



- Requirement to Publish all Council resolutions and Decisions



- Determining the Effective date



- Requirements Members' Notification



- Council's Notification and initiating the Members' Veto Vote

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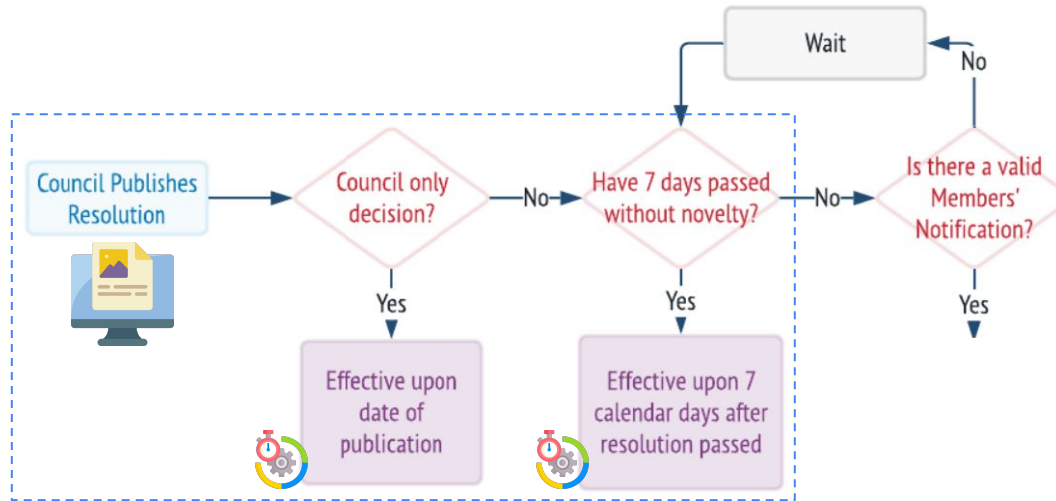
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# Members' Veto Mechanism (Section 1.3.2)

## Determining the Effective date



Usual cases

Usual cases for determining the effective date of a Resolution.

Coming next:

- Requirements Members' Notification
- Council's Notification and initiating the Members' Veto Vote

# Members' Veto Mechanism (Section 1.3.2)

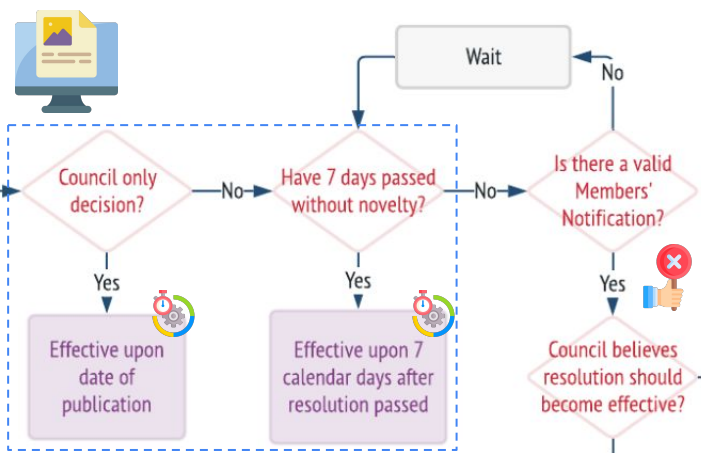
## Requirements Members' Notification

- Must be sent by electronic means
  - to the ccNSO Secretariat or the ccNSO Council Chair
  - during the 7 calendar days mentioned.
- Must include, at a minimum:
  - The names of the objecting ccTLD Managers; and
  - The ccNSO Council decision that is being objected to and
  - A brief explanation of the objection(s).

