

**DAY 1**

# **National Commission on Forensic Science (NCFS)**

A Federal Advisory Committee  
for the U.S. Department of Justice



U.S. Department of Commerce

**11<sup>th</sup> Meeting: September 12-13, 2016**

# Safety and Comfort

- **Shelter in place:** go to Green Auditorium – down the hall on the left
- **Fire alarm:** go all the way down the hallway to the end and out of the doors on the right and gather in the parking lot past the flag pole
- **Restrooms:** *multiple sites* – down the hallway about 20 meters on the right or by the Green or Red Auditoriums or across from the library and Wilmer Souder exhibit

# Opening Remarks by NCFS Co-Chairs

- **Victor W. Weedn** on behalf of Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates
- NIST Director **Willie E. May**

# Outline for Day 1

- DOJ opening remarks (Victor Weedn)
- NIST opening remarks (Willie May)
- Working Lunch: **Technical Merit Review Panel**
- SPO status report (Dean Gialamas)
- Accreditation & Proficiency Testing (4 for vote; 1 to introduce)
- Scientific Inquiry & Research (1 for vote)
- Public Comment Period
- **Reception in Cafeteria with NIST displays**

# Congratulations

- **Suzanne Bell** – advanced to full professor at West Virginia University
- **Jim Gates** – receiving the President's Medal from the University of Maryland today (Sept 12)

# Up for Potential Vote at this Meeting

1. **Proficiency Testing** (recommendation) [Accreditation and Proficiency Testing]
2. **Accreditation Program Requirements** (views) [Accreditation and Proficiency Testing]
3. **Accreditation and Recognition of Forensic Science Certification Bodies** (views) [Accreditation and Proficiency Testing]
4. **Certification of Forensic Science Practitioners** (views) [Accreditation and Proficiency Testing]
5. **Technical Merit Evaluation of Forensic Science Methods and Practices** (recommendation) [Scientific Inquiry and Research]
6. **Documentation, Case Record and Report Contents** (recommendation) [Reporting and Testimony]
7. **Optimizing Human Performance in Crime Laboratories through Testing and Feedback** (views) [Human Factors]
8. **Formation of a National Office for Medicolegal Death Investigation** (recommendation) [Medicolegal Death Investigation]
9. **Communication with Next of Kin and Other Family Members** (views) [Medicolegal Death Investigation]

# Documents Out for Public Comment that will be introduced at this meeting

1. **Recommendation** on Accreditation of Digital and Multimedia Forensic Science Service Providers [Accreditation and Proficiency Testing]
2. Views on Statistical Statements in Forensic Testimony [Reporting and Testimony]
3. Views on Use of Checklists in Forensic Science [Human Factors]
4. **Recommendation** on Model Legislation for Medicolegal Death Investigation Systems [Medicolegal Death Investigation]
5. Views on Recognizing the Autonomy and Neutrality of Forensic Pathologists [Medicolegal Death Investigation]

Posted August 29

Public comment open  
through September 28, 2016

# Members Here & Establishing a Quorum

## 32 voting members and 8 ex-officio members

### Ex-Officio Members May Vote on Commission Business Matters

#### 8 Ex-Officio Members

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- proxy – Aaron Uhle
3. Fran Schrotter
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5. Patricia Manzolillo
6. Gerry LaPorte
7. Marilyn Huestis
8. David Honey  
- proxy – Greg Motta

#### Voting Members Not Here

- Jules Epstein  
– Proxy Bill Thompson
- Phil Pulaski  
– Votes provided
- Vince Di Maio  
– Votes provided
- John Fudenberg  
– Votes provided

