

# **Deviating From Robert's Rules Of Order**

**How Does  
Robert's Rules Of Order  
Feel About An  
Organization's  
Deviating From It?**

# ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

**“In any other deliberative assembly with enrolled membership whose bylaws do not specify a quorum, the quorum is a majority of all the members.”**

**RONR (12th ed.) 40:2(4)**

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**“To accomplish their work, voluntary societies that have an enrolled membership generally need a provision in their bylaws establishing a relatively small quorum—considerably less than a majority of all the members.”**

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**QUORUM**



# **Common Mistakes About Quorum**

# ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

**“ . . . a provision of the bylaws should specify the number of members that shall constitute a quorum . . . ”**

**RONR (12th ed.) 3:3**

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**“ . . . a quorum in an assembly is the number of members (see definition, 1:4) who must be present in order that business can be validly transacted.”**

**RONR (12th ed.) 40:1**

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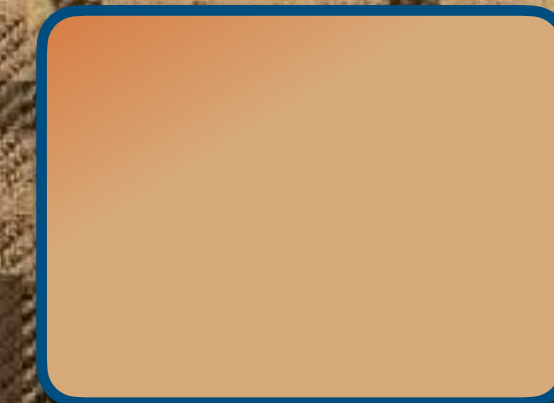
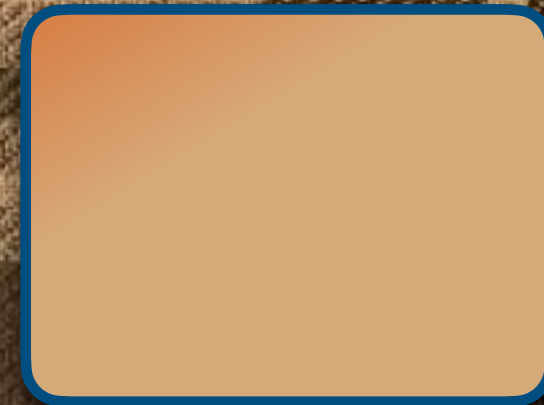
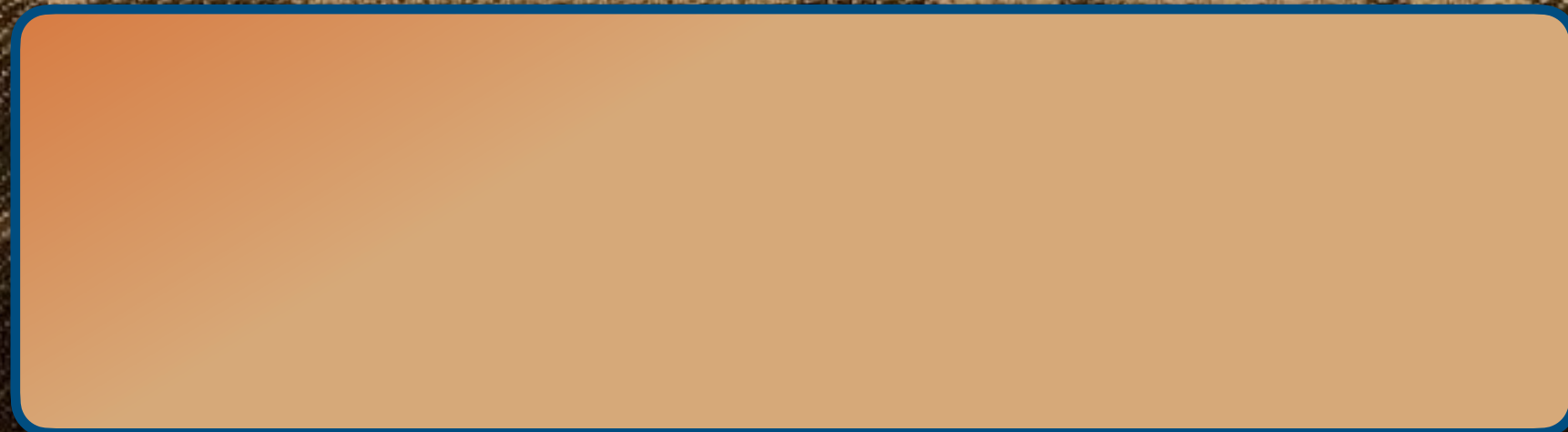
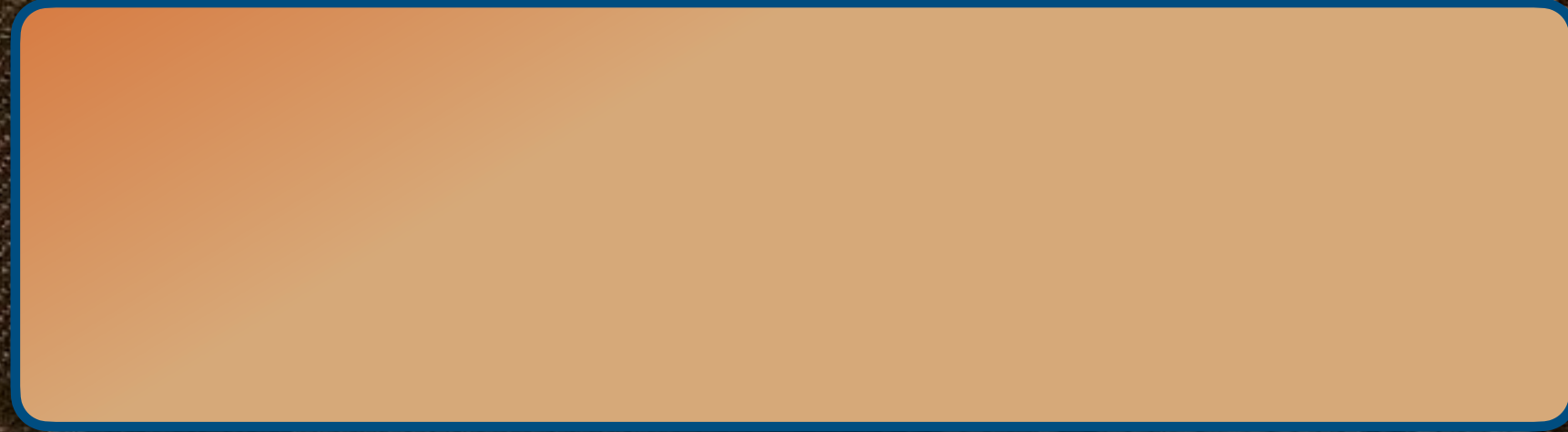
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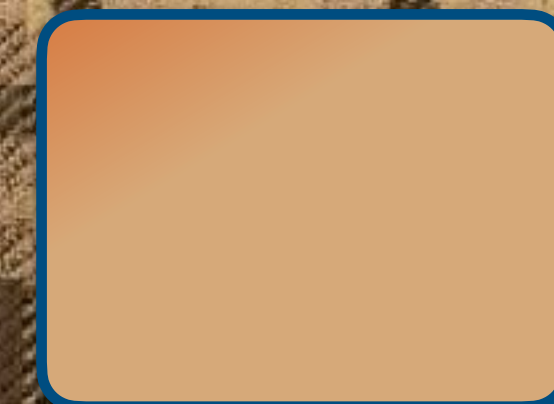
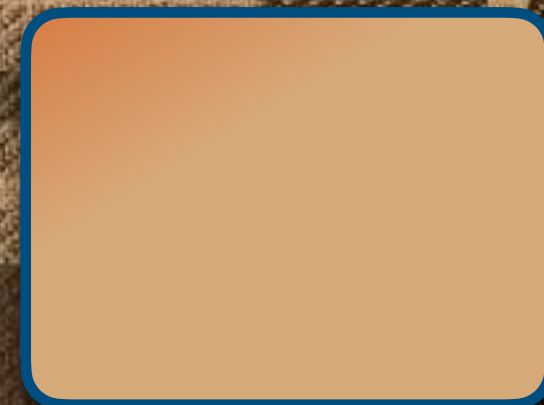
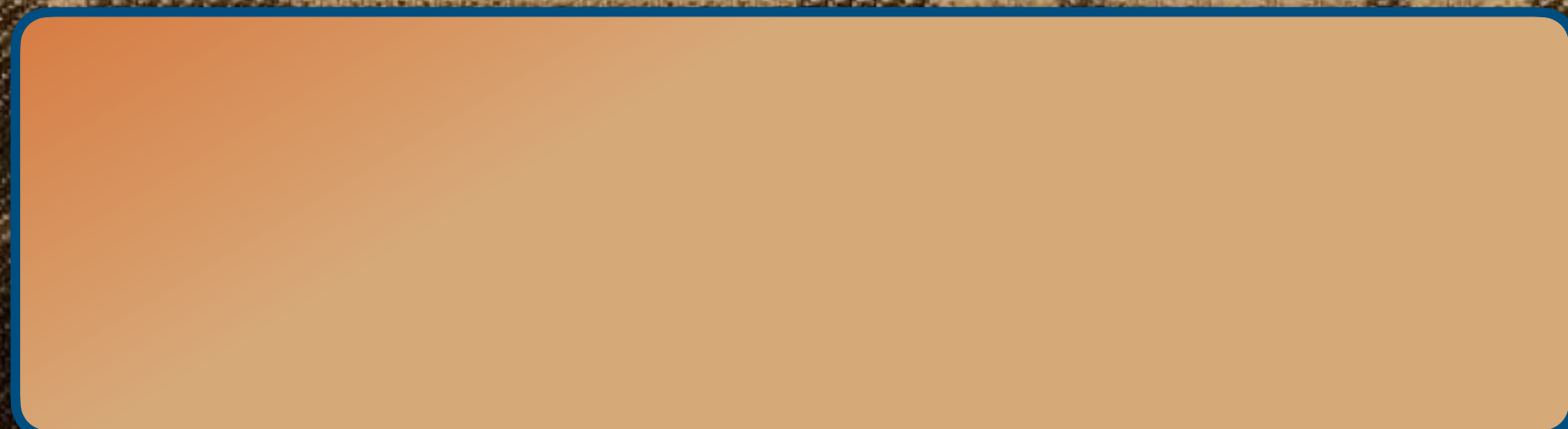
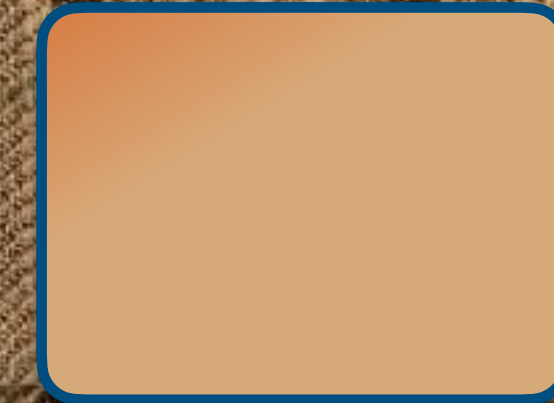
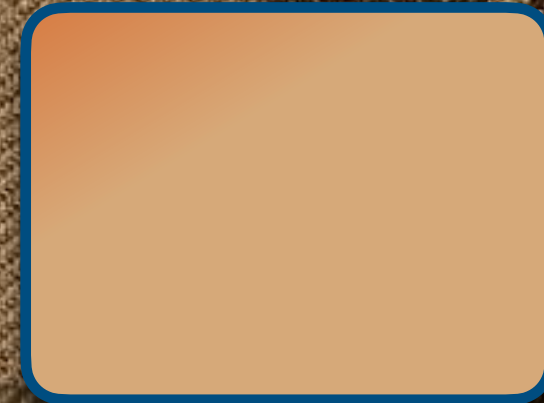
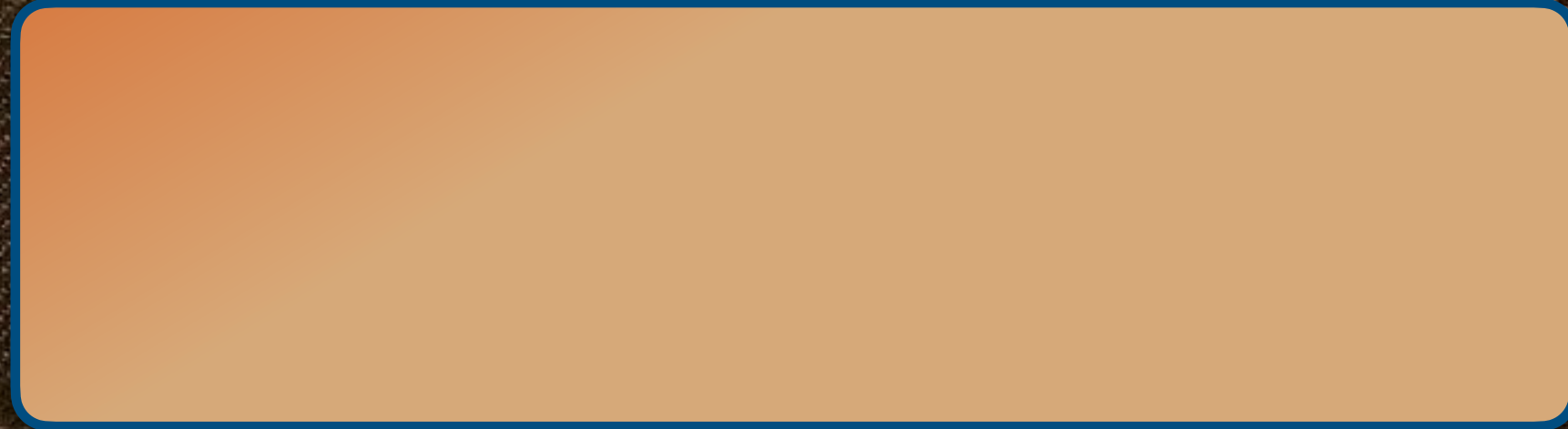
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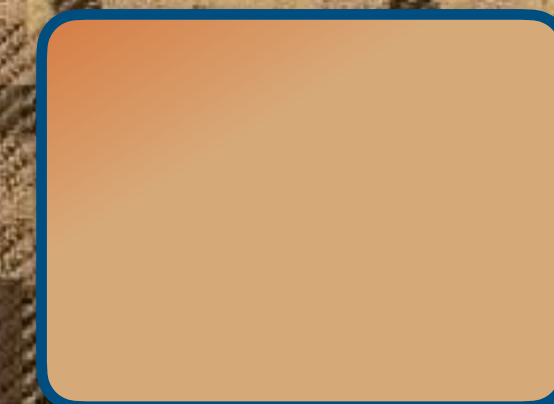
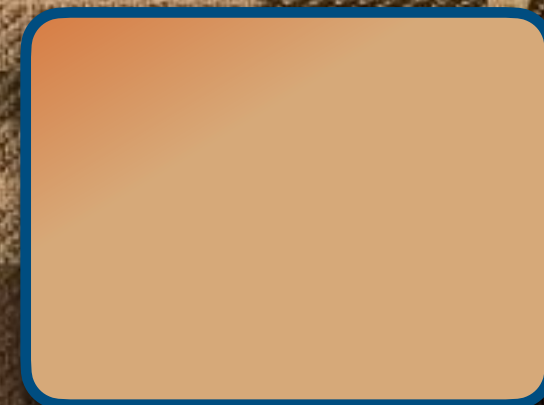
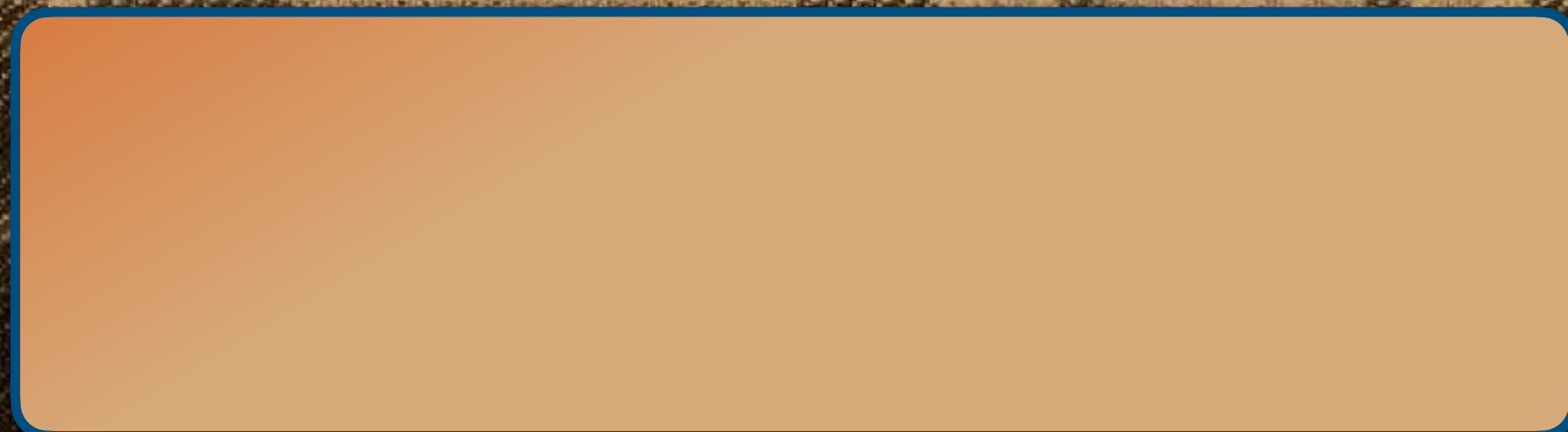
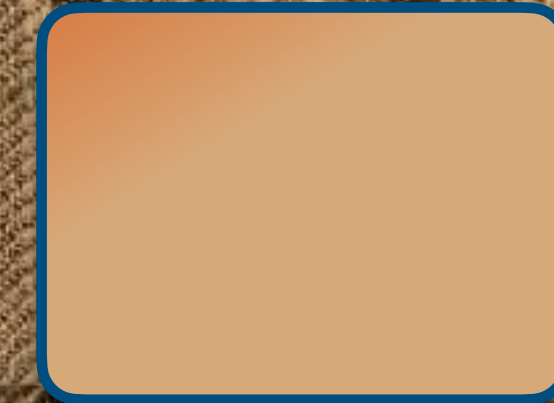
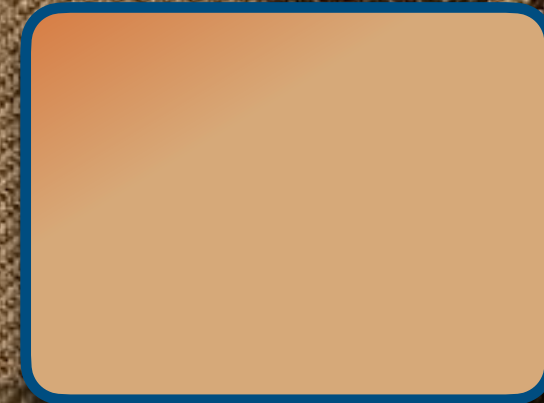
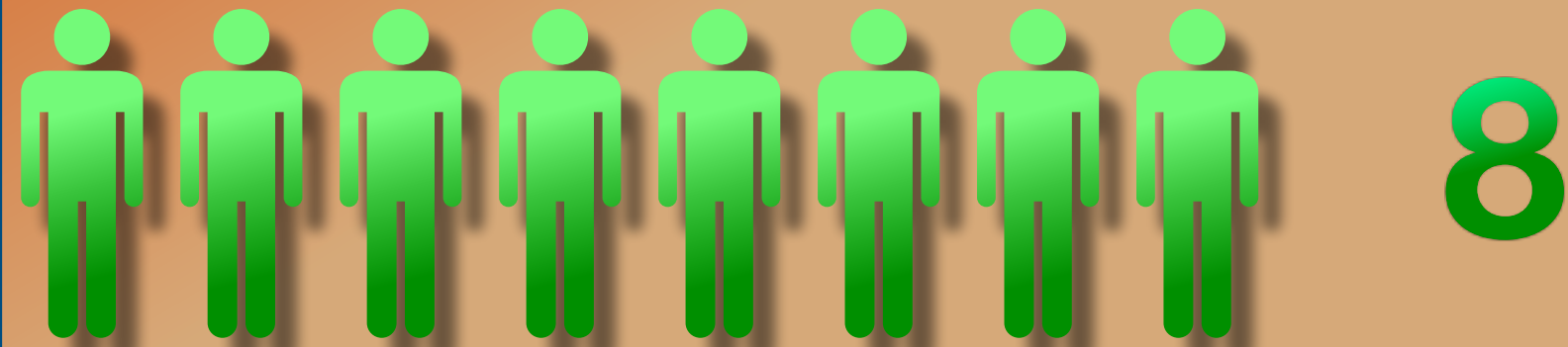
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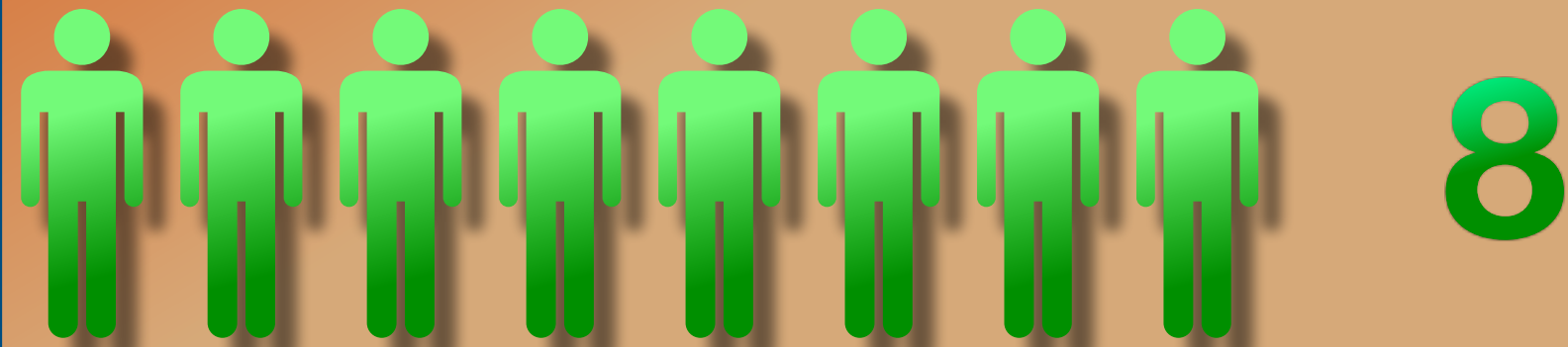
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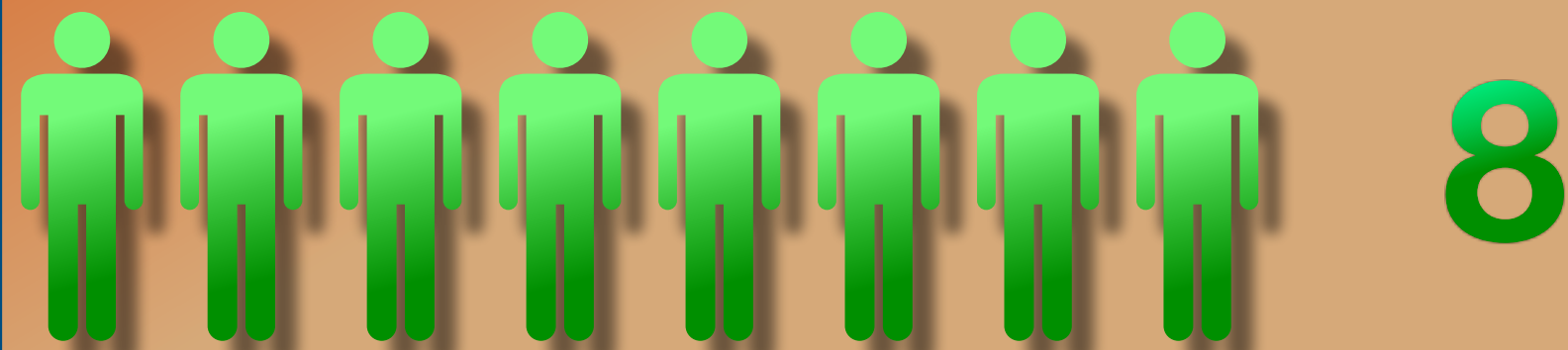


