

OpaVote is a secure online voting platform that makes it easy to run elections at a fraction of the usual cost. We're the leading provider of ranked choice elections, which help achieve more democratic outcomes by better representing the will of your voters.

What can I do with OpaVote?

OpaVote allows you to run elections online. You provide the information about your election (candidate names, etc.) and the email addresses of the voters, and OpaVote takes care of the rest. OpaVote sends each voter a private link that allows the voter to cast his or her vote. You can also run polls (where anyone can vote) and count ballots that you have collected in other ways (e.g. paper ballots).

https://opavote.com/

For this meeting I created a sample election and sent it to ten individuals to provide data for this document and allow them to test out the interface.

OpaVote allows you to create "code" voters in addition to email voters. A unique, secret code is created for each code voter, and you can provide the secret code to the voter to allow him or her to vote. This will allow us to have the **proxy voting** option that we use in our meeting.

I also created **two weighted codes** to simulate the athletes voting using this software. Each weighted code voter was given two votes which provided the example of how we can use this software to meet the USOPC requirements. **(Note)** the exact weight given to the athletes who are present would need to be calculated prior to the voting codes being sent out. The codes are sent to the email address of the athlete and are still anonymous.

The SRVA has been using this software package to run our elections for the past eight years. The ease of use, privacy for the participants, price point, and quality of the product is incredible.

ADDENDUM A

Athlete-Only Weighted Vote Procedure

- One vote per RVA in good standing
- Weighted vote for athletes
- Applies to all general business before the body.

The current Sports Act requires 1/3 Athlete representation, with at least ½ being 10-year athletes in all Designated committees, as defined in USAV bylaws. The USAV Assemblies are considered designated committees because they elect BOD representatives. The USOPC ACC has granted a waiver to require Assemblies with more than 11 members to use weighted athlete voting to meet the 1/3 requirement. The following is the required process for voting at all meetings using athlete-weighted voting only and conducting online voting for actions without a meeting.

Regular meetings:

- Requirements to hold a regular meeting as defined in the Assembly manuals, whether in person or electronically.
    - At least one athlete must be present.
    - A quorum is defined as the majority of the total voting members.
    - Roll call is taken at the start of each session to calculate the weighted vote given to each athlete present.
        - Athletes share 1/3 of the voting power present (round up as needed)
            - All athletes will get a weighted vote equal to one-half the number of voting Assembly representatives present.
            - 10-year athletes, as defined by the USAV bylaws, will be given at least 50% of those athletes' weighted votes present.
            - RVAA Example: 25 RVA reps and two athletes present.
                - Athletes get 13 votes, 6.5 per athlete, so round up to 7
                - 39 (25+14) total votes, 13/39 = 33%
    - The meeting can progress under normal procedures as the weighted vote is now set for the meeting or session (if multiple days or sessions).
        - If any member fails to vote, they are considered abstentions. This is because they are deemed present (for quorum purposes only) but chose not to vote, so a majority would be only of votes cast.
        - Voting immediately following a meeting is considered a continuation of the meeting only for voting on previously adjudicated motions. Voting will track and follow the Online voting policy below for athletes.

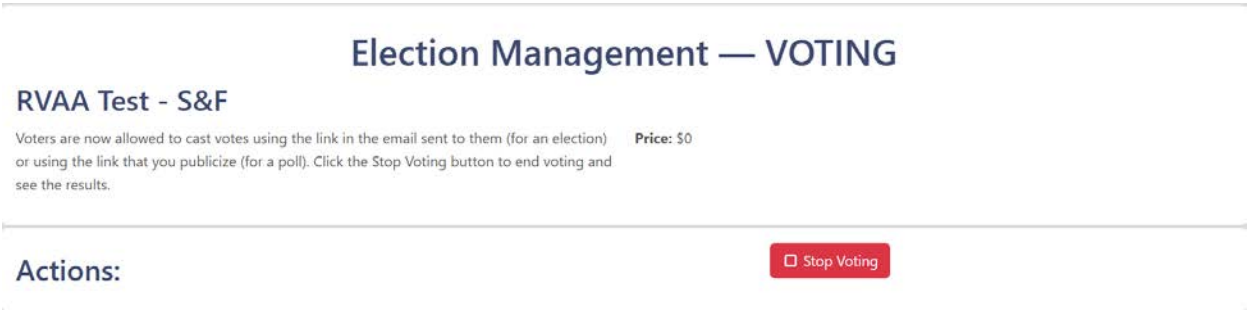
- Special meetings held in person or online with proper notice as described in the USAV bylaws or Admin manuals would also follow the above procedures.