# Those Voting Today

**22 votes needed for 2/3**

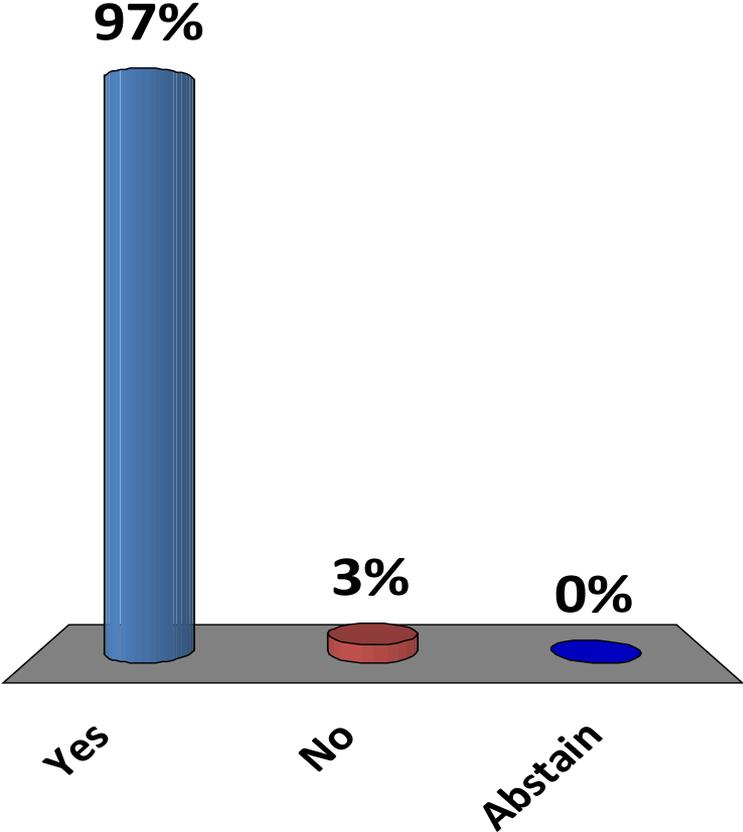
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27. Justice Bridget McCormack
28. Peter Neufeld
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30. Matt Redle
31. Sunita Sah (only Monday)
32. Jeff Salyards

# Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee

# Recommendation on Proficiency Testing

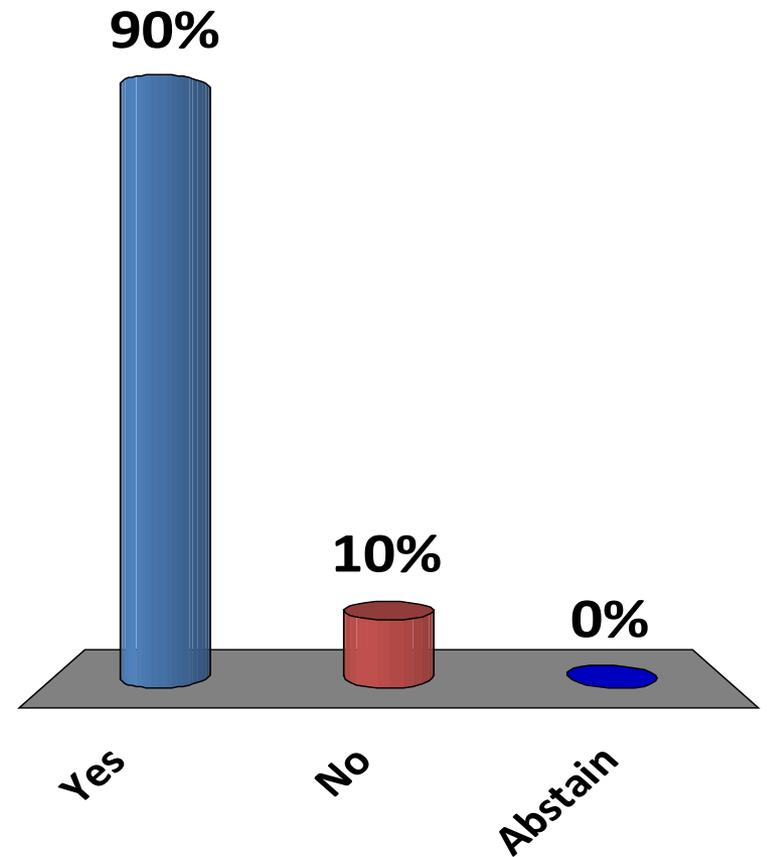
## Recommendation

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Abstain



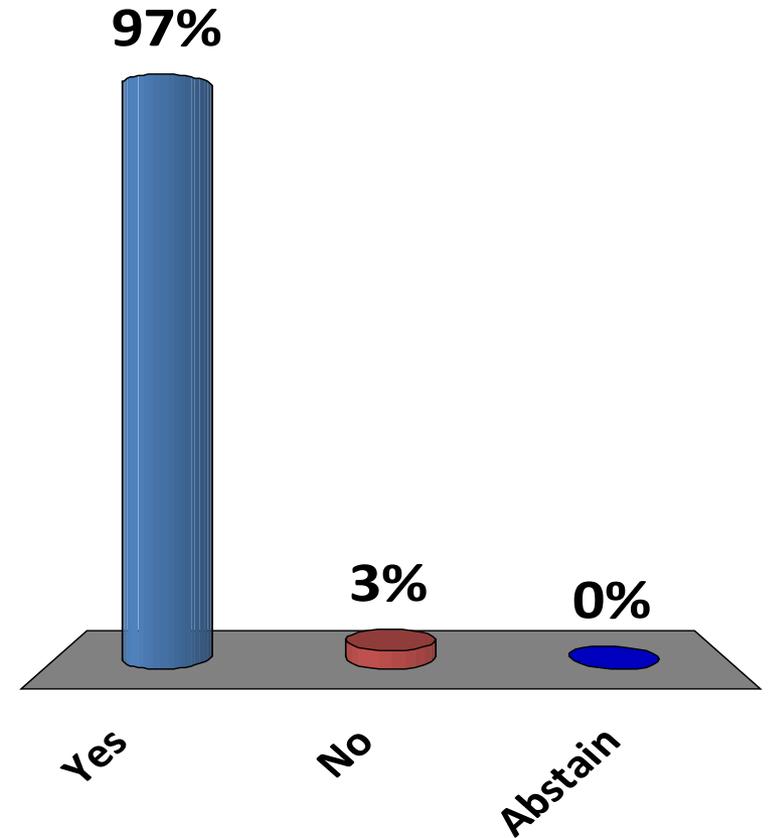
# Accreditation Program Requirements Views Document

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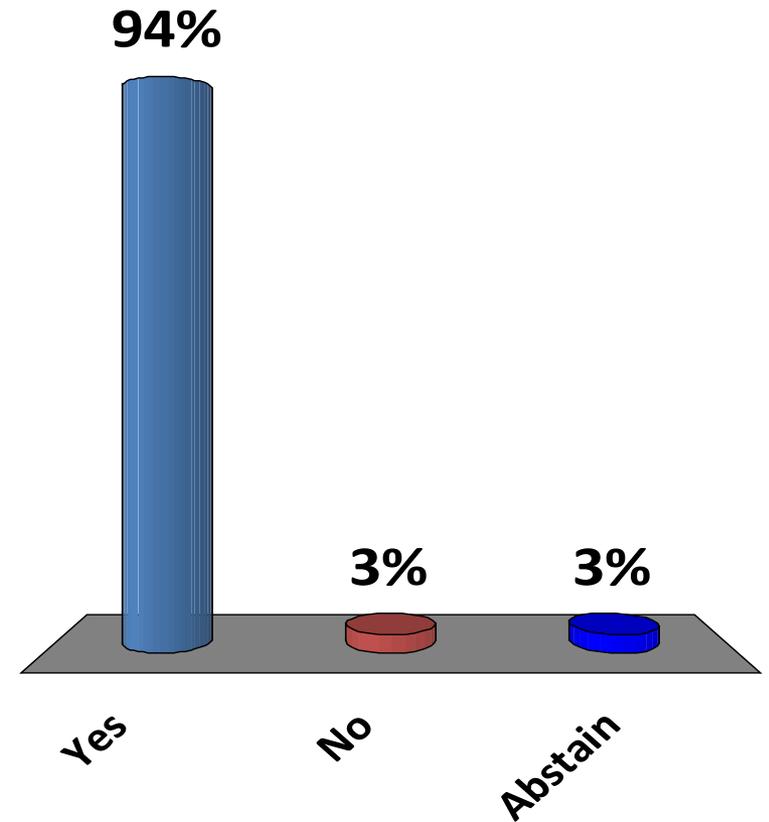
# Accreditation of Forensic Science Certification Bodies Views Document

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# Certification of Forensic Science Practitioners Views Document

