

Proposed changes to the Constitution

These notes should be read in conjunction with the revised Constitution that is posted on our website.

The major changes made to the Constitution are:

3.2, 4.

Eligibility widened to include all Commonwealth, State or Territory public service superannuants, working or retired.

6.1.

Minimum numbers of women and men on the Committee removed as this may not be possible, instead it says the Association should try and achieve a gender balance on the Committee.

6.2.

‘As far as possible’ added since it may not be possible to fill all the positions.

Communications Manager added to list of officers.

Explanatory notes added: not all positions need be filled; one person may hold more than one position.

6.4.

No limits on numbers of State and Commonwealth members on Committee, the Association should try and achieve a balance of these.

8.1.

Methods of payment streamlined, “negotiable instruments” (e.g. money orders) removed; payment by EFT added. Committee may add authorised signatories as it sees fit.

8.3.

Outstanding service to the Association may be rewarded by a gift.

11.3.

At least three weeks’ notice of a Special General Meeting must be given, not two weeks as at present.

12.2.

Nominations from the floor permitted for committee positions for which no nominations have been received.

14.1, 16

The president is authorised to delegate his powers.

15.1, 15.2, 15.6.

Proxy votes not permitted, but people attending by phone or video may vote.

15.5.

In tied votes the motion is not passed. Casting vote by President or Chairman no longer permitted.

15.7.

At General or Special General Meetings, a 2/3 vote now needed to pass (or defeat) a motion; with a vote of less than 2/3 but greater than 1/2 the resolution must be referred back to the Committee.

21.4.

The Membership Secretary may refer to the Committee any membership applicant whose eligibility he has reason to question.

22.4.

Communications Manager and his or her duties added.