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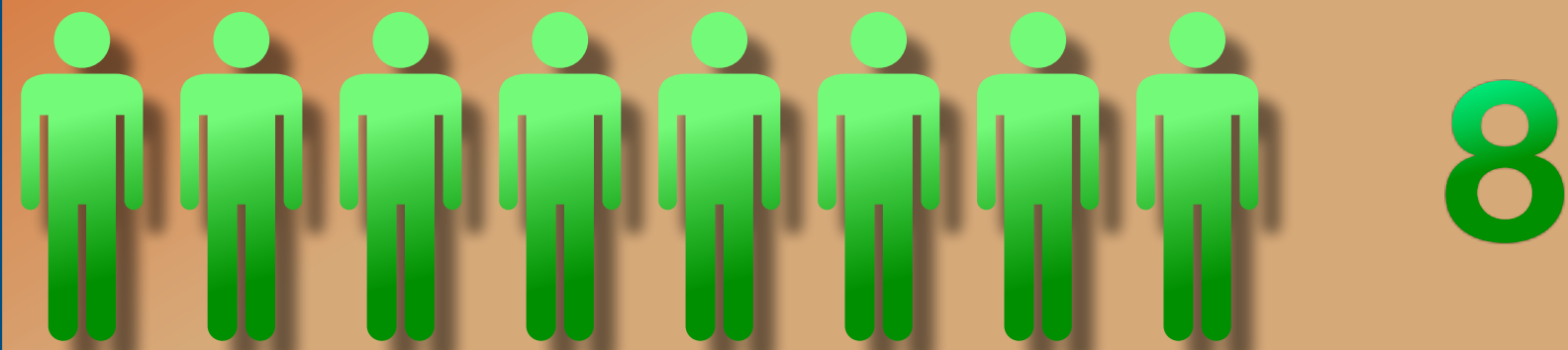
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Is A Quorum Present?

