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Voting Process

- Panel votes on NTP's draft scientific interpretations of the data as written.
- First, the Panel considers all 7 interpretations at once:
 - Chair calls for a motion and a second to accept all 7 interpretations as written.
 - If a motion and second are put forward, the Panel votes by a show of hands to accept the interpretations. Panelists may vote “yes”, “no”, or abstain.
 - If the majority vote is “yes”, panelists who vote “no” or abstain state why for the record.
 - The chair votes only in case of a tie.
- If there is no motion or second to accept all 7 interpretations as written, or if the Panel votes “no” to the interpretations in total, the Panel votes on each interpretation separately.
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