Spokes council discussions

Each group picks a spokesperson. Alternate between small group discussions and (moderated) spokes council discussions to build consensus around a proposed plan.

**Only spokespeople talk during spokes council discussions.** Spokespeople must faithfully represent and advocate the opinions and decisions of their group, even if these conflict with their opinion. The spokesperson may change between different spokes council discussions. Group members may discreetly communicate to the spokesperson.

**Group discussions** should generate new ideas and reflect on the opinions of other groups as expressed during the spokes council. New arguments and counterarguments may be generated to respond to other groups in the next spokes council. Proposals should arise from small group discussions and shall only be communicated to other groups during the spokes council.

**Consensus is not majority rule.** Supporting a consensus opinion does not necessarily mean that the proposal being considered is one’s first choice. When deciding to consent to a proposed solution, you should consider the question “Is this proposal something I can live with?” rather than “Is this proposal the best proposal in my opinion?” Part of coming to consensus is to try to modify proposals such that it suits your needs better while it remains something others can live with as well.