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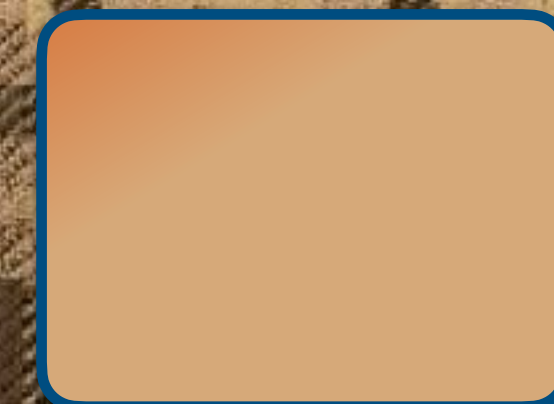
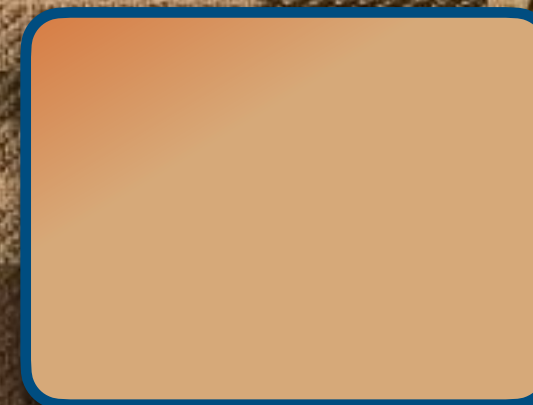
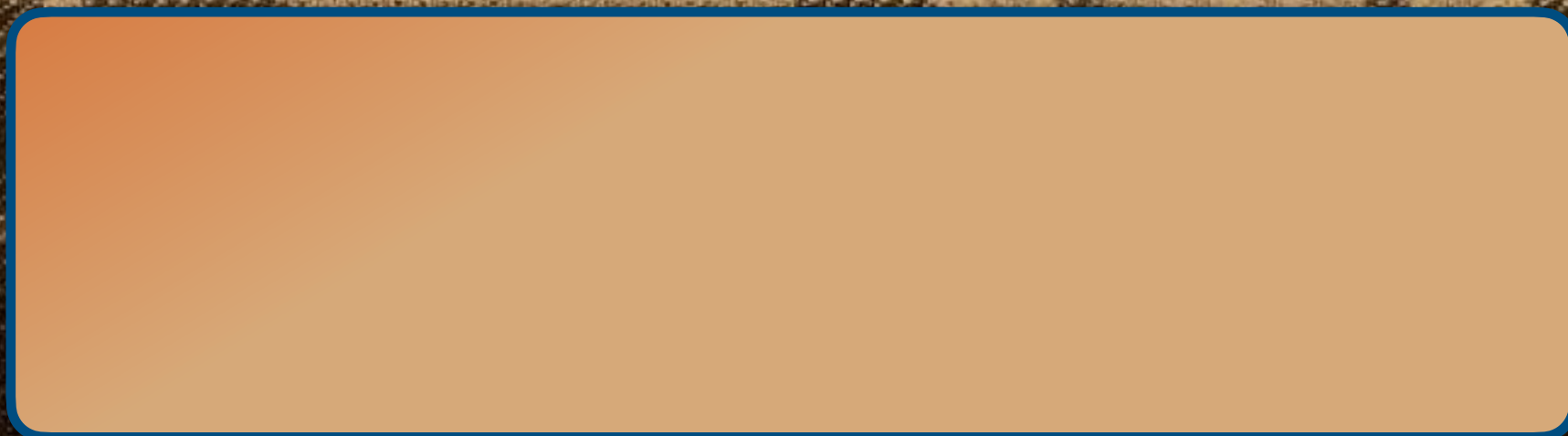
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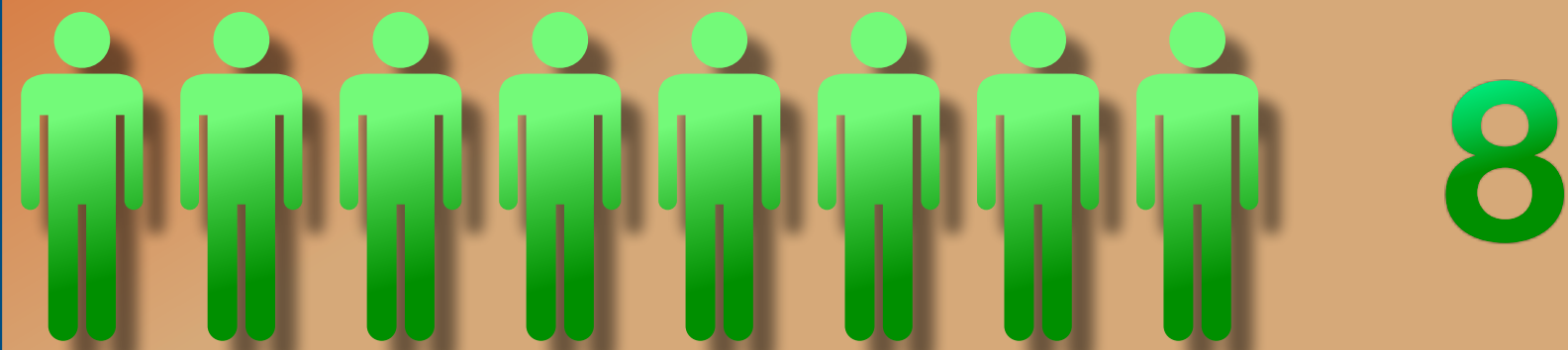
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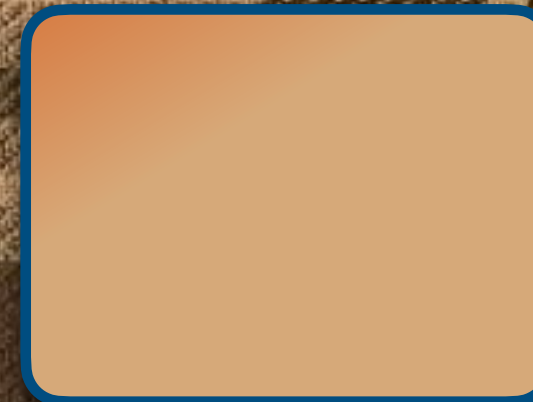
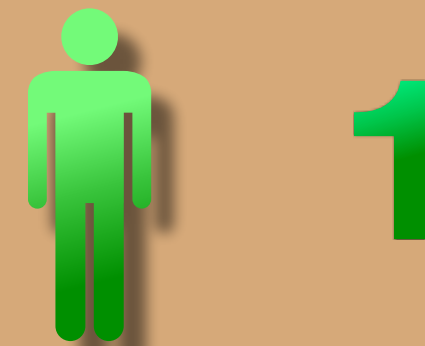
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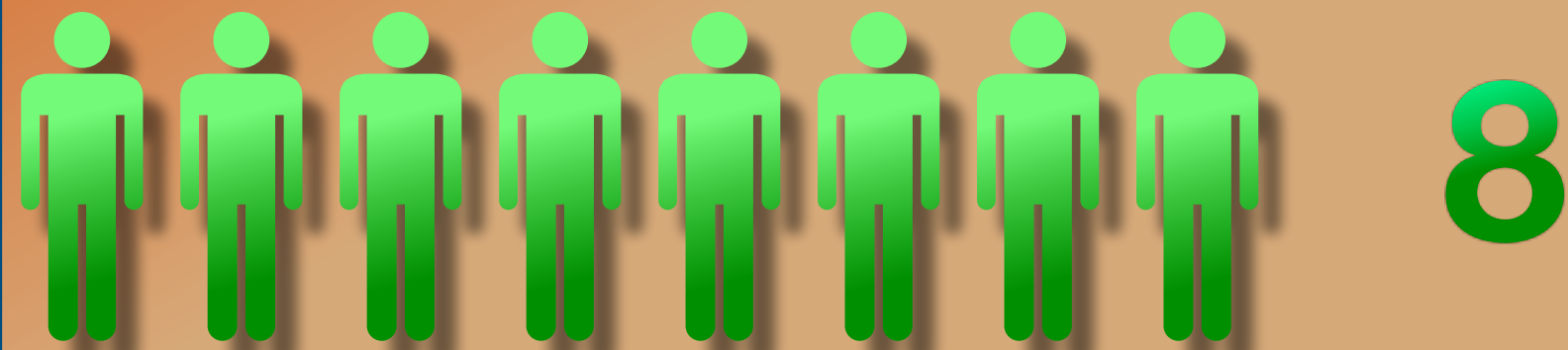
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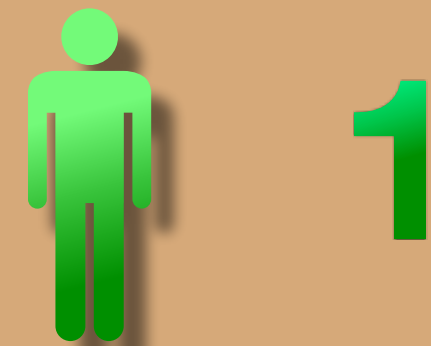
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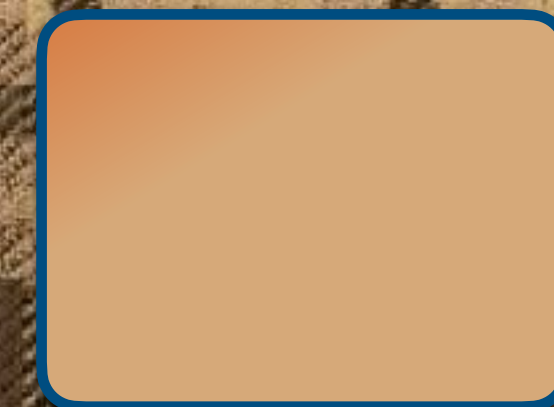
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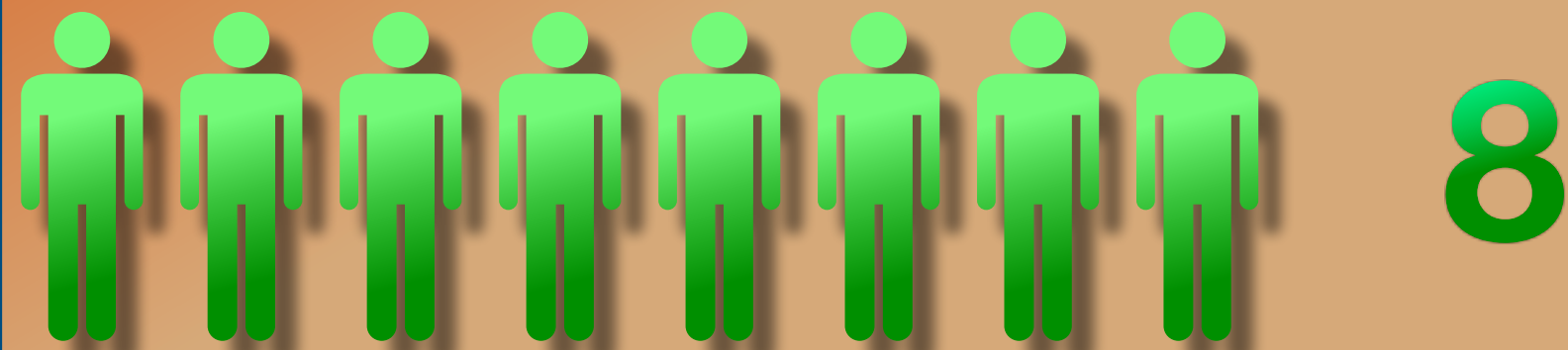
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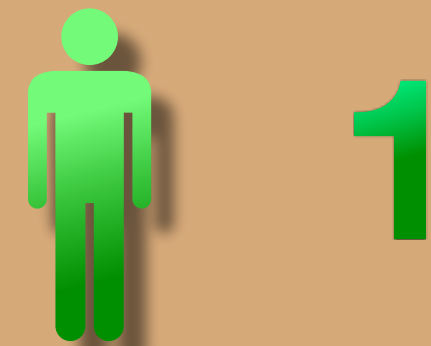
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Quorum