Online voting for actions without a meeting

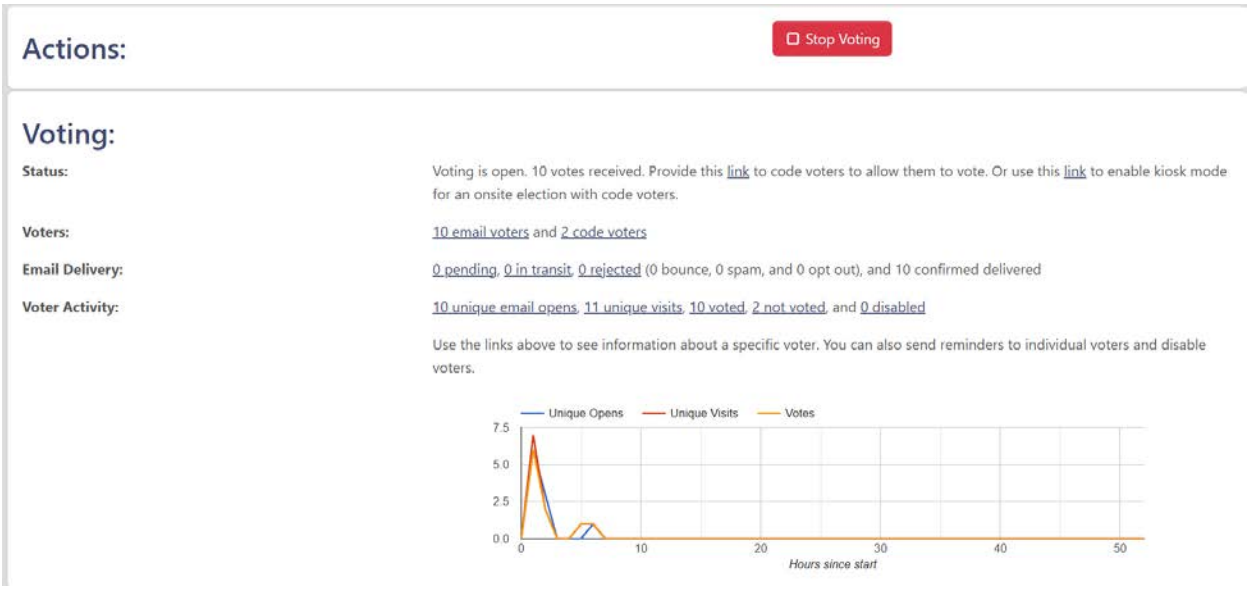
- These are generally limited to specific motions that need quick action between meetings.
- The Assembly guidelines describe the limitations, requirements, and the ability for any voting member to object, after proper notice, to the consideration of the motion without a meeting.
- A voting window of at least five (5) days must be provided; therefore, every athlete in the assembly would get an equal share of the 1/3 vote, with 50% given to 10+ athletes.
- Since each member could potentially vote electronically if they choose to abstain, not vote, etc., they all are considered an abstention and not votes cast to satisfy any minimum voting response requirements.

