

Proposed Association Rule Changes

The Committee has responded to member feedback and propose a number of administrative and procedural changes to the Rule of Association. They are detailed below. Importantly, we propose to clarify the issue of awards including Life Membership. The other substantive change, following member input, is to effectively encourage a turnover of the Presidency to encourage terms of no greater than 3 years.

The Committee does not consider these changes to be controversial and recommend their adoption to members. Whilst the Committee believes these changes to be minimal, should members have questions, we would be more than happy to discuss these changes.

Items in **RED** are proposed changes

Change 1:

4 Membership, entry fees and subscription

(13) The entrance fee is the relevant amount set by the Committee from time to time.

Delete clause

(13) The annual subscription fee is the relevant amount **set by the Committee from time to time for the defined categories in subrule (8)** and is payable in advance on the anniversary date of membership each year.

Change 2:

19 Proxies

(1) Each member is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

(2) The notice appointing the proxy must be—

(a) for a meeting of the Association convened under rule 7(7), in the form set out in

Appendix 2; or

Change 3:

21 Office holders

(6) The maximum continuous term of President shall not exceed 3 years unless there is no additional nomination for the office of President

Change 4:

23 Election of committee members

(1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the committee must be—

(a) made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and

(b) delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.

Change 5:

34 Notice to members

- (c) **electronic transmission, if the member has issued an email address for inclusion in the members' register.**

Change 6:

38 Life Membership and Awards

The Association may confer **the honour of Life Membership of the Association or other approved award upon a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association. The Committee of Management shall prescribe the manner in which such awards will be conferred from time to time.**

- (2) Life Membership shall entitle the recipient to full membership rights for the remainder of their life including the right to vote and to stand for office in accordance with rules of the Association. **Delete clause**

- (3) All nominations for Life Membership must be signed by at least five (5) members of the Association and presented to the Committee of Management for ratification. Presentations of Life Membership will be made at the Annual General Meeting each year.

Delete clause

Change 7:

39 Sub-Committees and Groups

- (3) Each Sub-committee **or Group** is to have **a Manager** / Convenor who may, on mutual agreement, be: (a) nominated by the members of such Sub-committee **or Group**, or
- (4) Each Sub-committee **or Group** is to operate entirely in accordance with:
 - (a) relevant legislative requirements
 - (b) Rules of the Association, and the Community Broadcasting Code of Practice
- (5) Each Sub-committee **or Group** will be subject to the policies and procedures of the Association, but may make recommendations to the Committee on more efficient means of operating within such existing policies and procedures.
- (6) Each Sub-committee will comprise, within its structure, at least one but not more than two members of the Committee.

Each Group shall comprise the number of members considered necessary to meet the Group objective.

- (7) At the discretion of any Sub-committee **or Group**, other persons may be co-opted for specific purposes to achieve the directed objectives of such Sub-committee
- (9) Unless otherwise directed by the Committee, each Sub-committee **or Group** must provide for each Committee meeting either:
 - (a) a copy of the Minutes and Recommendations of the previous Sub-committee meeting, or
 - (b) a current, accurate summarised report of the Sub-committee **or Group** activities.