Total Members

Members At Meeting

In Favor

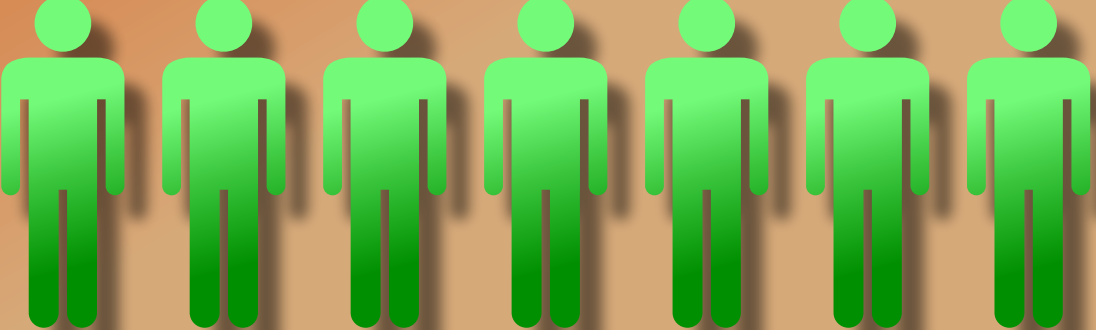
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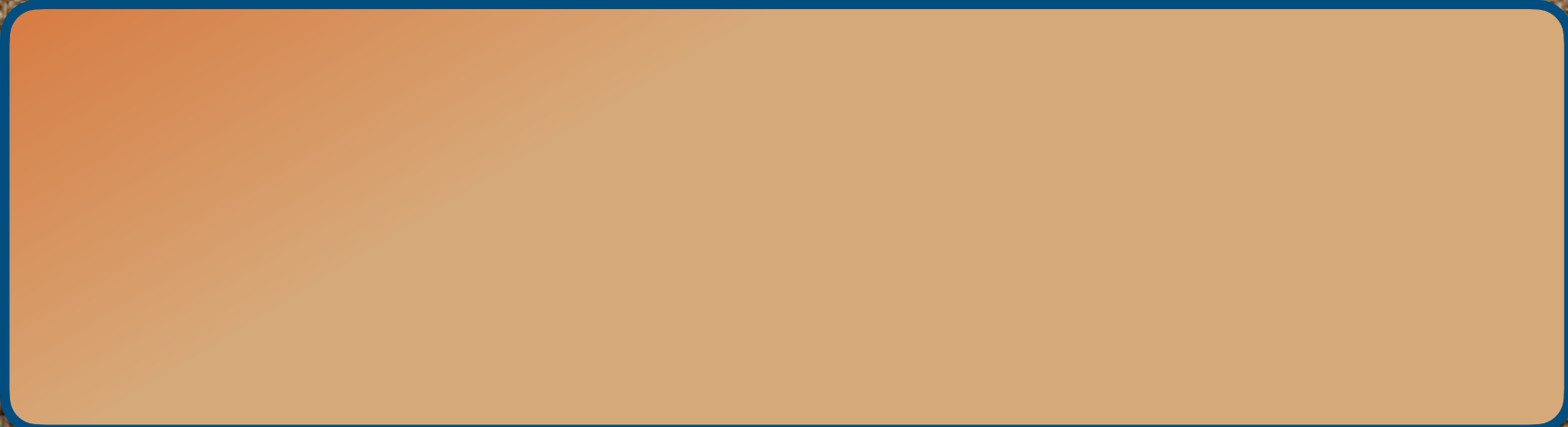
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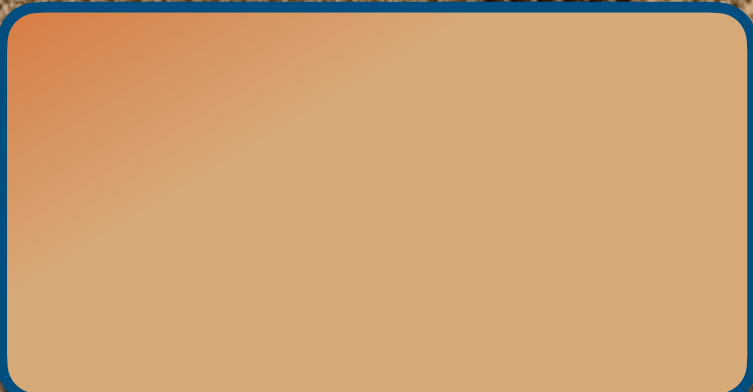
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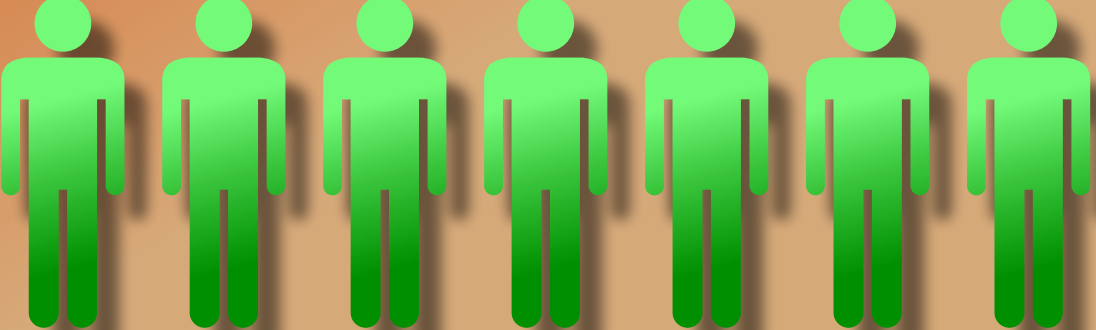


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Members At Meeting

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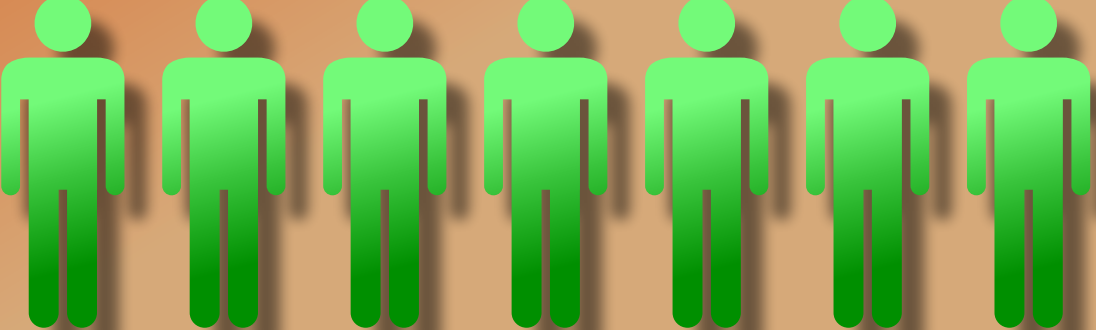
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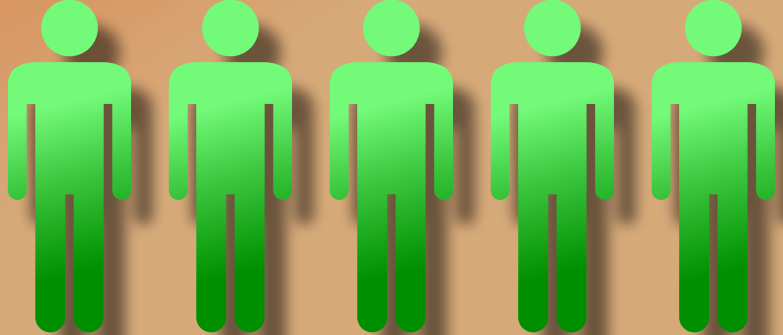
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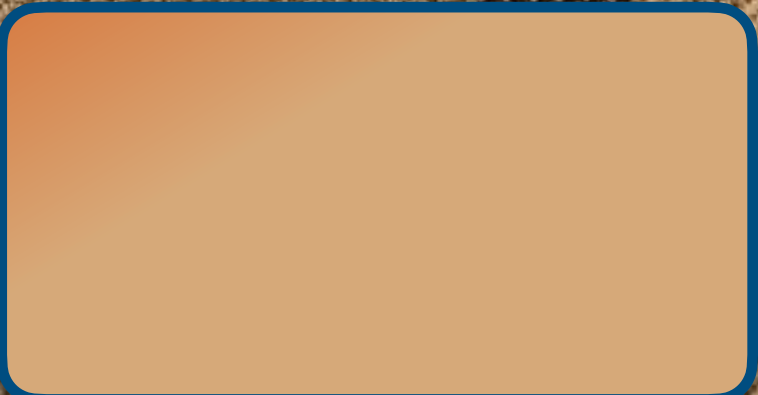
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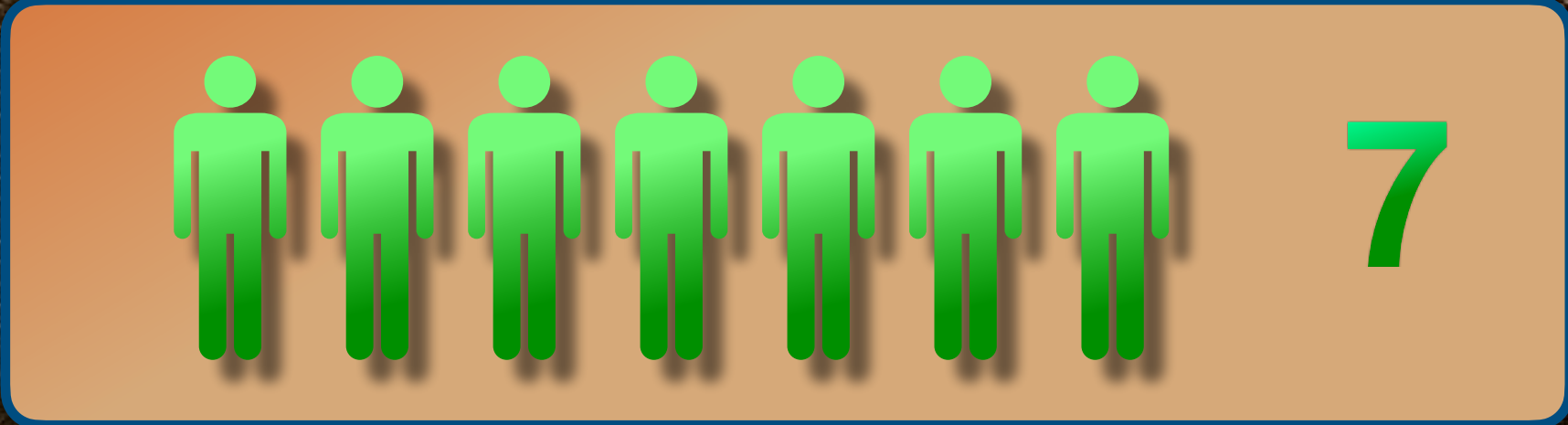