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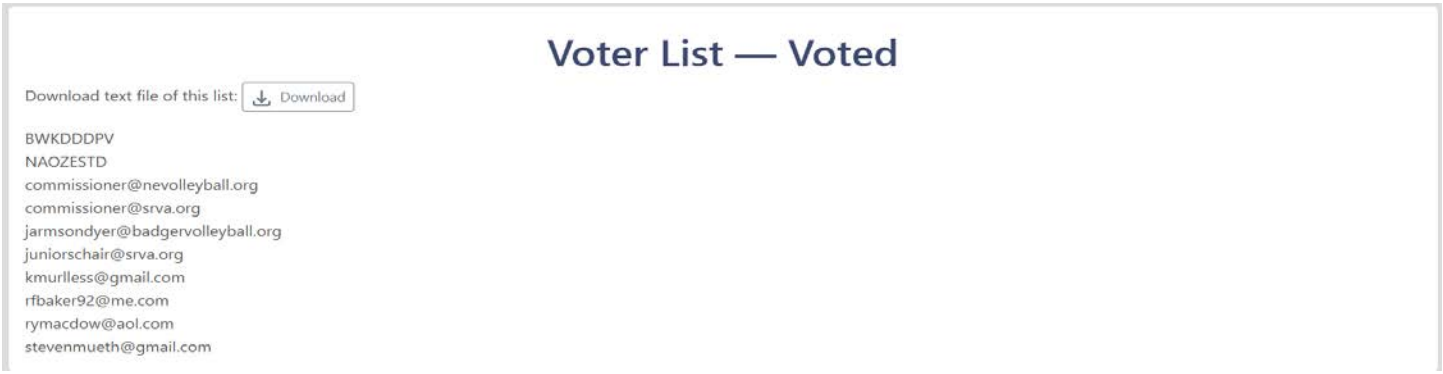
What can the election supervisor see when an election is open?



How do we monitor progress? The screenshot below shows the system console that the Election Supervisor and their assistants will be able to view, while you are casting your private ballot.



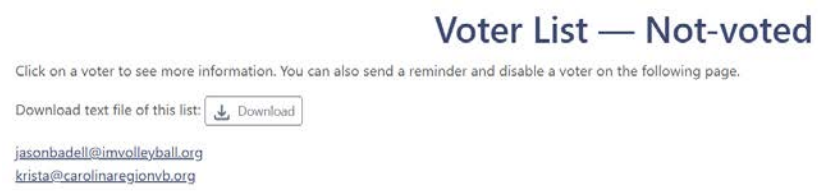
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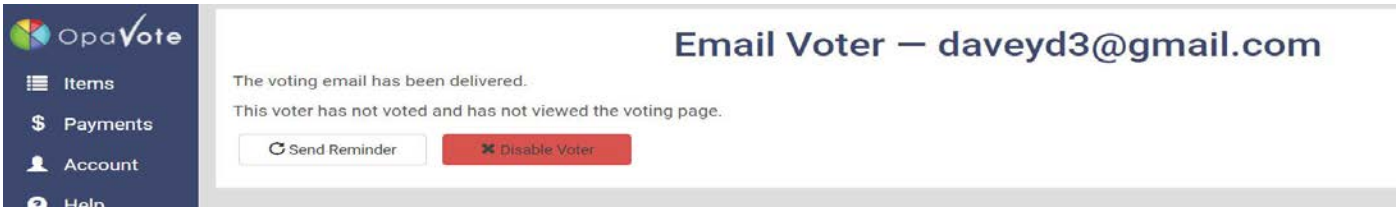
You may be wondering, if they can see this how is this process anonymous? Below is the information that is visible when you click on a voters name.



