Editoral Policies of LiveCoMS

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Abstract

The current draft list of editorial board policies for the Living Journal of Computational Molecular Science (LiveCoMS). These policies are not yet active, as they are still in draft.

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2 Policies About the Editorial Boards

2.1 Policies on Decisions

Issues regarding governance structure, editorial board membership, leadership, and financial model must be decided by a 2/3 majority vote of the editorial board.

Other issues, such as editorial policy, licensing policy, can be decided by a majority vote.

Votes will be are tallied based on the fraction of the editorial board responding within one week written notice via e-mail. In exceptional circumstances advance notice may be given of a rush decision, where the board may be given one week (or more) notice that their votes will be needed within a shorter window, such as a 12 hour window.