

Conference Agenda Items – Result Definitions

If an agenda item is *RECOMMENDED* by the CONFERENCE committee to the full Conference it is noted as either Passed (2/3 majority), or Failed. Committee recommendations automatically become a motion and a 2nd on the conference floor. Recommendations that pass with 2/3 majority are CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS which are acted upon and implemented by the Trustees' committees and the General Service Board during the Conference year.

If an agenda item receives ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION it is noted by AC. These items serve as "strong suggestions" to the corresponding Trustees' committee but do not come forward as items to be voted on by the full Conference. Questions are asked about how the decision was made in committee but no deliberation is allowed on the item itself and it is not debatable. The agenda item in question may need a more thorough review, or need additional input or work by the trustees' committee. It is also possible that the Conference committee could not reach substantial unanimity during their committee meetings and thus did not recommend but as a committee reports their deliberations and consensus. The Conference committee can also use Additional Considerations to send a communication to the trustees.

If an agenda item is not acted upon as either a recommendation or an additional consideration by the committee it is noted as NO ACTION. This is not necessarily a negative response to an agenda item - an item may be "no action" if it is deemed unnecessary at the present time, not beneficial to the Fellowship as a whole, or perhaps because the committee itself could not reach substantial unanimity in bringing the item forward.

Floor actions are handled after the completion of all other Conference business on Friday. They can be made at any time during the Conference, in writing, and are disposed of as either VOTE NOT TO CONSIDER, PASSED, or REFER TO COMMITTEE. The presenter is given two minutes when the floor action is up for debate to present his/her motion. After this presentation the chair asks for a motion to decline to consider. If that motion is made and seconded then a vote is taken - if the motion to decline does not receive a 2/3 majority vote then the motion goes on the floor for debate.