

NORTH NORFOLK SPEAKERS CLUB

Voting at Club Meetings

When called to do so by the Chair of the Evening, write the name of the speaker which you have chosen onto the voting slip.

Try to be impartial when voting, and try not to openly discuss your choices.

Due to practical purposes, the voting slip may have the original category pre-printed on it. Ignore this if it is incorrect; just use the slip for the vote at that time.

If you have just been speaking, you can pass on voting as you may not have been able to properly listen to the other speakers.

It would be considered poor practice to vote for yourself.

At some clubs, members are encouraged to make additional comments that might benefit the speaker on a separate slip, and pass on to the speaker. Please feel free to pass on a comment.

When you are the Vote Counter.

There is little pressure on your role during the first half of the meeting; you can even do the first count during the break if you need to.

But later on, be aware that you will have two votes to count up in quick succession.

Have the cup/bag ready before the meeting starts, and get it moving promptly around the members.

Remember to be discreet. Try to count the votes without laying them out where members either side of you can see them.

Privately, list the winners, so you can read them out later when you have to make the award announcements.

Hold back your own vote from the count, and use it in the event of a tie. If there is still a tie, you decide the winner.

Try to personalise the award for each winner, rather than simply list the winner.

Avoid phrases like 'by a landslide' etc; these could make the other speakers feel crushed.

Save the announcement of 'Best Speaker' until last, as it is the only prepared speaking category.

If, for example, the Chair of the Evening has not mentioned there are 'two Davids' in the same category, please interject to help voters distinguish between speakers with the same first name.

Familiarise yourself with the trophies before you have to present them.