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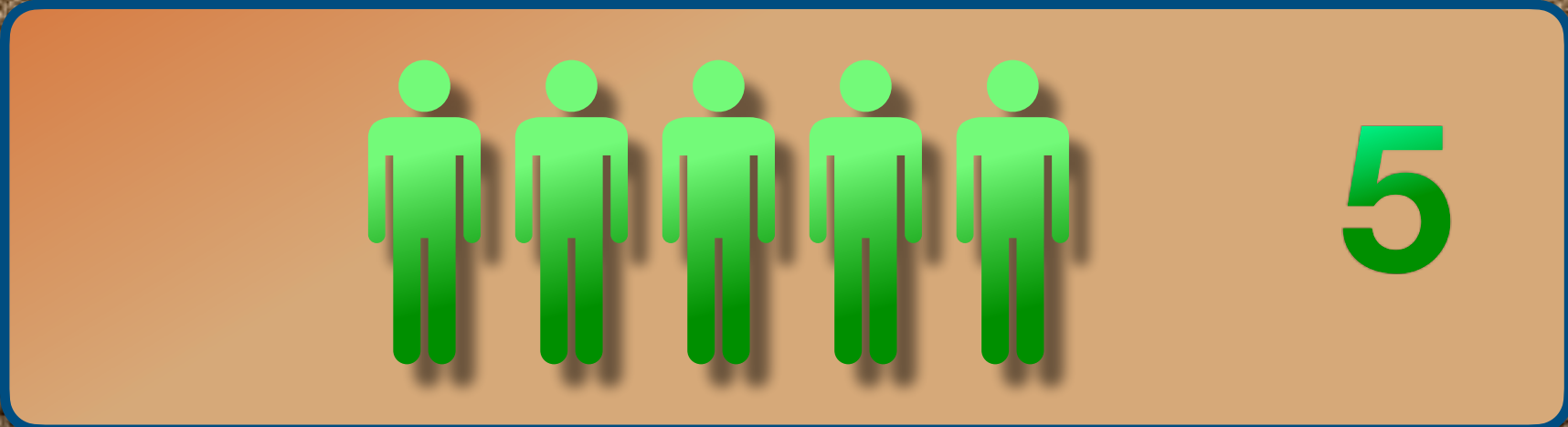
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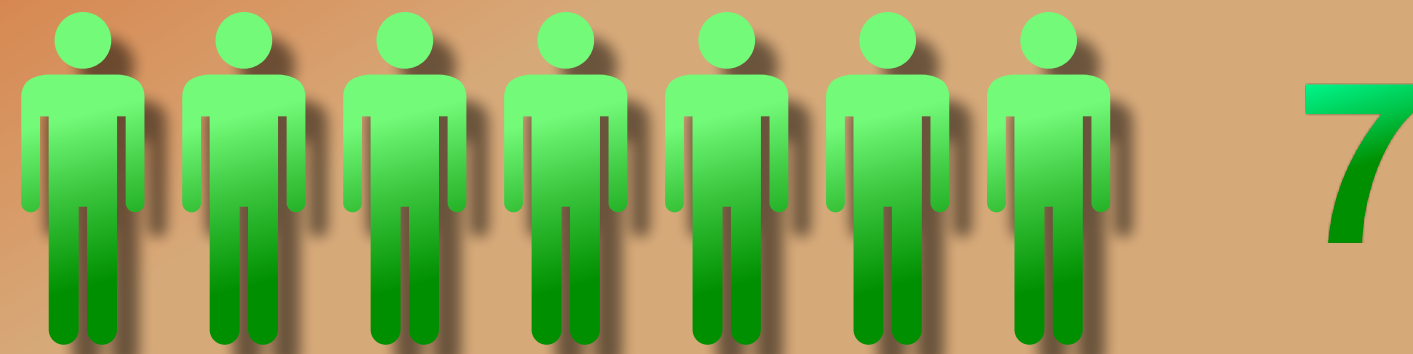
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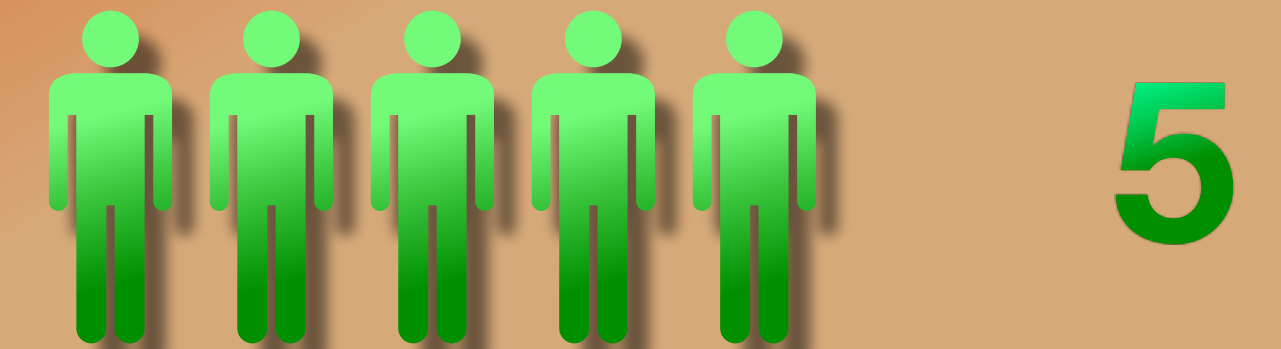
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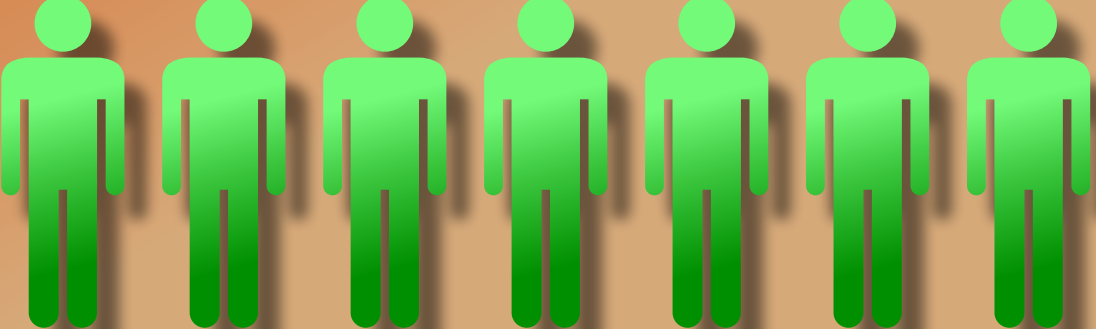
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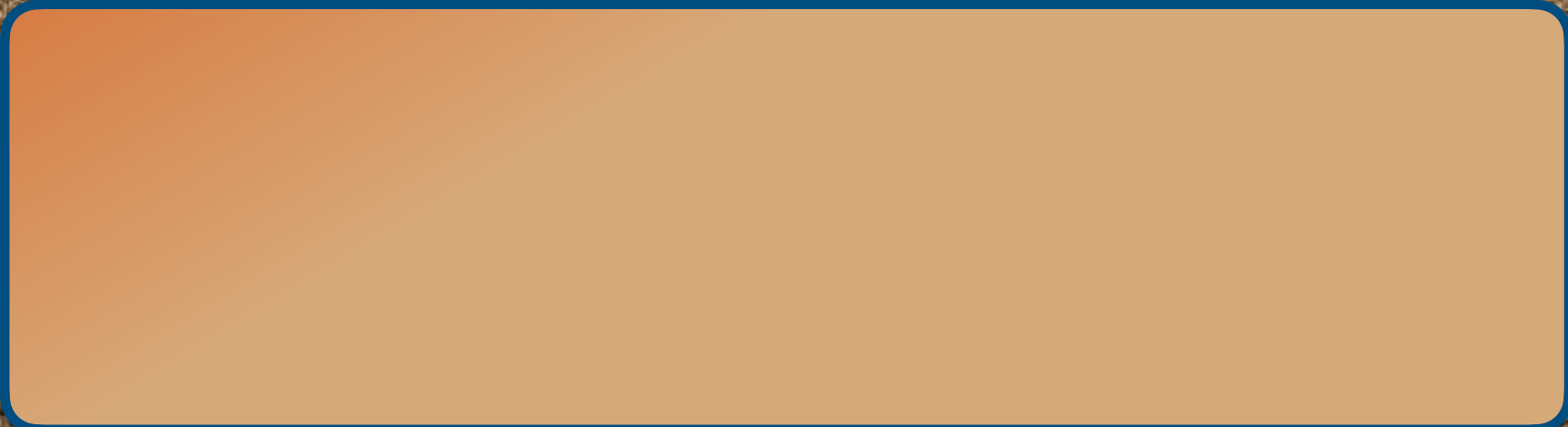
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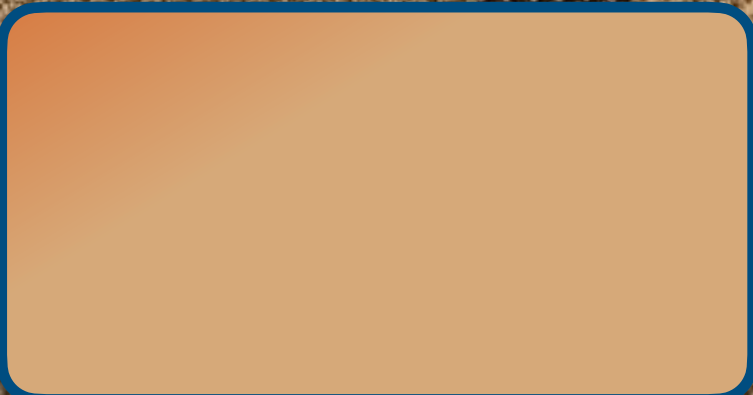
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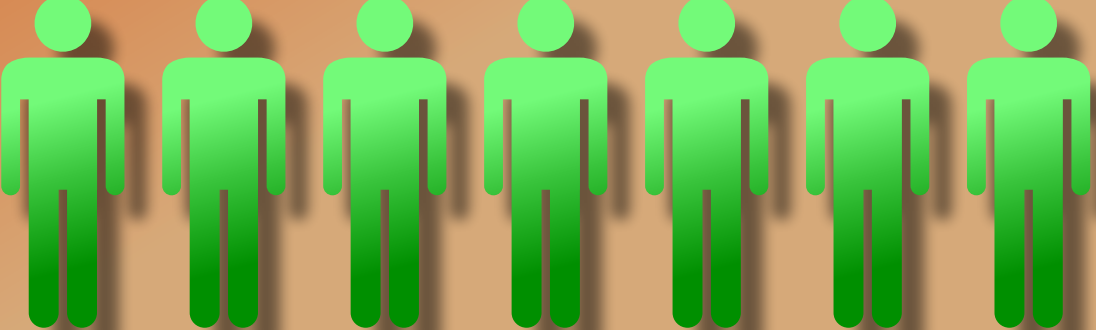


