

# Voting at RIPE NCC General Meeting

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# Background

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- Until 2010, all General Meeting voting was by:
  - Paper ballot
  - Show of hands
- Feedback to the Board that voting should be extended to those not physically present
- In October 2009, AoA amendment to allow for electronic voting approved by the membership

# Previous Vote Counts

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- Executive Board vote counts:
  - 2004 – 64
  - 2005 – 139
  - 2006 – 193
  - 2007 – 82
  - 2008 – 215
  - 2009 – 171
  - **2010 – 204**

# Voting on Resolutions

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- Executive Board decided to use electronic voting for resolutions for this GM because:
  - Success of that system for Board elections
  - Requests from members that it be introduced
  - Widespread member discussion on certification and Charging Scheme 2011
- For the current GM:
  - 210 LIRs fully registered for electronic voting
  - Over 100 paper ballots physically at GM

# Electronic Voting System

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- System is operated by a third party – BigPulse
  - Company was able to meet AoA requirements
  - A third party system preferable for providing independence
- LIRs need to register with BigPulse and send a copy of their photo ID to the RIPE NCC to confirm registration two weeks before GM
  - ID requirement is from AoA
  - AoA change would reduce deadline to one day

# Electronic Voting System

- Registered LIRs receive a link to the voting page



Signed in as 2500 · [Sign-out](#) · [Poll Menu](#) · [My Details](#) · [Contact](#)

**RIPE NCC General Meeting Resolutions November 2011**

**b) The General Meeting adopts the RIPE NCC Charging Scheme 2012.**

You have a total vote weight of: 10  
The number of times you can split your total vote is: 3.  
For this vote set the weight to:  This will leave unused weight of: 0

Select ONE checkbox

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ ABSTAIN

[Submit Vote](#)

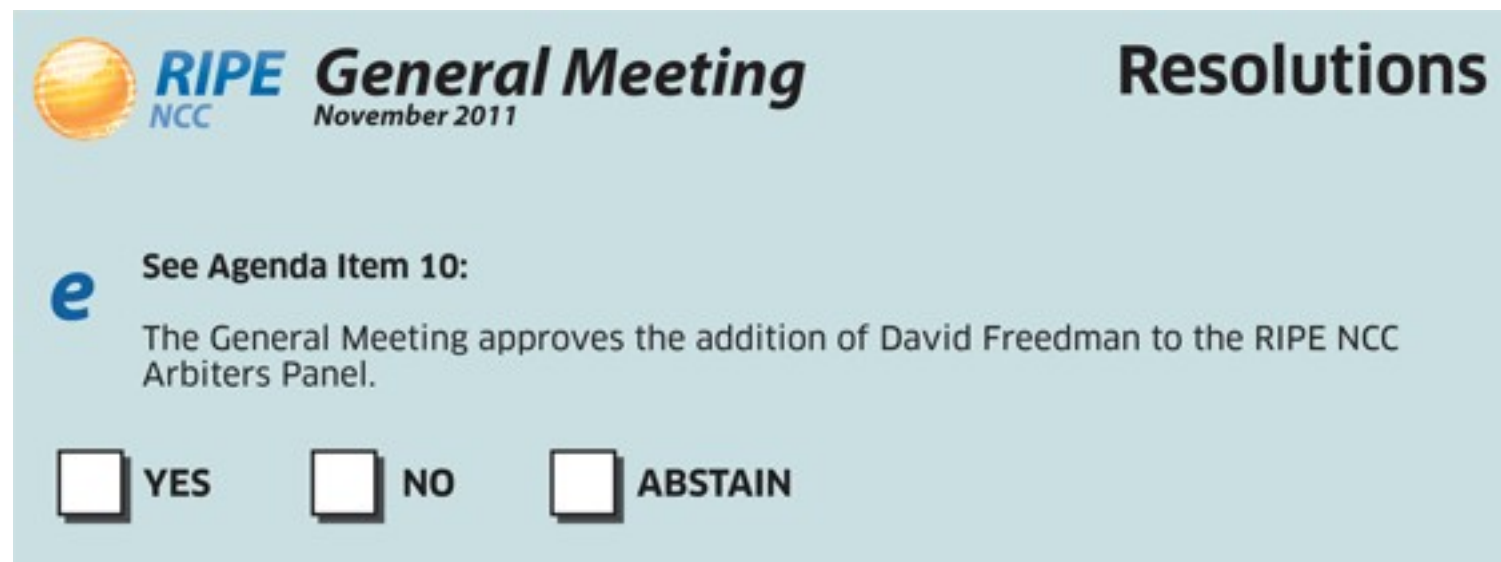
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# Paper Ballots

- LIRs with full membership in attendance (not voting electronically) vote by paper ballot method



The image shows a paper ballot for the RIPE NCC General Meeting in November 2011. The header includes the RIPE NCC logo, the text "General Meeting November 2011", and the word "Resolutions". Below this, a blue 'e' icon is followed by the text "See Agenda Item 10: The General Meeting approves the addition of David Freedman to the RIPE NCC Arbiters Panel." At the bottom, there are three checkboxes labeled "YES", "NO", and "ABSTAIN".

- Paper ballots entered into the BigPulse system



# How the Votes are Counted

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- A resolution needs more than 50% of the votes to pass
- Abstentions and spoiled votes are NOT counted as part of the total but they will be noted
- The Yes votes need to outnumber the No votes



# Voting Period

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- Voting period starts at agenda point 11
- Paper ballots must be handed in now
  - to be kept securely until after election
- Electronic voting remains open until 14:00 (UTC +1) on Thursday, 2 November
- Paper ballots are combined with the electronic votes
- Ballot input overseen by independent scrutineers
- Results unavailable until voting period closes

# Results

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- Results will be announced in the same room and on the same webcast link as today at 15:45 (UTC +1) on 2 November
- This will be a simple announcement – GM should close before 16:00 RIPE Meeting session
- If you wish to attend, bring your GM badge

# Questions?

