

Greetings session Clerks and Moderators, as well as Moderators of Commissions and Committees, of the Presbytery of Milwaukee!

As many of you know and may do with your sessions, commissions and committees, there is a way to take a vote on a non-contested item via email. As Robert's Rules provide, voting by email is okay, as long as the provision is noted in your Bylaws, the e-vote has no deliberation (if anyone disagrees with the motion or desires to talk about it, the e-vote gets kicked to the next session meeting), and ALL installed members of the session, commission, or committee have to respond.

With this in mind and experiencing some people responding to all and others not, and being email, it sometimes becomes unwieldy... especially for clerks and moderators who must keep track of the votes.

I have been asked if there is an easier way. Yes, there is.

Some of you may have experience using Doodle to schedule meetings. With a Doodle membership, which is FREE, you can also do a "text" poll. The text poll option allows you to set up an election ballot. By using Doodle, you can send the ballot out through Doodle to your members and keep track of who has voted and who has not. You also at the end have a ballot that may be archived... just in case.

So, if you don't have a free account yet, or downloaded the app to your smartphone or tablet, consider doing so and explore.

<https://help.doodle.com/hc/en-us/articles/360012048314-How-do-I-create-a-free-text-poll->

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