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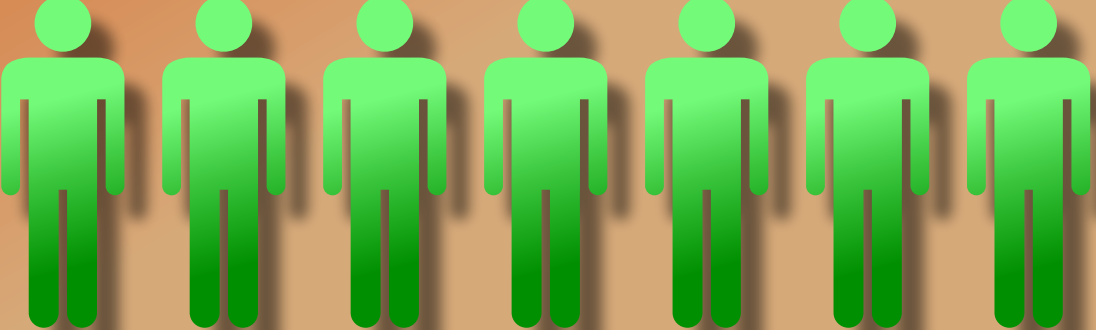
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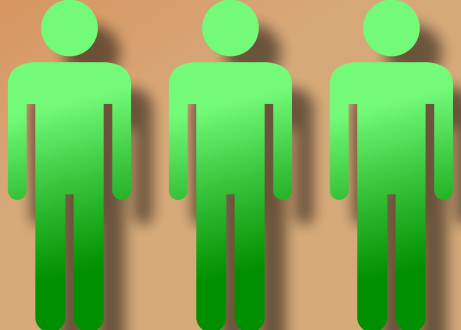
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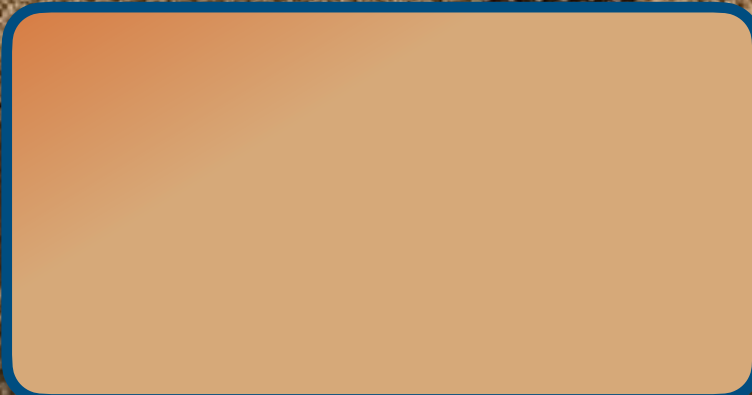
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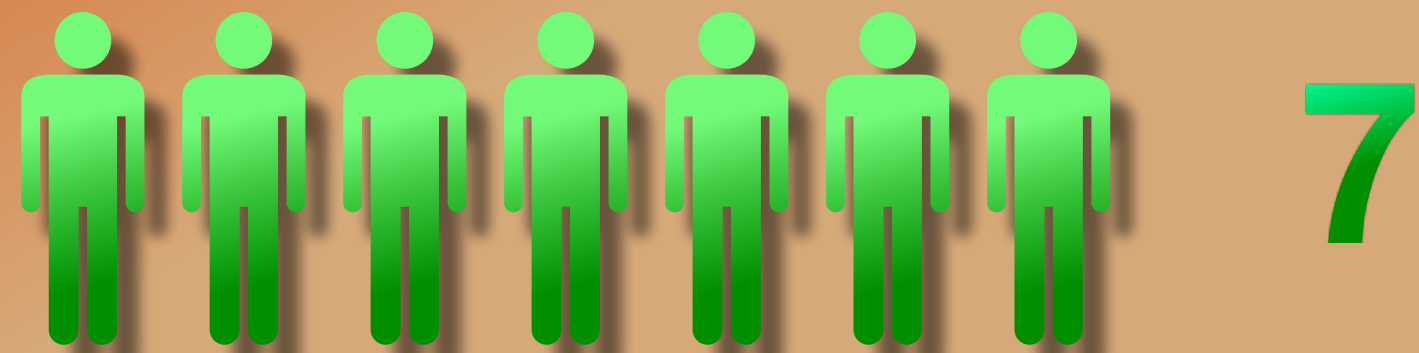


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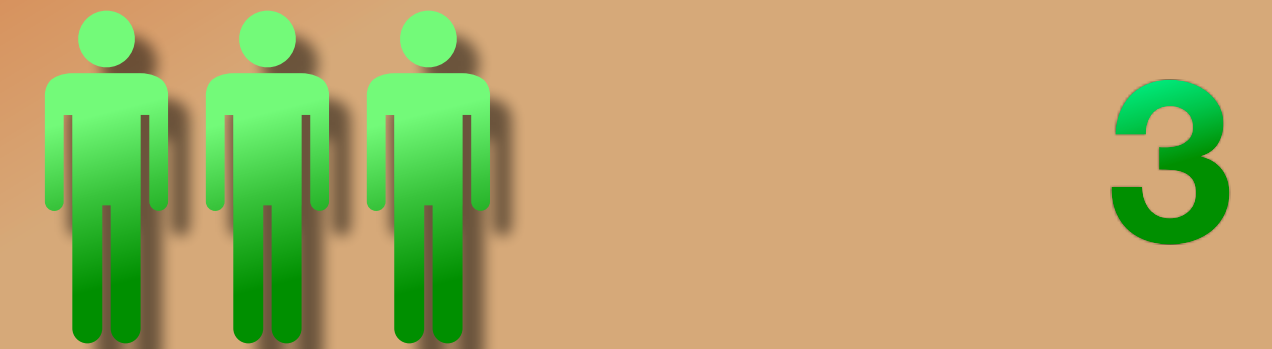
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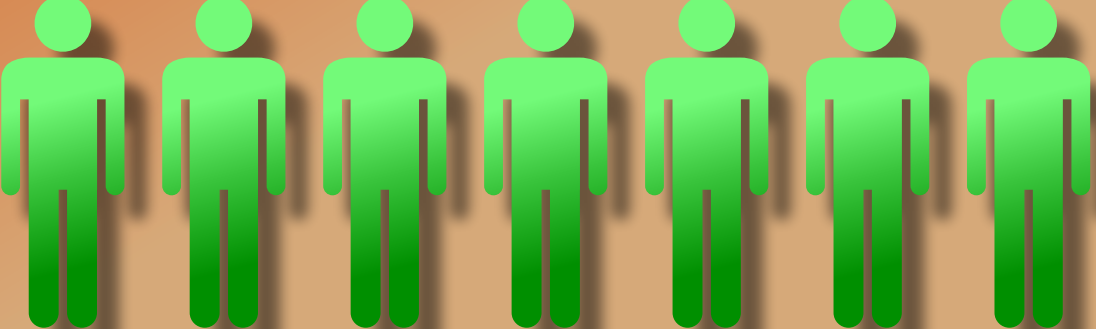
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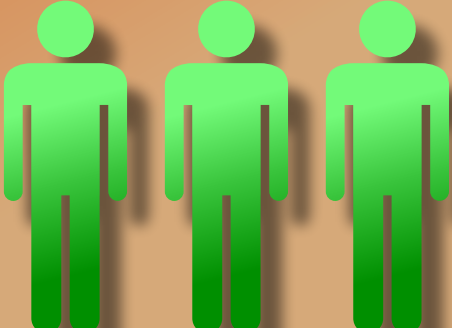
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I urge members to vote against this motion.

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I move to postpone the pending motion to next month's meeting.

