

Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

My name is John Somoza and I am a PROSAC member representing District 11.

We at PROSAC do not know what the motivation has been for the proposed changes to the PROSAC membership rules. However, there has been some speculation that it is partially due to some sporadic problems in getting quorum, especially during the shift back from virtual to in-person meetings.

Quorum requires that at least 12 members be physically present at each meeting and we generally average around 13 attendees.

However, throughout the last year only 16.75 out of 23 PROSAC seats have been filled. Therefore, the average attendance of seated members has been about 80%, suggesting a high level of engagement.

Based on this, I suggest that the emphasis should be on filling the empty seats. Also, the current 80% attendance suggests that only rarely will there be a need for alternate members.

PROSAC's projects tend to be complicated, involve complex trade-offs and span months or years. If the alternate members have no power except in rare cases, I think it will be hard for them to remain meaningfully engaged in PROSAC's work.

Thank you for your time.

John