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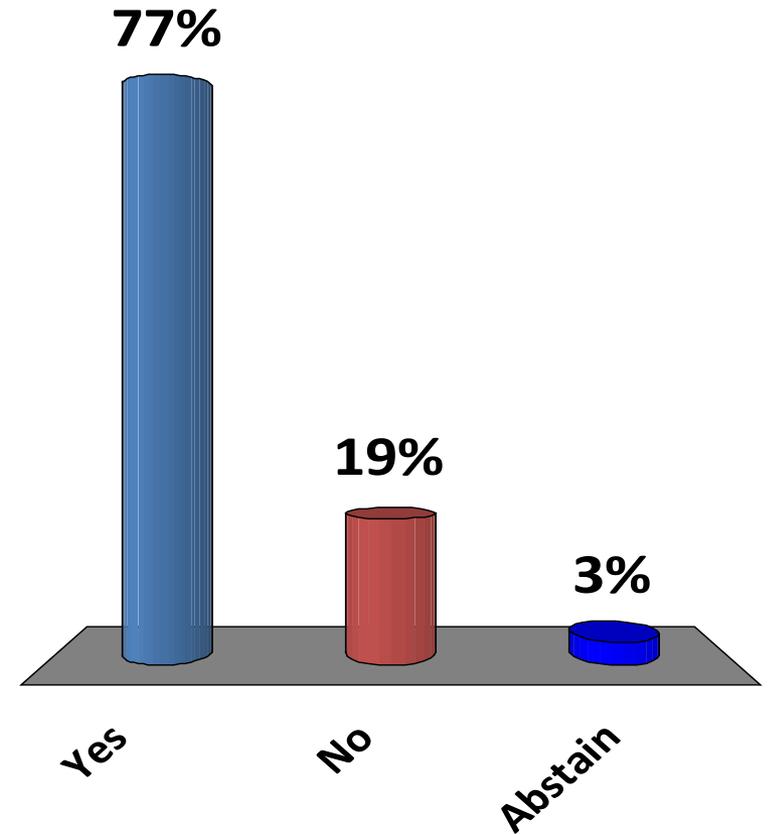


# Scientific Inquiry & Research Subcommittee

# Technical Merit Evaluation of Forensic Science Methods and Practices Recommendation

[removed footnotes #3, #4]

1. Yes
2. No
3. Abstain



# Reception and NIST Displays

(5:15pm to 6:30pm in cafeteria)

- Trace Explosives
- Fire Research
- DNA
- Firearms & Tool Marks
- Mass Spectrometry Data Center
- Fingerprints
- Fingerprint and Handwriting Process Maps
- Digital Forensics
- Library Services
- Footwear and Tire Tread Research
- Forensic Statistics
- OSAC Affairs
- STEMiversity
- Wilmer Souder & NIST museum exhibits

Tours seen by  
Commissioners  
this morning

**DAY 2**

# **National Commission on Forensic Science (NCFS)**

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# Outline for Day 2

- **Statistical Statements of Relevance Panel**
- Reporting & Testimony (1 for vote, 1 to introduce)
- Human Factors (1 for vote, 1 to introduce)
- Working Lunch: **Ethics Issues for NCFS Members**
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (2 for vote, 2 to introduce)
- Forensic Science Discipline Review (OLP)
- Wrap-Up
- Public Comment Period

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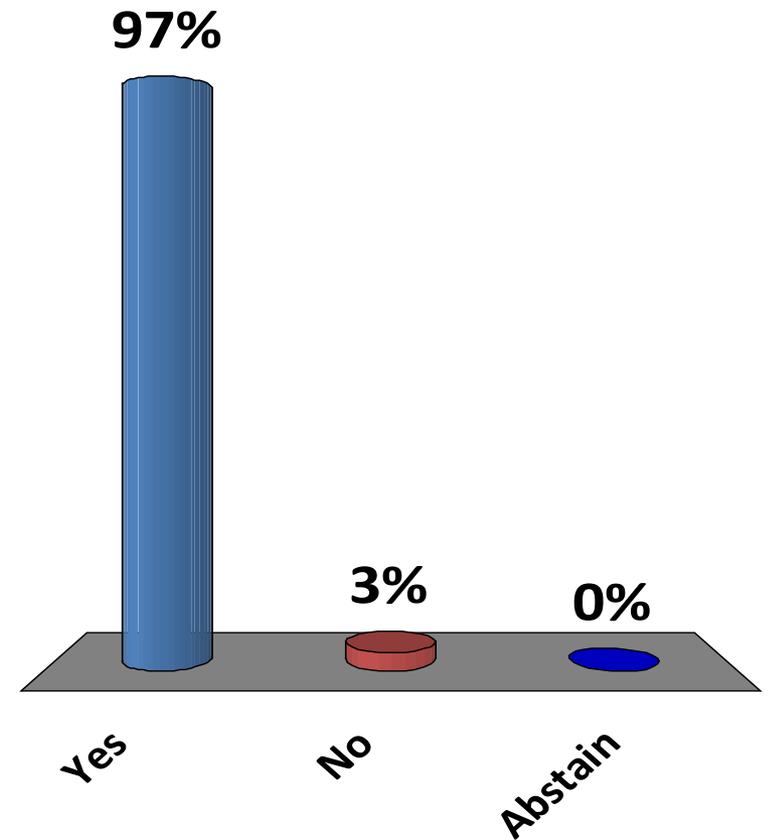
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# Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee

