**IMPLICATIONS FOR MOTION LANGUAGE**

The following list, developed by the Reference Committee, identifies the implication of certain language that may be used in motions to be considered by the House. This standardized language helps to clarify the implication or direction of any position, standard, guideline, policy, or procedure, or charge adopted by the House. Delegates should refer to this standardized list to ensure that the words selected are consistent with the intent of the action or any outcome expected.

# APPROPRIATE TO USE

| **Word** | **Definition** | **Association Interpretation** | **Fiscal Implication (monetary and human resources)** | **Assoc Action Req’d (y/n)** |
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| Advocate | To speak on favor of; recommend | Emphasize, raise awareness of. Not as strong as pursue, support, promote | Minimal to moderate | Y |
| Conduct | To direct the course of: control; To guide or lead | Implies an action, but prefer the use of the words “Develop and Implement” | Usually significant | Y |
| Develop | To bring into being; make active | Requires action; generally requires an end product | Usually significant | Y |
| Encourage | To give support to; to foster; to stimulate | Non financial support; to foster member action | None | Y |
| Endorse | To give approval of or support to | General approval or support with minimal financial commitment | Minimal | Y |
| Evaluate | To determine or fix the value of; to examine carefully or appraise | Requires action; requires an end product | Minimal to significant | Y |
| Identify | To find out the original nature or obligation | Requires action; requires an end product | Moderate to significant | Y |
| Implement | To put into effect | Put into effect; make happen | Usually significant | Y |
| May | To be allowed or permitted | Allowed or permitted, but does not obligate | None to significant | Y/N |
| Oppose | To be in disagreement with or resistant to | Affirmative statement of opposition | None to significant | Y |
| Promote | To raise to a more important or reasonable rank; to contribute to the progress or growth of; to urge adoption of (advocate) | Raise to a more important rank; Emphasize; Raise awareness; not as strong as “pursue” or “support”; stronger than advocate, endorse | Minimal to moderate | Y |
| Provide | To furnish; supply; to make available | Requires action, generally requires an end product | Minimal to significant | Y |
| Pursue | To strive to obtain or accomplish | Strongly implies goal directed activity with an identified end product | Moderate to significant | Y |
| Recognize | To acknowledge, sanction | Public acknowledgement | None to minimal | Y/N |
| Shall | Used to express duty or obligation | Obligates action and is preferred over “should” and stronger than “may” | Minimal to significant | Y |
| Should | Used to express expectation | Use judiciously. Implies expectation, not action |  | N |
| Support | To provide for, by supplying with money; to aid the cause of by approving, favoring or advocating | Implies action but not necessarily the attainment of an end product; not as strong as “pursue” but stronger than “endorse” and “promote”; Stronger than advocate | Minimal to significant | Y |

**INAPPROPRIATE TO USE**

| **Word** | **Definition** | **Association Interpretation** | **Fiscal Implication (monetary and human resources)** | **Assoc Action Req’d (y/n)** |
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| Charge |  | Inappropriate for use in motions (motion is a charge) |  | N |
| Consider | To think about seriously | Inappropriate for use in motions |  | N |
| Ought | Probability or likelihood; duty or obligation | Inappropriate for use in motions; use shall or may |  | N |
| Recommend | To counsel or advise (that something be done) | Inappropriate for use in motions (only a suggestion; does not imply action) |  | N |
| Will | To decree; to resolve with a forceful will | Inappropriate for use in motions (implies expectation, not action; use “shall” or “may”) |  | N |