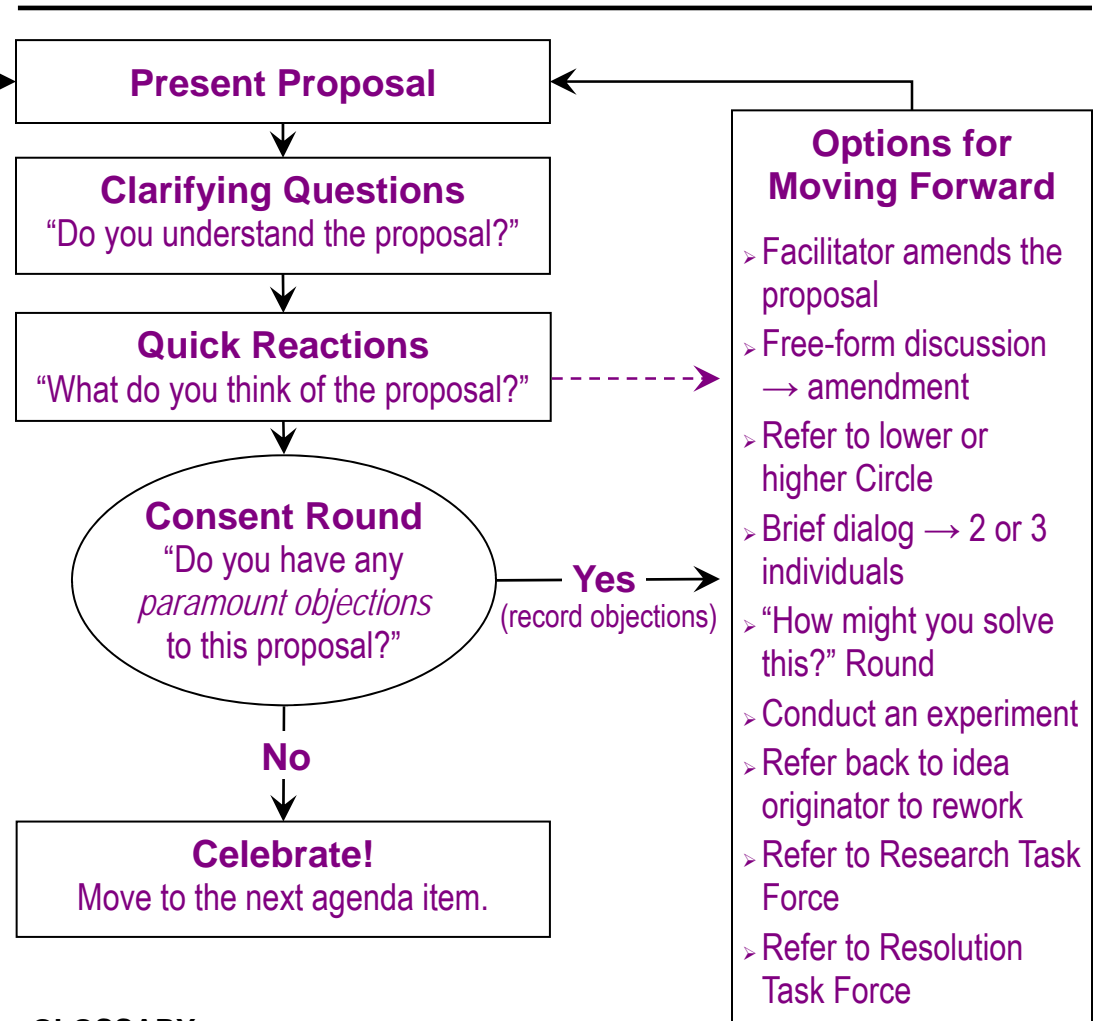
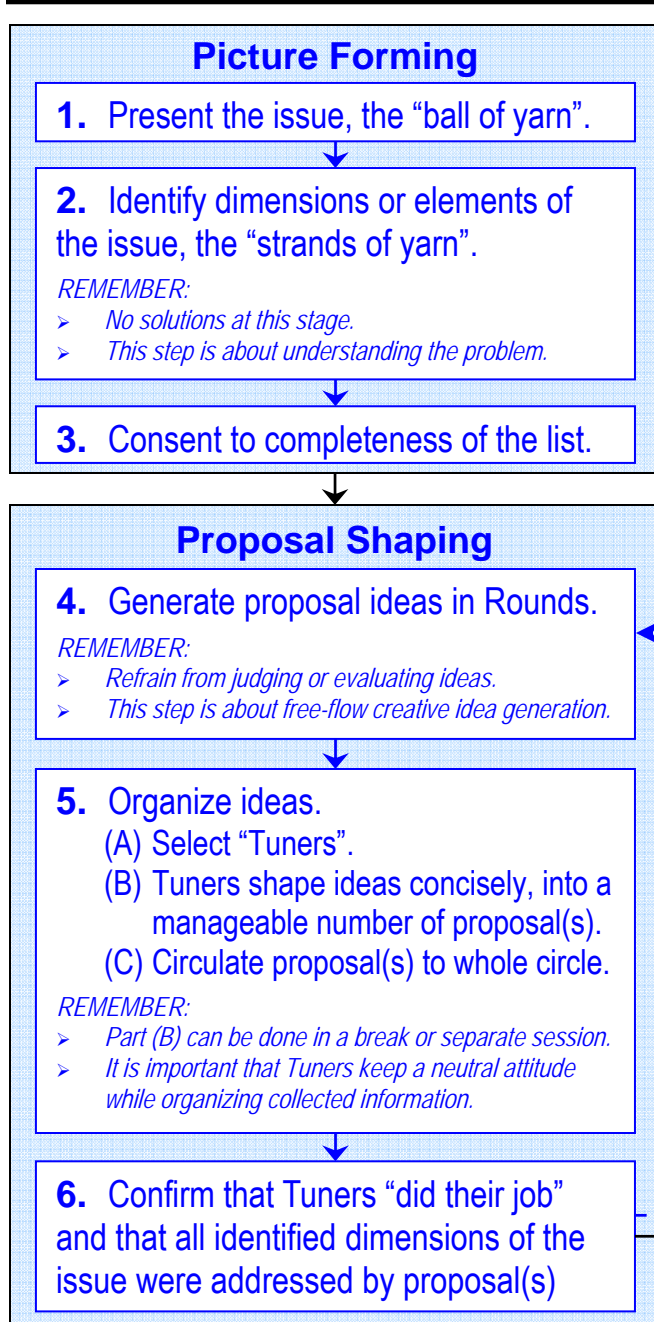


