

5A) Community Mechanism as a Sole Member Model

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5A.2 Influence in the Community Mechanism

The CCWG-Accountability considered the decision weights of the various parts of the community. The following table sets out the voting distribution most supported within the CCWG-Accountability.

COMMUNITY SEGMENT	COMMUNITY MECHANISM “VOTES”
ASO	5
ccNSO	5
GNSO	5
At-Large	5

Each participating SO/AC would have 5 votes. Although each SO/AC has a specific number of votes, those votes may be subdivided however the SO/AC decided and, in particular, fractional votes are allowed.

This allows voting capability to be allocated within the SO/AC. Such allotment would be done through a formal decision of the SO/AC. The SO/AC or the appropriate sub-group shall designate the individuals who officially communicate its decisions regarding votes.

The community mechanism gives the bulk of influence on an equal basis between the three SOs for which ICANN deals with policy development and the At-Large Advisory Committee (which was structurally designed to represent Internet users within ICANN). If a new SO or another AC gains voting rights in the community mechanism at a later stage, they would receive an equal number of votes.

The logic for 5 “votes” in the community mechanism is to allow for greater diversity of views, including the ability to represent all the ICANN regions in each participating group, than would be the case if there was only one “vote”.

CCWG-Accountability anticipates that the votes each SO and AC casts will be a reflection of the balance of views within that SO or AC (or where possible of that sub-division, where votes have been allocated to sub-divisions). That is, block voting (casting all votes in favour or against the use of a power, even where there are diverse views) is not encouraged.

As noted in section X (Community Powers), no votes are exercised until after petitioning and discussion phases.

Quorums and vote counting

This section needs to be developed – staff are working on a draft paper.