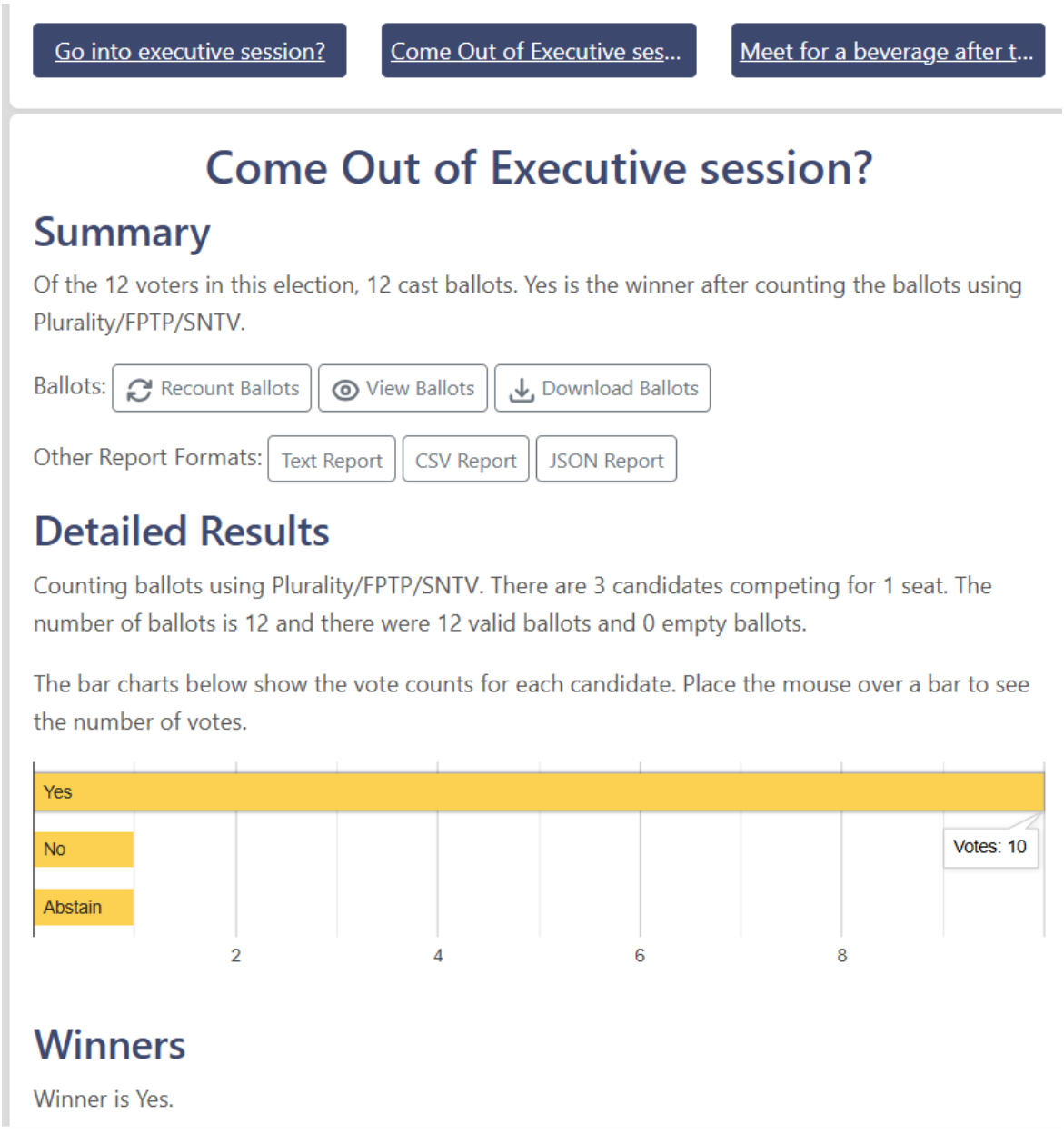
Who are we waiting on? They also have access to which members have not completed voting.



Below is the information that is visible when you click on a Non-voters name.



