

Governance Committee Advisory

20-1 Virtual Business Meetings

In accordance with California Corporation Code 9411 there is no prevention of meetings via electronic means unless prohibited by the bylaws, authorized by the Board of Directors, and no objections. Members not physically present but participating by electronic transmission or video screen shall be deemed present.

UFMCC is incorporated under California law, however local congregations may also be subject to local state laws. For example, some states prohibit voting by email, given that the sender cannot be physically identified.

Increasingly, software programs such as Zoom offer secret ballots. For example Zoom has provision for single and multiple polling that can be anonymous.

Following consultation with our legal partners, it is therefore our considered opinion that this allows for meeting and voting by electronic means.

Rev. Paul Whiting
Governance Committee Chair.