



Subcommittee Operations and Organization Interconnection Process Subcommittee (IPS) Workflow

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- **6.3 Issue Identification and Initiation**

Standing Committees are the sole Stakeholder Groups in which new issues are considered, and placed, rejected, or tabled. Task Forces shall not to take up new issues which are not already clearly in their Charge and Charter. Rather, they shall raise any potential significant new issues to their Standing Committee for consideration. **Subcommittees may consider new issues related to their Charter, but shall make periodic reports to their Parent Committee including any new issues raised for consideration by the Subcommittee. In such cases, the Subcommittee Chair should consider creating a charge detailing the new issue to ensure that there is clarity on the work scope among the Subcommittee participants.**

The Parent Committee retains the authority to determine the scope of work and timing for all of its subordinate groups. **Once a Standing Committee, Subcommittee or Task Force accepts a new issue, that issue is now collectively owned by the membership of that group (active meeting Member participants) as part of the CBIR process.** This “ownership” applies whether the issue is offered by a subordinate group or offered by a Member or group of Members. Members of the accepting committee determine future actions on that accepted issue.

- Issue charges will be drafted at the IPS level for each issue that is within the scope of the IPS charter.
 - IPS consensus (verbal, no vote) will be sought for each issue charge.
 - If IPS consensus cannot be reached for the issue charge as drafted, it will be sent to Planning Committee (PC) for approval as the IPS parent committee.
- Once the PC approves an issue charge, the issue is assigned to the IPS to be addressed.
- All issue charges being worked in the IPS will be added to the IPS work plan.

A stakeholder process (CBIR, CBIR Lite, etc.) as determined in the issue charge will be utilized within IPS to develop proposed solution package(s) for each issue charge in IPS work plan.

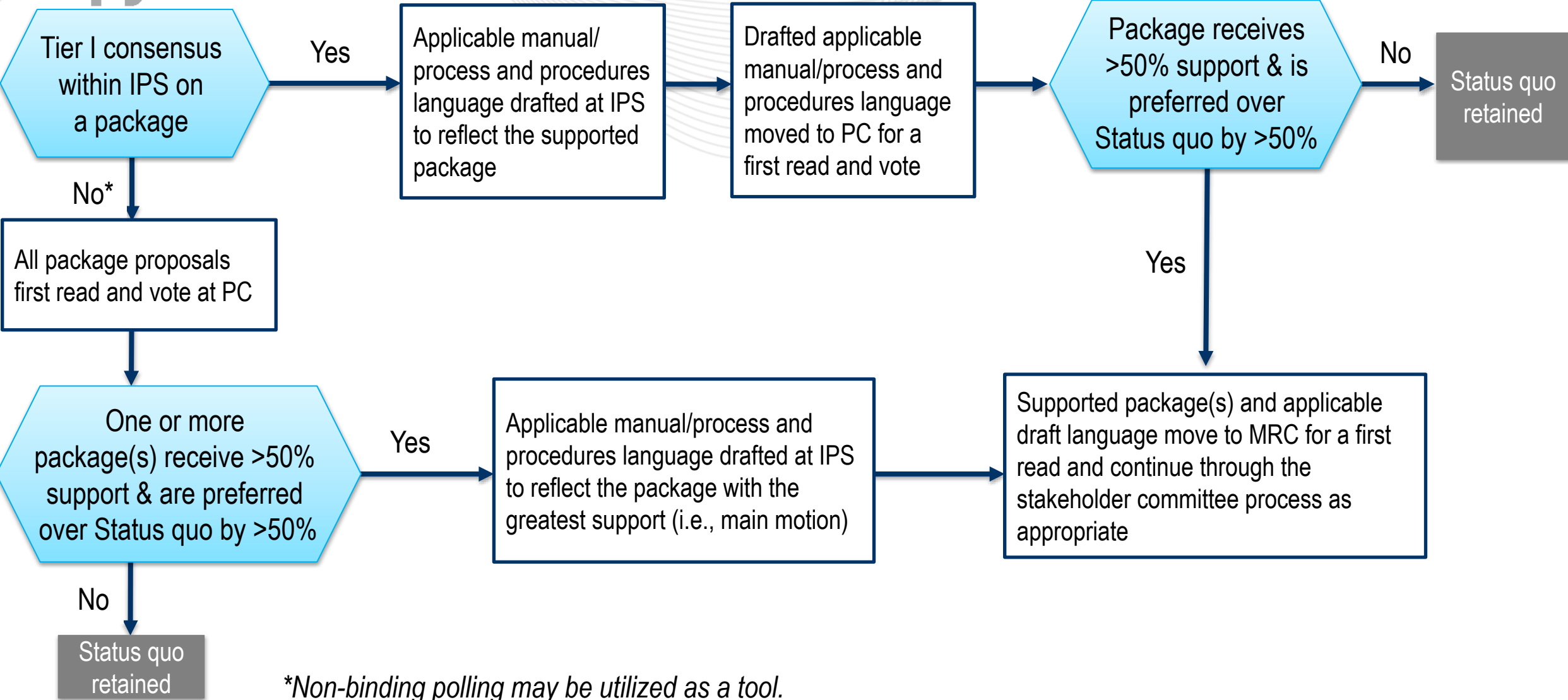
- Proposed solution packages CAN include process, manual, and procedural changes per the IPS charter.
- Proposed solution packages may further result in changes to the Tariff and/or Operating Agreement, which will be endorsed/approved by the senior standing committees.

One Package Proposal

- Consensus within IPS (verbal, no vote) on one proposed package
- Manual and any other process/procedural changes drafted within IPS as part of package
- Manual and any other process/procedural changes will move to PC for first read/endorsement and proceed through the stakeholder committee process as appropriate

More Than One Package Proposal

- Consensus not reached within IPS on one proposed package
**Note: Non-binding polling may be utilized as a tool.*
- Proposed packages proceed to the PC for first read / endorsement
- PC will vote on packages
**Note: If no package receives >50% support, STATUS QUO will be retained.*
- Manual and any other process/procedural changes drafted within IPS as part of package with the highest support from PC (i.e., main motion)
- Endorsed PC package(s) (>50% support and preferred over status quo by >50% support) along with manual, any other process/procedural changes from the main motion, and OA/Tariff revisions as appropriate, will move to MRC for first read and continue through stakeholder committee process as appropriate



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	Stakeholder Group	Who Can Respond	Decision-Making Methodology	Threshold for Endorsement (passing)	Sector-Weighted Voting?	What moves up to Parent Committee?
Non-Voting (Polling)	Sub-Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting members and affiliates • Ex-Officio voting members • Non-members 	Strive for consensus. (Tier 1). If no consensus is achieved, produce multiple proposals (Tier 2).	Tier 1: All members can live with the proposal. Tier 2: At least three supporting voting members from two sectors.	No	If a consensus proposal cannot be forwarded on to parent committee, multiple proposals are narrowed down and all proposals meeting the threshold are forwarded to parent committee.
	Task Force (Except Sr. Task Force)					

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