What happens when the election is closed? The election supervisor can see these pages-



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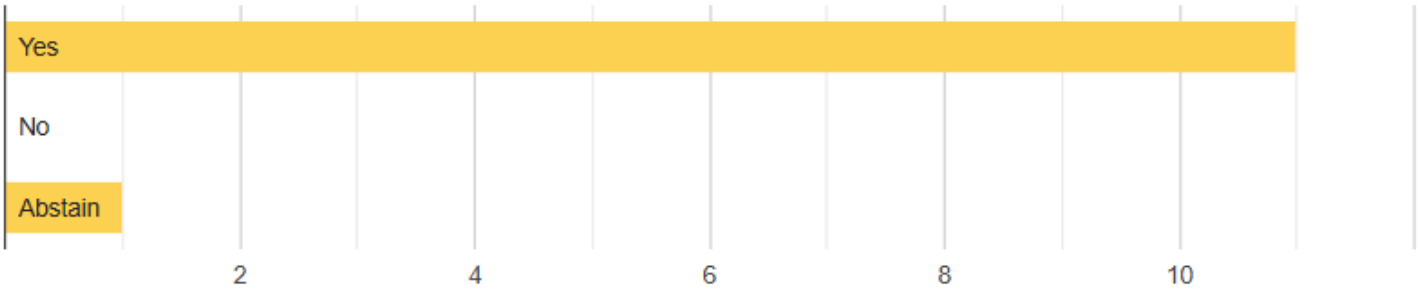
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Other Report Formats: Text Report | CSV Report | JSON Report

Detailed Results

Counting ballots using Plurality/FPTP/SNTV. There are 3 candidates competing for 1 seat. The number of ballots is 12 and there were 12 valid ballots and 0 empty ballots.

The bar charts below show the vote counts for each candidate. Place the mouse over a bar to see the number of votes.



Winners

Winner is Yes.

RVAA Test - S&F Results

This page shows final results for this election. You can also recount the ballots for free using all of the counting methods supported by OpaVote or download the ballots to recount them on your own.

These results will be available until Nov 20, 2026.

Use the tabs below to see results for each of the contests in this election.

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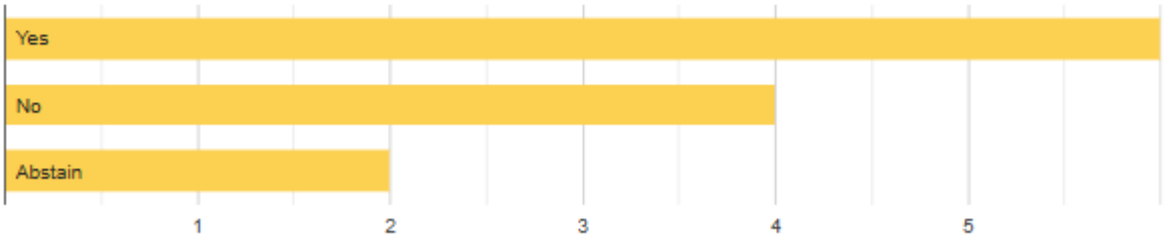
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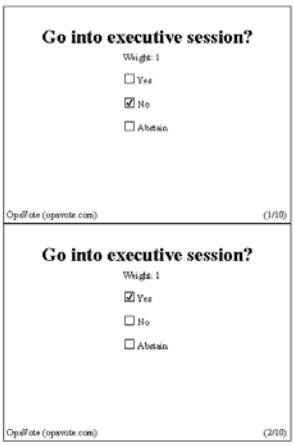
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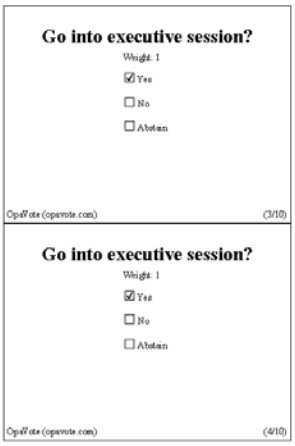
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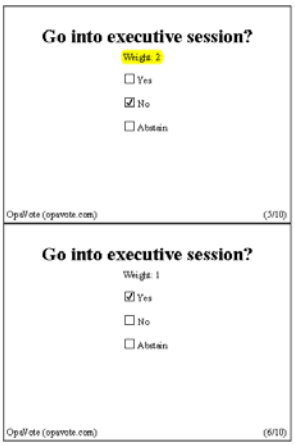
For Elections, these results are not published as they show the actual total of votes each candidate received. The
Election supervisor and their assistants will need to verify that the successful candidate(s) received a simple majority of the total votes cast by the RVAA Members present at the meeting.