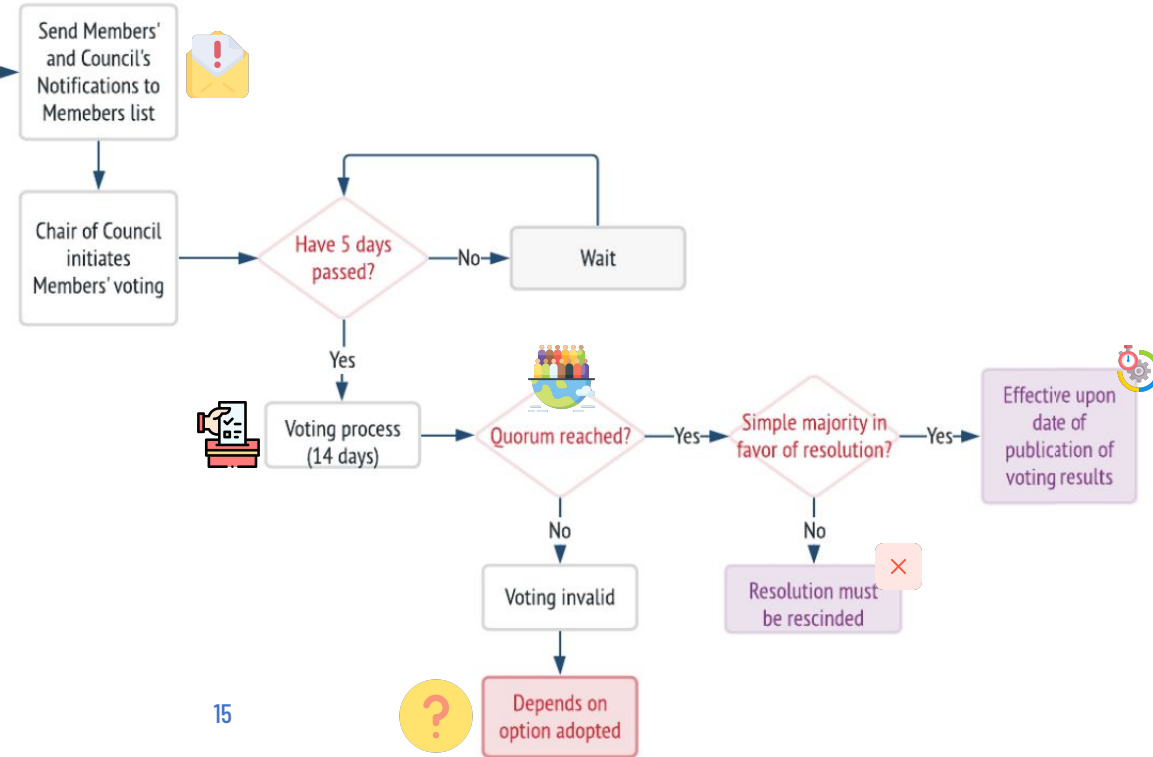


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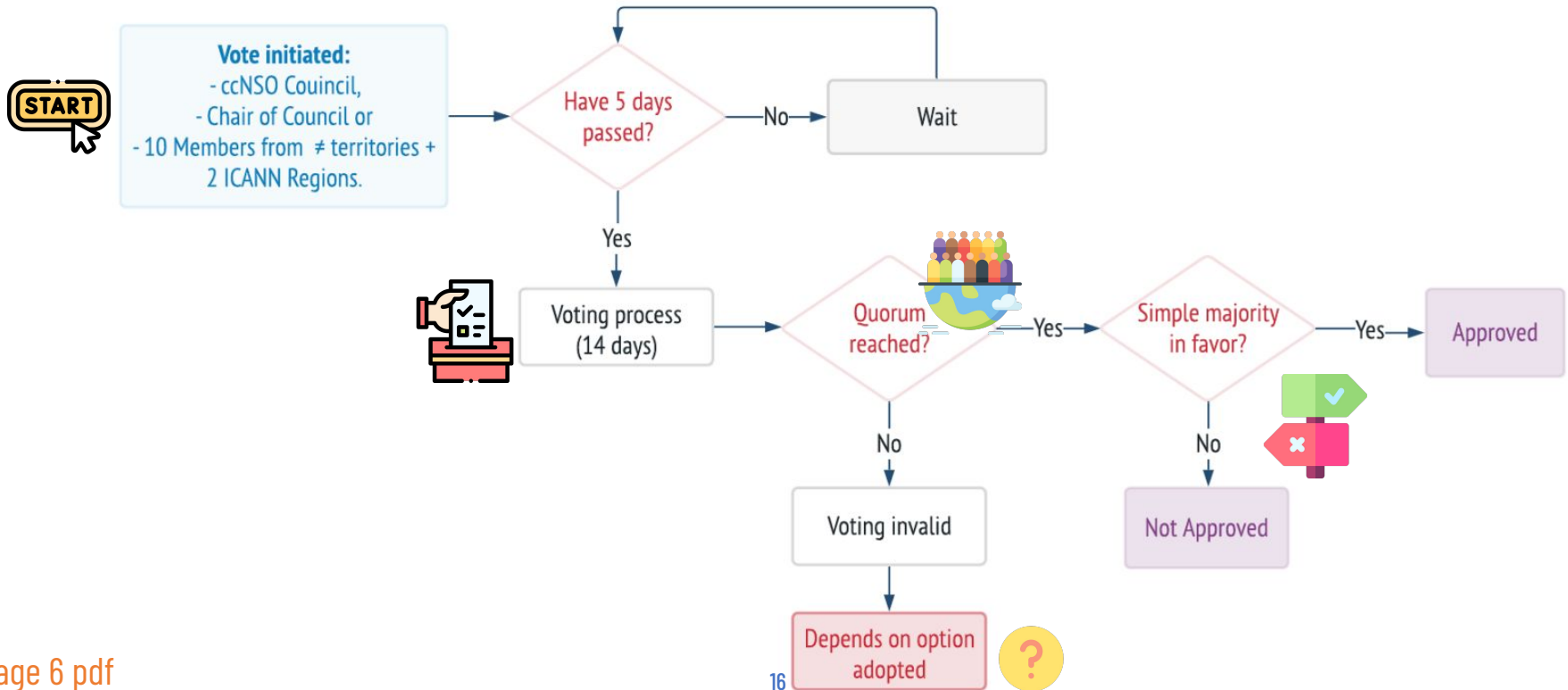
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# Electronic Vote by the Members (Section 2.1)



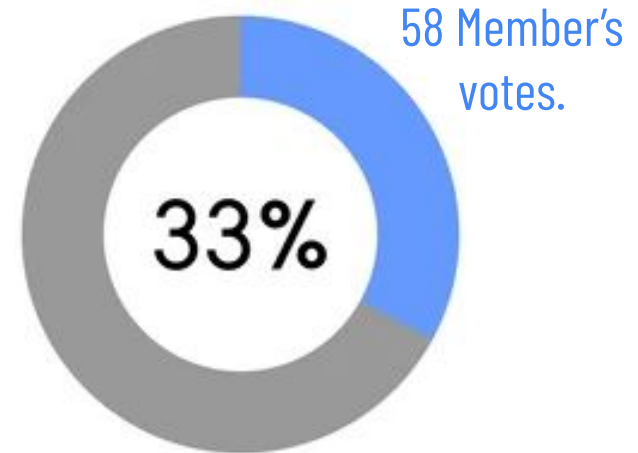


## Quorum rule for Electronic vote by the members (Section 2.2)



Quorum is the minimum number of votes that should be cast for a vote to be valid.

33% of the total Membership of the ccNSO + at least 3 Members per ICANN Region.



# Quorum rule for Electronic vote by the members (Section 2.2)

What if quorum is not met in the first round?



## Option 1: Members have abstained.

The status quo remains:

- ccNSO Council decisions will become effective
- Amendment to the Rules will not pass
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## Option 3: A second vote will happen.