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# Alternate Language

**“A motion to spend over five thousand dollars shall be automatically referred to the Finance Committee, which shall report its recommendations at the next regular meeting.”**

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**“A motion to spend over one thousand dollars shall require for its adoption a majority vote and previous notice.”**

**VOTING**



**What Is The Most  
Common Mistake When  
Making Rules Related To  
Voting?**

# **Writing Standard Vote Requirements**

Q.

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What Does “Majority”  
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A.

51%

Q.

**What Does “Majority”  
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A.

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B.

**Half Plus One**

Q.

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**Any Of The Above**



Q.

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A.

At Least One

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RONR (12th ed.) 44:1

# ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

**“The word majority means “more than half ”; and when the term majority vote is used without qualification—as in the case of the basic requirement—it means more than half of the votes cast by persons entitled to vote, excluding blanks or abstentions, at a regular or properly called meeting.”**

**RONR (12th ed.) 44:1**

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**Majority  
Vs.  
“Half Plus One”**



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**Anything Over 500**

# Majority = “More Than Half”

What is “More than Half” of 1,000?

**Anything Over 500**

Would 507 be a Majority of 1,000?

# Majority = “More Than Half”

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Anything Over 500

Would 507 be a Majority of 1,000?

Yes



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Yes

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Yes

## 51%

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510

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Yes

Would 507 Votes Adopt the Motion?

Yes

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510

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Yes

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# What Does Majority Mean?

HALF PLUS ONE

51%

MORE THAN HALF

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# What's Wrong With This Language?

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**UNCLEAR**

**In Reality, What Do We Do  
When We See  
“Two-Thirds Majority”?**



**We Translate It Into Proper  
Parliamentary Language:  
“Two-Thirds Vote”**

# What's Wrong With This Language?

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**Misleading**

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**A Vote Of:**

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**What Follows Indicates How Many  
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Adoption.**

**A Vote Of:**

**“18”**



**A Vote Of:**

**“A Majority Of The Members Present”**

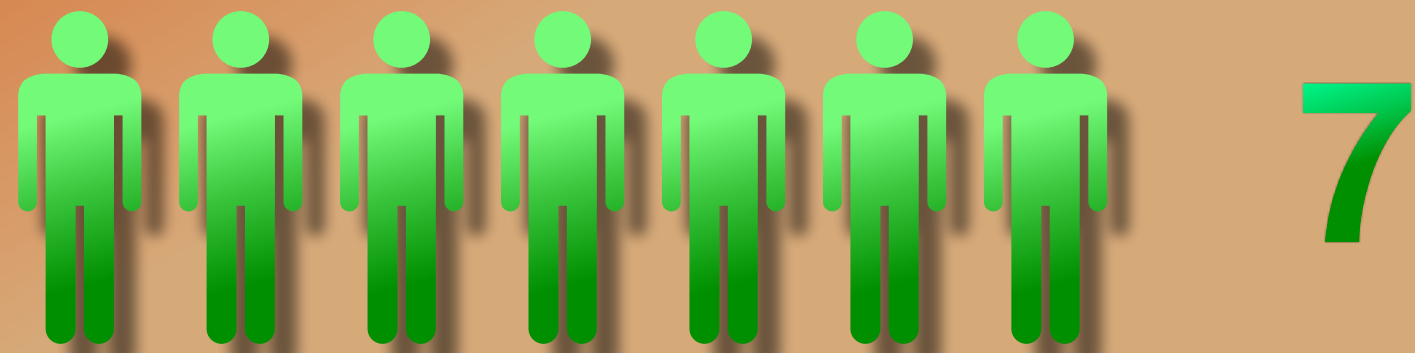
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**More Than Half**

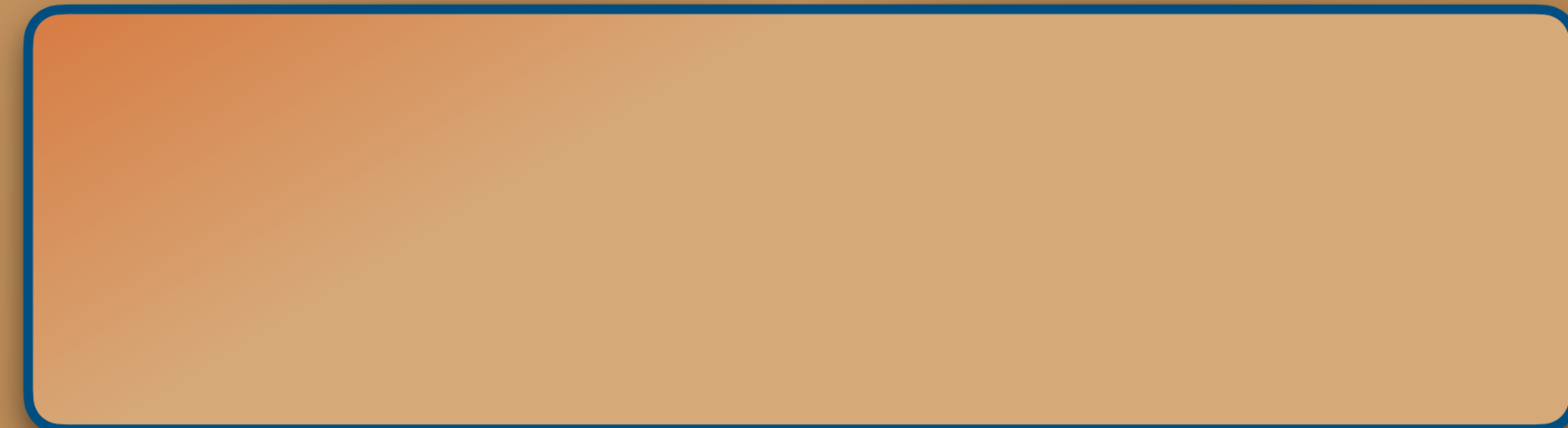
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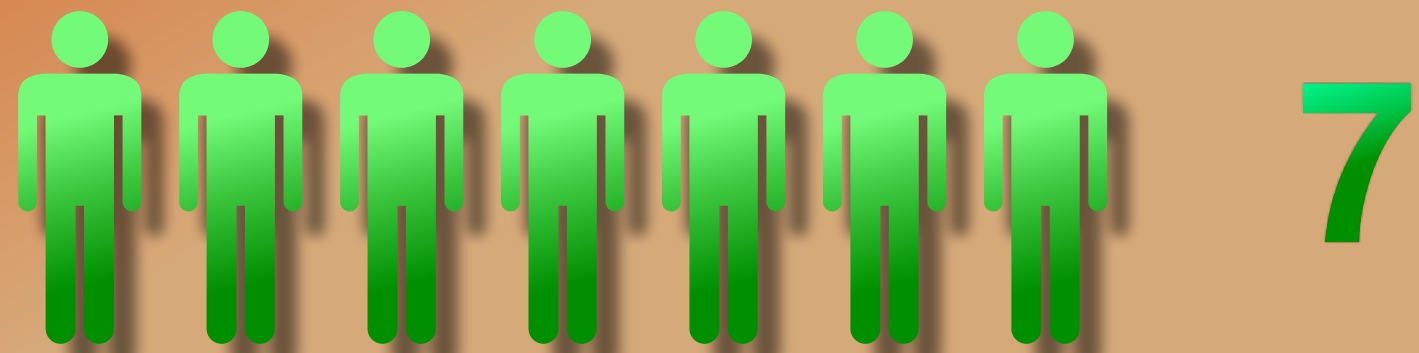
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**MEMBERS  
IN ARREARS**



# Under The Rules Of RONR

**Does a member have to have his dues paid to be nominated or elected to office?**

**YES**

**NO**

# Under The Rules Of RONR

**Does a member have to have his dues paid to be nominated or elected to office?**

**NO**



# **Under The Rules Of RONR**

**Does an individual have to be a member of an organization to be nominated or elected to office in that organization?**

**YES**

**NO**

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# What's Wrong With This Rule?

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**It Uses Terminology That Is Unclear In Parliamentary Law**

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**Possible Lack Of Understanding Of The Election Process**

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**IF YOU'RE NOT  
ELIGIBLE**

...

...

<b>IF YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE</b>	...	...

# NOMINATE vs. ELECT vs. SERVE

<b>IF YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE</b>	...	...
<b>To Be Nominated</b>		

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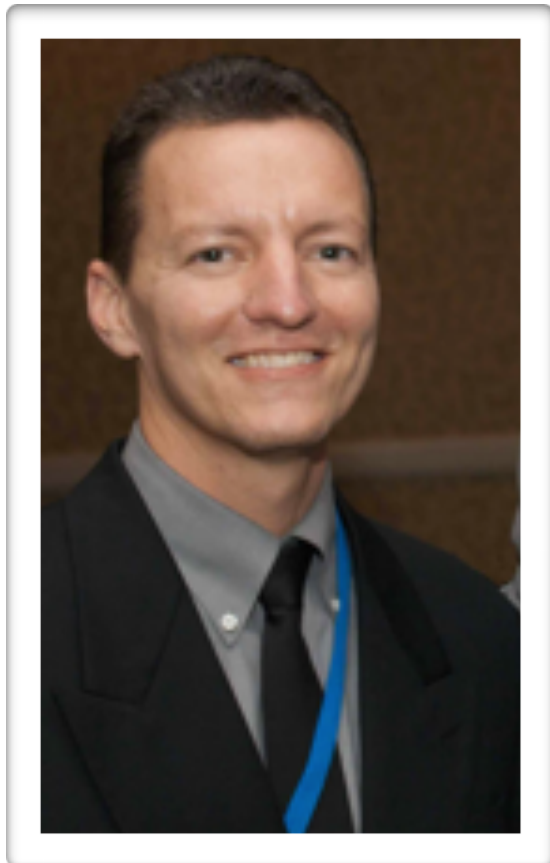
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