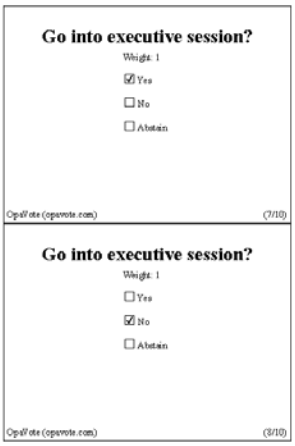
This is the information that will be provided to the RVAA Chair or their designee so that they can be announce the results of the election to the candidates by email or other suitable method as soon as possible after the voting period expires.

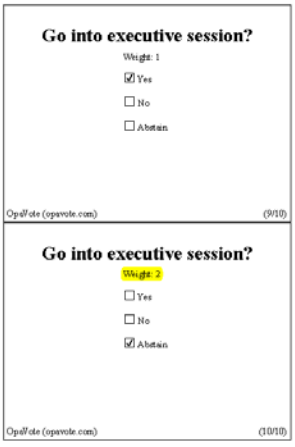
I demand a recount! But wait what about the ballots? What can anyone see if you look the submitted ballots? Remember each of you will have a chance to verify your ballot prior to submitting them for tabulation. The candidates' names would be randomized on every ballot to help ensure that there is no positional bias or advantage.

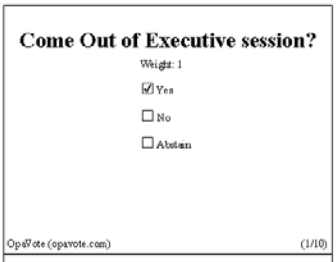


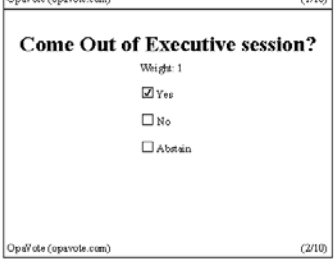


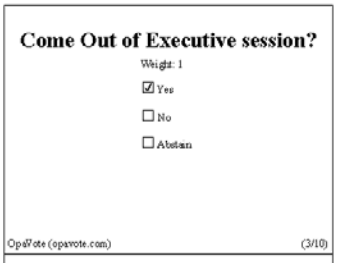


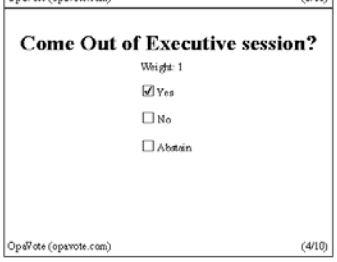


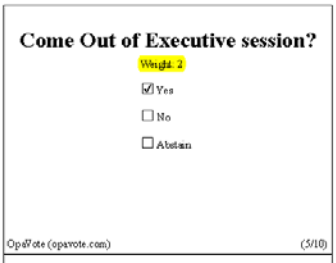


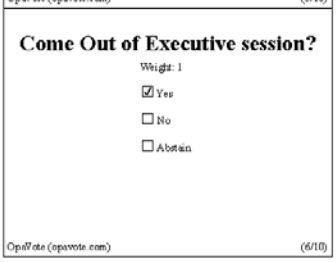

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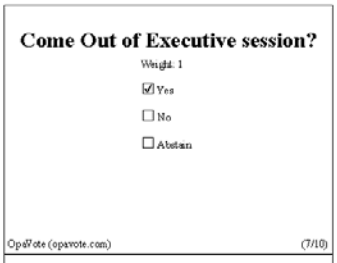