- Automatically after 14 calendar days
- Same quorum (33%)
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## Comments received

### Option 1: Members have abstained.

- Gives no second chance
- If threshold is not met, nothing happens
- If decision is not made in the first voting that means absence of interest from members
- Creates a serious blocking ability

### Option 3: A second vote will happen.

- As ccNSO PDP voting allows 2nd chance
- Not everybody participates in 1st round
- Allows reduction in attendance in 1st round
- Allows to move on rather than to 'stand still'
- Good incentive for those in favour to get others involved and vote in 2nd round
- Takes long time

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# Review of the Rules (Section 3)

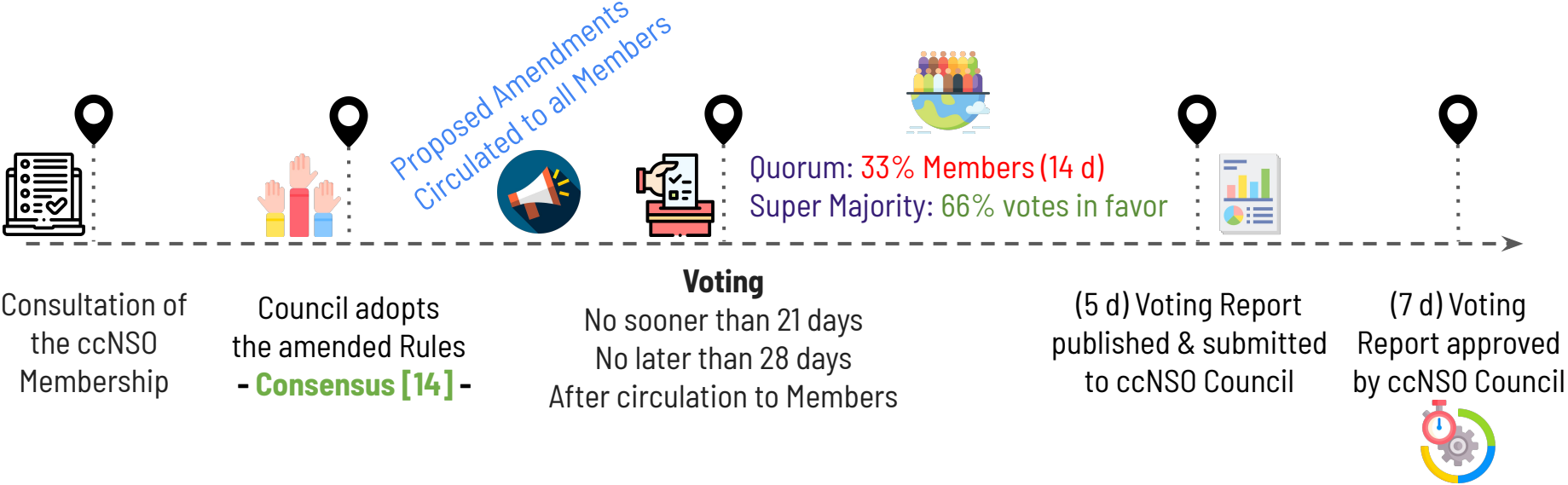
## Frequency & Methodology of reviews

- Every 5 years after adoption of an amended version
- At the request of:
  - The ccNSO Council
  - The Chair of the ccNSO
  - 10 Members from ≠ territories + 3 ICANN Regions
- By a group of volunteers from Members of the ccNSO
- Input from the broader ccTLD community and ccNSO Council
- Any recommended changes must be ratified by the ccNSO Members

