# NSI voting procedure

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## OGF’s consensus based decision making

OGF has broadly adopted the ietf approach of delivering ‘rough consensus and running code’ in preference to voting. Complete consensus is not necessary, a show of hands (but without a formal count) or the humming method can be used to make choices.

## Voting Process

Where the working group is deadlocked to so that a ‘rough consensus’ cannot be reached, a vote may be taken. Voting will be run by the working-group co-chairs and will be carried out by email. To be eligible to vote:

* Your name must appear in the minutes of at least 6 conf calls over the 6 months prior to the vote.
* AND you have must have attended at least one face-to-face meeting in the past year.

## NSI fundamental principles

The NSI working group was established in September 2008, since then many decisions have been made. Some of the basic NSI principles were set down in in early meetings may not be well understood by newcomers to the working group. To speed up the process of reviewing new NSI submissions, the NSI co-chairs have prepared the ‘NSI fundamental principles’ document. This describes a baseline of NSI decisions that form the core of NSI. Each of the principles are referenced back to one of the following NSI GFDs:

*GFD.213 INFO Network Service Framework v2.0*

*GFD.212 P-REC NSI Connection Service v2.0*

*GFD.XXX INFO NSI signaling and pathfinding*

The ‘NSI Fundamental Principles’ document can be found here: <https://redmine.ogf.org/dmsf_files/13386>)

*Contributors to NSI should read the ‘NSI core principles’ document and declare whether their proposal meets these principles.  The co-chairs will review all proposals, this will include checking the proposal against the ‘NSI fundamental principles’ document.  Any mismatch with the principles identified will be raised and the proposer will be asked to make relevant amendments. Where the proposal deviates from NSI core principles the onus is on the proposer to justify why the existing GFDs should be modified.*

## Documents

All documents relating to the NSI voting process live in this Redmine folder: <https://redmine.ogf.org/dmsf/nsi-wg?folder_id=6601>