

#OCCUPYWALLSTREET

NEW YORK CITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THREE PROPOSED TOOLS for OPERATIONS SPOKES COUNCIL

TOOL #1: "SPOKES STEP UP/SPOKES STEP BACK"

a PROPOSAL Limiting the Appearance of Any Individual in the Role of Spoke to One Time Per Seven Days

BACKGROUND: Spokespersons ("Spokes") at the Operations Spokes Council are the voices of debate and decision at our Council meetings and wield great influence there. Individual voices, when frequently heard, exert influence on the proceedings disproportionate to that of members who more rarely get to be heard. This is manifestly unfair to those more rarely heard members. Occupy Wall Street desires the most numerous possible participating voices. It is to limit disproportionate influence by individuals that our rules for the Operations Spokes Council require Spokes must rotate and cannot serve in two consecutive meetings. However, our rules do not yet address an individual serving as Spoke for a different sub-group. This proposal limits the possible repeat appearance of an individual serving as Spoke for multiple sub-groups and assures at least three people Spoke for any group.

SUMMARY: No person may serve more than once as any Spoke in any seven-day period.

TEXT:

1 "Within the Occupy Wall Street Operations Spokes
2 Council, upon assuming the role, for any length of time,
3 even momentarily, of spokesperson ('Spoke') for any
4 group, caucus, or other similar collective or sub-group
5 within, regardless of the membership status of any such
6 sub-group, no person may, after the adjournment of that
7 Council meeting, again serve as a Spoke for any such
8 sub-group before the seventh following calendar day.

9 "This restriction shall apply regardless of the choice or
10 number of such sub-groups to which an individual may
11 belong.

12 "This restriction shall apply regardless of the number of
13 members of any sub-group.

14 "This rule shall take effect immediately upon passage by
15 the Operations Spokes Council and shall apply to the
16 selection of Spokes for the Operations Spokes Council
17 that next convenes, such that Spokes serving during the
18 meeting at which this proposal passes may not again so
19 serve until the specified period has elapsed."

EXPLAINED:

Any person acting as Spoke...

...for any group, caucus, etc....

...cannot be a Spoke for another seven days after the meeting ends.

It doesn't matter whether the person belongs to one group or several groups.

It doesn't matter how many members a group has.

Those acting as Spokes the day this proposal passes cannot be Spokes again for another seven days.