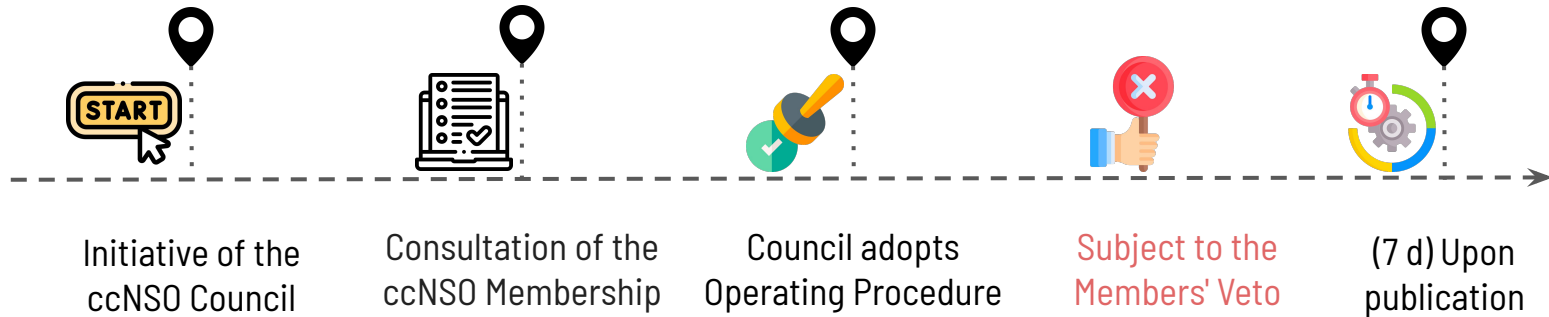


# Mechanism to amend the Rules of the ccNSO (Section 4.1)

Council and Membership adoption & Date the new rules become effective



# Change mechanism - Operating Procedures or ccNSO Guidelines (Section 4.2)

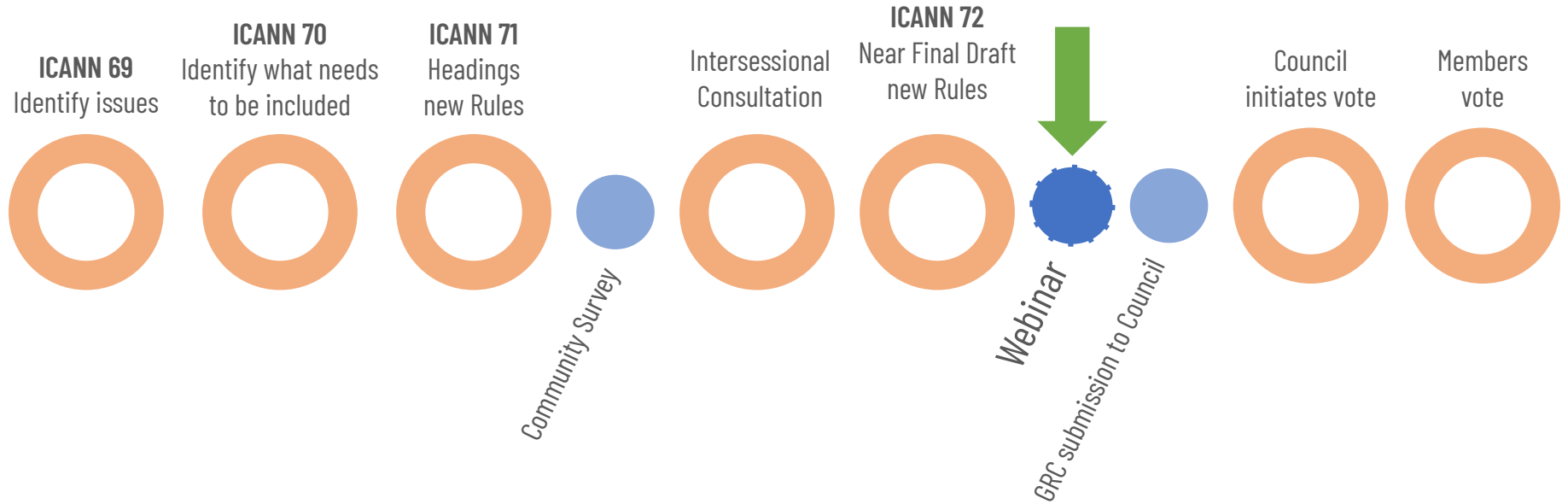


# Questions or Comments?





# The Roadmap



# Thank you

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