

Suggestions for Future Consideration & Implementation

A. Draft of VNC Standing Rule to establish the Modus Operandi (MO) of the Discussion Forum Committee

Standing Rule <>: Discussion Forum Committee Modus Operandi (MO)

1. Stakeholder submits an idea to the VNC Vision Goals Ideas Matrix and requests DFC Incubation Services. [DFC? DFC Chair?] meets with proponent to review the request & to determine [,by super-majority consensus,] (add only if DFC option above is chosen) that:
 - it is an **Appropriate** candidate for use of DFC incubation services; &
 - there are sufficient **DFC Resources** to realistically anticipate a successful result using DFC incubation services.
2. The DFC and the proponent jointly identify key interests & viable representatives of each key interest and meet with them to begin use of DFC incubation services.
3. If it becomes apparent that there are multiple points of view & solutions between key interests, consider using the following procedure to achieve a **viable consensus** among these interests before using DFC incubation services:

- (i) Identify positions;
 - (ii) Identify underlying issues & concerns;
 - (iii) Brainstorm options;
 - (iv) Evaluate & refine options; &
 - (v) Bargain if necessary to achieve a **viable consensus**.

- (vi) Repeat the above steps as often as practical to consider additional concerns or issues raised.
4. Brief monthly summaries of DFC [activities? suggestions?] [may? shall?] be provided to the Board by the DFC Board Member Liaison representative as s/he deems appropriate.

B. Draft of VNC Bylaw additions to establish Discussion Forum Committee as a VNC Standing Committee

Article<>: Discussion Forum Committee

The Discussion Forum Committee (DFC) shall, at its discretion, use its resources to provide the **Board of Officers** with alternative strategies for implementing the VNC Vision Goals.

The Discussion Forum Committee shall consist of not more than thirteen (13) stakeholders, including the elected Chair and not more than three (3) Board Members. The Board Member & non-Board-Member stakeholders shall be elected by the **Board of Officers** from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Discussion Forum Committee.

The Board shall, within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, hold a Board of Officers meeting for the election to the DFC of no more than twelve (12) stakeholders. Board Member candidates with the highest vote totals shall be elected. The non-Board-Member candidates with the highest vote totals shall be elected to the DFC positions remaining after the Board Member candidates have been elected. The DFC chair may fill any initial vacancies and, with DFC approval, may: (i) fill vacancies as they occur; and (ii) appoint Temporary DFC Members to serve as needed as a means of involving key interests and expertise relevant to a matter being discussed by the DFC.

The DFC shall submit an [Annual? Biannual?] written report to the Board of Officers which shall consist of:

- (i) ideas generated or submitted to an Ideas Matrix (**IM**);
- (ii) individual **Review & Analysis** & **Recommended Implementation Strategies** prepared by those who submitted ideas to the **IM**; &
- (iii) a DFC-approved Executive Summary.

Article <>: Discussion Forum Committee Chair

Facilitates discussions.

Responsible for preparation and submission of reports to the Board of Officers.