

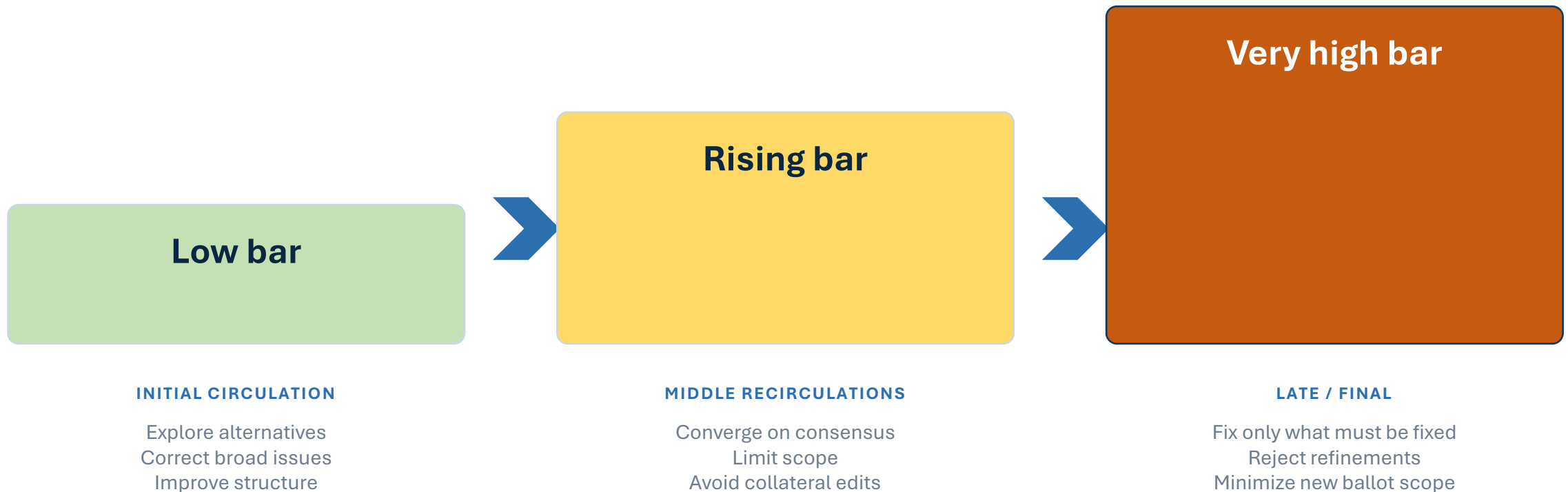
Raising the bar for late-stage changes

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The threshold for change typically rises with every circulation

Every substantive revision must be identified and recirculated.



In later ballot stages, the path to success is “Must this change now?”



The specification is materially broken

The draft is contradictory, unusable, or technically incorrect.



The required correction is clear and bounded

The defect and exact remedy can be independently verified.



Refinements and improvements are minimized

Avoid stylistic preferences, cleanups, and broader redesigns.

Editorial matters may be deferred for publication consideration



The SA ballot pool is diverse

INTEREST CLASSIFICATION

Balloters classify themselves relative to the scope: producer, user, or general interest.

BALANCE OF INTERESTS

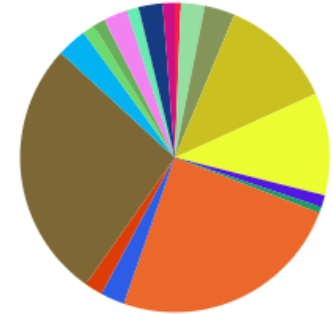
No single interest category may make up more than one-third of the balloting group.

MEMBERSHIP & ELIGIBILITY

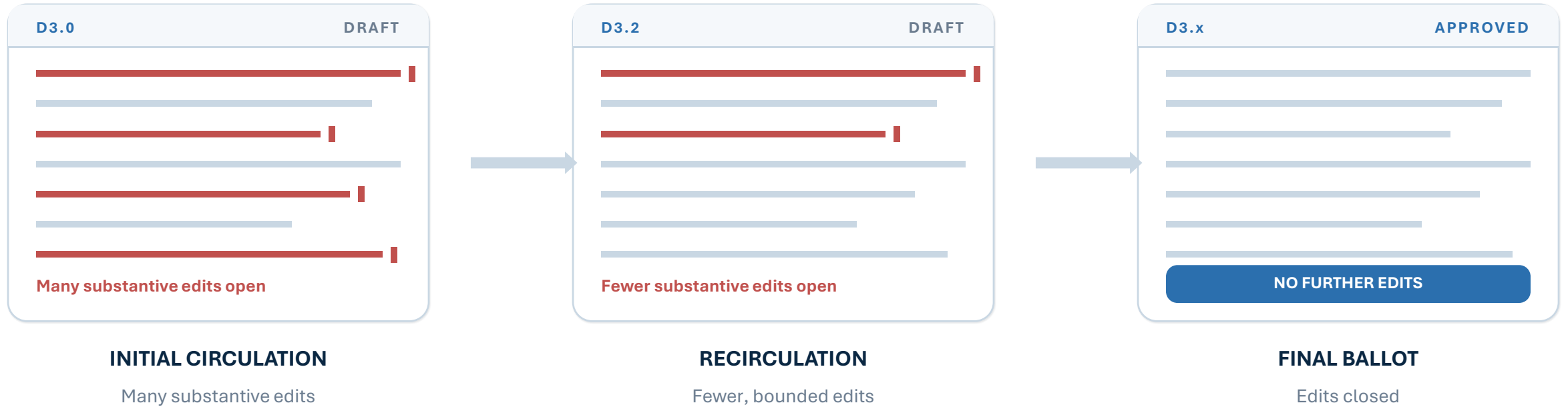
Participation extends well past the Working Group itself. Anyone with an interest or stake can enroll for a given project once the relevant fees are paid.

Ballot Group Makeup

- Academic-Other
- Academic-Researcher
- Academic-Teacher
- Consulting
- General Interest
- Government - Other
- Non-governmental Organization (NGO) / Advocacy Group
- Producer - Component
- Producer - Other
- Producer - Software
- Producer - System / Manufacturer
- Research
- Service Provider - Design Services
- Service Provider - Testing
- Supplier
- User - Consumer
- User - Industrial
- User - Other



The way to move forward is to stop making changes



Thanks!