## Dynamic Governance Summary

### CONSENT DECISION MAKING



#### GLOSSARY

- Round(s)* — every participant gives input in turn, with no group dialogue.
- Tuners* — individuals appointed to make information more manageable by organizing it, without additions or modifications in meaning.

**ELECTION****Dynamic Governance Summary****CIRCLE MEETING****OPERATIONAL MEETING**

**Review Role & Specified Term**  
State responsibilities, qualifications, term.

**Submit Ballots**

Write "I *...(your name)...* nominate *...(candidate)...*"  
*Submit to election facilitator.*

**Share Reasons Round**

"I'd like *.....* in this role because *.....*."

**Invite Changes**

"I change my nomination to *.....* because *.....*."

**Open Discussion**

*Use this step only if necessary. It is optional and seldom used.*

**Consent Round**

Facilitator proposes the candidate with the *strongest arguments* relative to qualification.

**REMEMBER:**

- *Propose candidate based on arguments. Numeric majority is less important than "weight" of reasons.*
- *Ask for the candidate's consent last.*
- *To address paramount objections, see "Options for Moving Forward" in the consent decision making process.*
- *If necessary, amend proposal and repeat consent round.*

**DO NOT!**

- Elect for an unlimited term.
- Ask for a volunteer.
- Inquire who is interested or who is not.
- Have dialog during a Round.
- Seek the *perfect* candidate: recall that each candidate has strengths and weaknesses.

**Opening Round**

- Check-in, transition into meeting
- Requests for changing agenda items

**Administrative Matters**

- Agree to agenda if there were changes requested, otherwise skip this bullet.
- Consent to minutes of previous meeting
- Schedule next meeting (date, time, place, duration)

**Matters of Content**

Moving through the agenda items:

- Consent to proposals (follow "Consent Decision Making" process)
- Tackle an issue (see "Proposal Forming" process)
- Accept report(s) from lower circles

**Closing Round**

- Evaluate facilitation, meeting efficiency, group effectiveness: "What went well? What can we improve?"

**Start Meeting**

Leader opens meeting informally, with a positive tone.

**REMEMBER:**

- *There is no opening round.*
- *Decisions are made by leader.*
- *Circulate summary reports before the meeting.*
- *Meet regularly and enforce deadlines.*

**Monitor & Direct Progress**

Report in turn on priority activities:

- For *project work* include item, status, brief note—as needed.
- For *ongoing work* include trend, aging, brief notes—as needed.
- Leader or peers may give input or ask questions from reporter.
- Leader may provide direction, assign priorities, delegate tasks.