# Documentation, Case Record and Report Contents Recommendation

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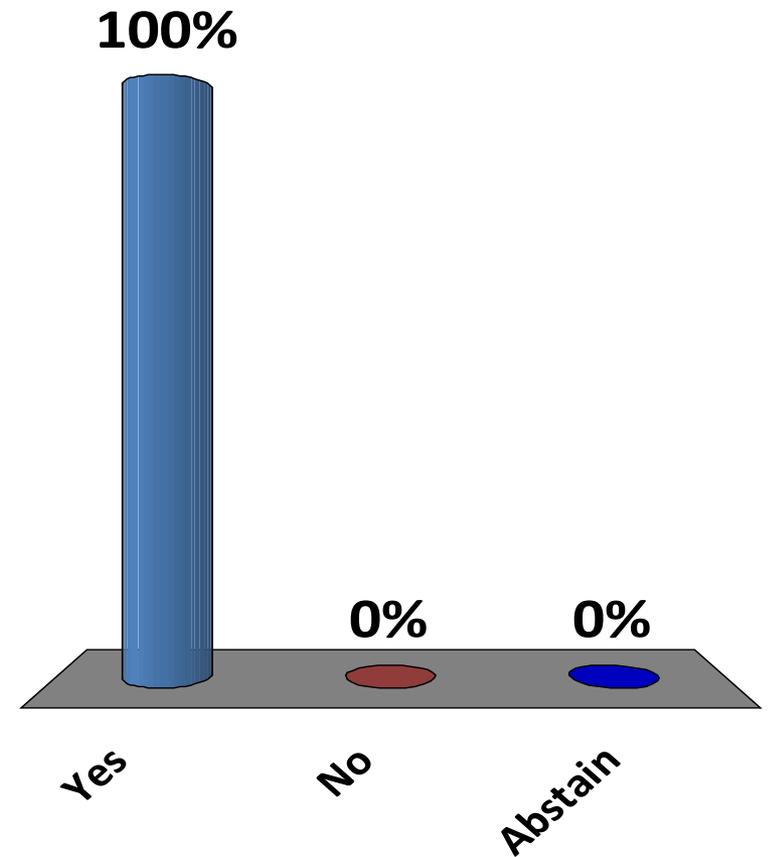
# Human Factors Subcommittee

