

Dear Ira, With a little more research, I find that the matter I brought up at the Adcom meeting is even more complex than I thought. The template borrowed from Mar Vista stems from a different parliamentary authority than VNC's. Moreover, that template does not seem to be available on Mar Vista's web site.

In any case, it is inappropriate to ask stakeholders to bring "fully formed motions" to the attention of the board. Our standing rule, which calls for "fully drafted motions/letters" is way beyond the capability of many of our stakeholders and leaves VNC wide open to criticism.

I have already sent a note to the Institute of Local Government to make them aware that they have a conflict in their instructions on how to run a meeting. Since it is a sitting judge who wrote the instructions it will be interesting to see how they respond.

Therefore, I suggest that, at the first meeting to discuss this problem, it might be useful to first get the anomalies well in mind before trying to make decisions. I perceive the template as a sensitive issue and I would be uncomfortable with any action taken without full discussion of all issues that may be involved.

I can bring copies of all of the documents involved, so that everyone can be on the same page. Please let me know if this will be satisfactory, if it fits Rules and Elections practice.