

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance – Decision Making Examples

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General principle: The Rosemont member programs strive to reach decisions by consensus. Consensus is defined as “being at peace with the matter.” It is noted that some decisions/activities will require acceptance by all programs to proceed (“all-in”) while others may be undertaken by a subset of participants (“opt-in”). The Executive Committee shall determine which decisions require all-in participation and which are feasible under an opt-in model.

Each participating shared print program shall have one vote when a vote is called. In such cases, any tie votes are considered unsuccessful.

Below are examples of how this general principle has been applied by Rosemont.

Type of decision	Example(s)	Process
Policies	Rosemont Access Principles – requires Executive Committee vote and member program endorsement as an “all-in” policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drafted by Ops ● Voted on by Exec ● Presented to member programs for ratification ● If needed, modified based on feedback from member programs ● Voted on by Exec ● Ratified by member programs
Strategic directions/planning	Strategic Directions 2017 - 2021 – requires Executive Committee consensus agreement with understanding that some initiatives may be “opt-in”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The original 2017-2021 document was developed by a planning group, and reviewed by initial Rosemont members ● Periodically reviewed by a joint Ops/Exec meeting ● Updated by Ops based on this feedback ● Presented to Exec for consensus agreement ● Ops then developed the Project Task list based on the final version
Admission of new members	Participating in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance – formal admission of new members requires a majority vote of the Executive Committee; CRL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When an application is received, it is first reviewed by Ops and an up/down recommendation is then presented to Exec, typically at the annual meeting

	followed this process when it joined Rosemont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majority vote of Executive Committee is required for admission
Project and tasks	2017 – 2021 Project Task List – includes both “opt-in” and “all-in” tasks; requires Executive Committee consensus agreement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ops develops an annual list of projects and tasks based on the Strategic Directions ● Ops updates the list in Q1 of each year ● Ops presents the list to Exec for consensus signoff, with modifications as appropriate
Advocacy and communications	<p>In both the 2019 and 2020 Exec meetings, consensus agreement was reached on collaborating with the Partnership for Shared Book Collections, including in the area of communications/advocacy. These may include both “opt-in” and “all-in” initiatives; requires Executive Committee consensus agreement. If no consensus is possible, a vote will be taken.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ops to initiate early and frequent engagement with Exec. to discuss future communications and advocacy activities, particularly those which have community wide impact ● Exec to determine which should be “all-in” and how best to represent Rosemont for any which are determined to be “opt-in” ● In the absence of a clear consensus, a vote of Exec shall be taken