# Facilitating Research on Laboratory Performance

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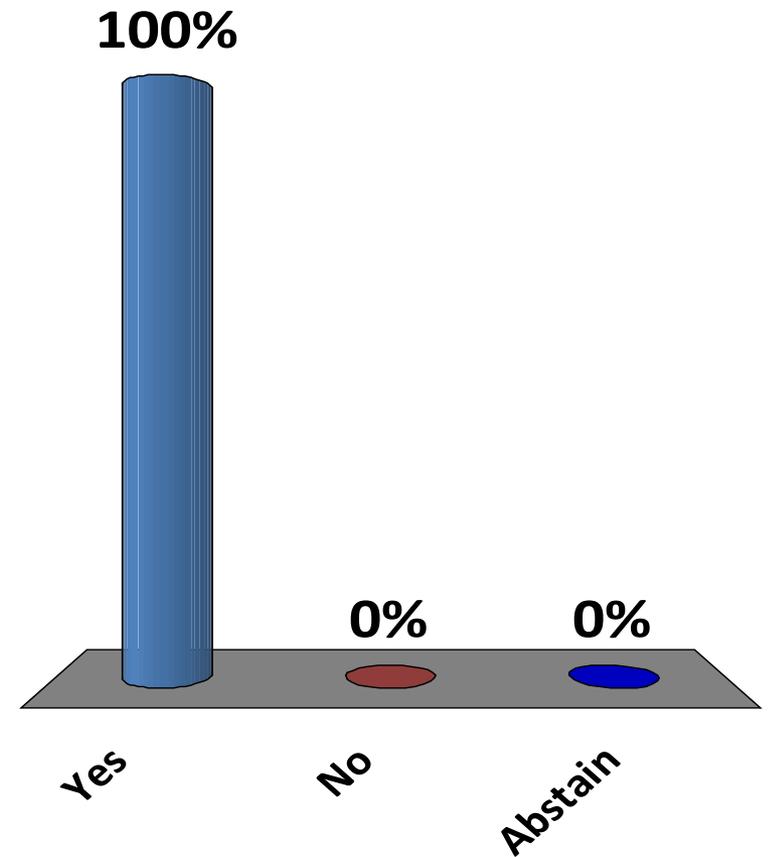
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# Medicolegal Death Investigation Subcommittee

# Formation of a National Office for Medicolegal Death Investigation Recommendation

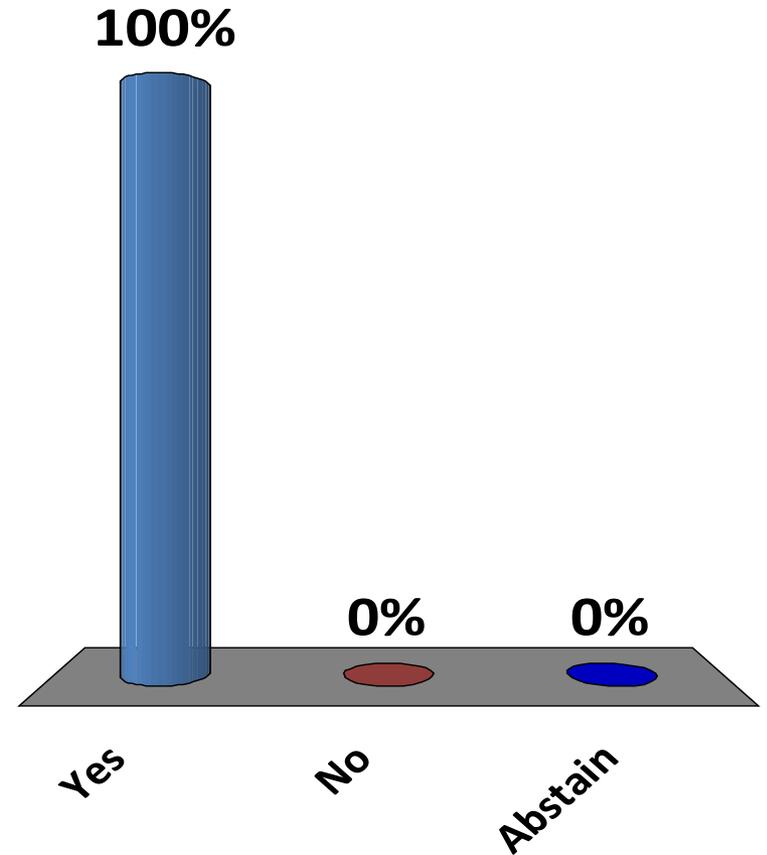
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# Communication with Next of Kin and Other Family Members Views Document

[subject to SPO formatting]

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3. Abstain



# Upcoming Meetings

Meeting 12 – January 9-10, 2016

– Washington DC

Meeting 13 – April 10-11, 2016

– Washington DC

# Thank you!

- **Subcommittee co-chairs and subcommittee members for their hard work**
- Jonathan McGrath, Lindsay DePalma, Danielle Weiss and other support staff for making meeting support and arrangements
- Mary Lou Norris and NIST staff for meeting venue preparation, tours, reception, and displays
- *Please leave the clickers on your desk and I will pick them up at the end of the meeting*