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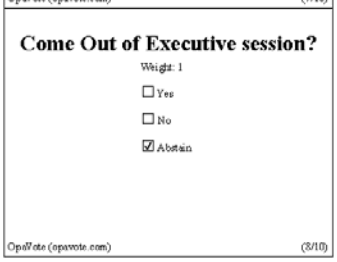

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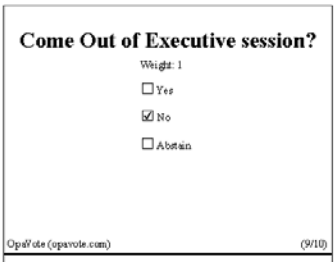

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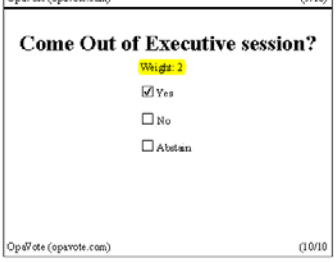

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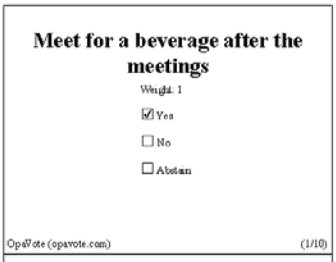

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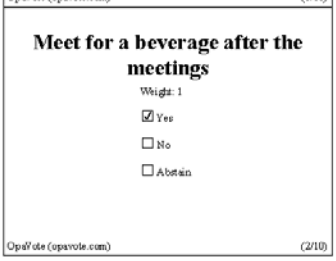

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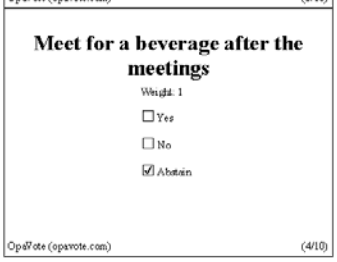

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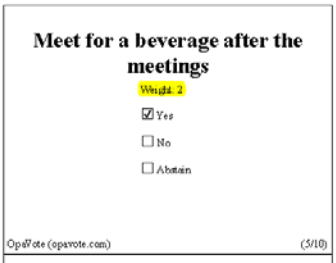

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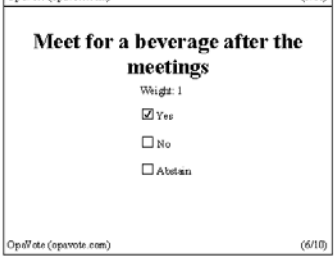

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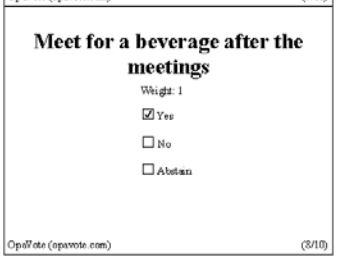

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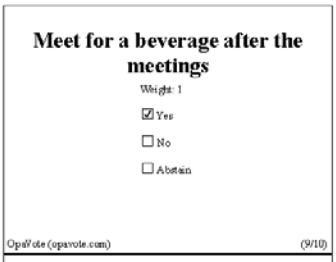

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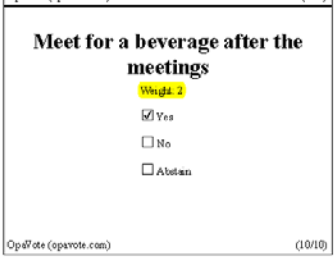

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What information does the system capture to ensure that only one person voted? What does the emailed report look like?

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