

## Changes to the Constitution – September 2020

	CHANGES TO CONTENT
Rule 1	<p>Adds the purpose of the association – as required by the Act 2012</p> <p>And makes some changes to the purpose of the association (thus the purpose will need to be revised on the website and in other documentation)</p> <p>Also adds the Code of Conduct with changes</p>
Rule 2	<p>Updates the name of the Act</p> <p>Adds definition of ‘in writing’ as being by email, unless otherwise specified.</p> <p>Aligns the use of the term Secretary of the Association with the role which is required by the Registrar of the Associations Act and clarifies that the role is nominated by the Committee not elected by the members: <i>In these Rules, a reference to the Secretary of an Association is a reference to the person, who upon his/her election to the committee, has been allocated the duties under these Rules as Secretary of the Association.</i></p>
Rule 3	Clarifies that alteration of rules must be approved by special resolution at a general meeting
Rule 4	Adds that committee cannot unreasonably withhold membership application approval, deletes entrance fee, clarifies the membership application process, and committee’s obligation if it rejects a member’s application, and that membership is only open to individuals (thus will need to change the online form accordingly)
Rule 5	Due to privacy concerns, deleted subsection that allows members to make a copy of entries in the membership register.
Rule 6	<p>Defines member’s resignation to include: <i>A member is taken to have resigned if the member’s annual subscription is more than 12 months in arrears (as per model rule 17.2)</i></p> <p>Clarifies that a suspension or expulsion according to Rule 7 is to be recorded automatically in the membership register as that person having ceased membership</p>
Rule 7	<p>Changes the reasons why a member could be disciplined – deletes ‘<i>conduct unbecoming a member</i>’ and adds ‘<i>refused or neglected to support the purposes of the Association</i>’</p> <p>Deleted \$500 fine</p>
Rule 8	Clarifies the nature of disputes (i.e deleted disputes between member and member) and appointment of mediator
Rule 11	Deleted reference to entrance fee
Rule 12	Clarifies that notice of general meeting will be sent by email, and the contents of that notice to include the nature of the special resolution, if one is required.
Rule 13	<p>Changes quorum at a general meeting from five members to 10% of members</p> <p>Adds the use of technology for member attendance at general meetings</p>
Rule 16	Clarifies that a member is entitled to vote <i>if their annual membership is up to date in respect of the current financial year, unless otherwise notified or modified by the Committee in the general notice issued ahead of the general meeting</i>
Rule 17	Deleted rule relating to Poll at a general meeting. Deemed not relevant
Rule 18, 19	Renumbered as Rule 17 and 18, respectively
Rule 18	Limits to three the number of proxies any one member can bring to a general meeting
Rule 19	New rule added regarding the General Rights of Members.
Rule 20	Clarifies that the role that was previously described as public officer is now, under the new Act 2012, the Secretary of the Association - a statutory role that can be held by any member of the committee.

Rule 21	Adds the special condition that the vacancy of a Secretary of the Association must be filled within 14 days, and the Registrar informed of the new appointment within 14 days and clarifies the conditions under which such a vacancy might arise.
Rule 23	A change to the election of officers allows a candidate to <i>nominate for one or more positions on the committee (as executive or ordinary member of the committee) prior to the annual general meeting</i> , and specifies that <i>he/she can only be elected to one position</i> .
Rule 24	Adds two further reasons to vacancy on the Committee (Executive and Ordinary Members) – <i>fails to attend 3 consecutive committee meetings without leave of absence; and otherwise ceases to be a committee member by operation of section 78 of the Act (and Rule 30)</i> .
Rule 25	Adds the use of technology for committee member attendance at committee meetings
Rule 34	Adds use of email as a means by which to notify members
Rule 36	Adds conditions under which the Association can refuse inspection of books by a member and changes what a member can copy. Previously <i>any accounts, books, securities, and any other relevant documents of the association</i> could be copied. We now limit this to <i>copies of minutes of general meetings, including financial statements submitted at a general meeting</i> .
Rule 40	Removes honorary from auditor.
Appendix 1, 2, 3	Deleted three forms – Application of Membership, Proxy for Special Meeting to Expel Member and Proxy for General meeting. These forms are/will be available online. They do not need to be in the Constitution.