Constitution Changes



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Overview

Last year at Annual Conference we made changes to the Constitution to bring it in line with requirements for the Incorporated Societies Act changes. In making changes to such a complex document there were some things missed.

Some of the changes correct omissions from previous years and tidy up language.

Recommendations

1. That the paper be received.
2. That rule 3(a) be changed from:

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3. That rule 16(i) be changed from:

   16 (i) Shall not later than the thirty-first day of May each year forward to the Secretary the names of the Branch Sub-Committee Chairperson and Branch Sub-Committee Secretary thereof for the then current financial year.

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4. That rule 24(i) be changed from:

   24 (i) Before the end of the preceding Association year each Regional Sub-Committee shall elect its Chairperson, Regional Sub-Committee Secretary, Regional Sub-Committee Financial Liaison person, Te Reo a Rohe, an Establishing Teachers' Representative and Women's Coordinator (who shall be a woman), and subject to Rule 25(i), a Pasifika Coordinator PROVIDED that Te Reo a Rohe shall be elected by the Māori electoral roll for the Region, the Establishing Teachers' Representative by the Establishing Teachers' Network and the Pasifika Coordinator by the Pasifika electoral roll for the Region; PROVIDED also that all such elections be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Rules 58-71 modified as necessary for such regional elections.

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5. That rule 25(i) be changed from:

25.(i) The Committee of the Regional Sub-Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Regional Secretary, a Financial Liaison person, a Women's Coordinator (who shall be a woman), an Establishing Teachers' Representative, any Te Reo a Rohe and Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake representatives within the Region (and in the case of the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Region two representatives from each Ward elected by the members in the respective Wards), where there is a Pasifika network in the region a Pasifika Coordinator (who shall be of Pasifika descent), members of the Executive teaching in or representing such Region who shall be Regional Vice-chairpersons by right of office together.

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6. That rule 26 be changed from:

26.(i) The Regional Sub-Committee Chairperson shall be Chairperson of the Regional Sub-Committee and Chairperson of the Regional Sub-Committee thereof and shall be responsible for the general supervision of the affairs of the Regional Sub-Committee.

(ii) The Regional Sub-Committee Secretary:

(a) Shall act as Secretary of the Regional Sub-Committee.

(b) Shall conduct all correspondence between the Regional Sub-Committee and the Secretary of the Association and between the Regional Sub-Committee and the Branch Sub-Committees in its Region

(c) Shall see that all meetings notices returns and other acts and things required by these Rules or by the Executive are duly summoned given and done.

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7. That rule 27(i) be changed from:

27.(i) Each Regional Sub-Committee shall not later than the fifteenth day of February each year forward to the Secretary of the Association a statement of the names of the roles of the Regional Sub-Committee for the then current financial year.

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8. That rule 38(iii) be changed from:

38.(iii) The Executive shall have the power to and may from time to time appoint and remove agents' delegates and Committees and may delegate to them either generally or for a particular purpose or time the full powers or part of the powers of the Executive in relation to any matter without prejudice to its own superior power.

TO:

38.(iii) The Executive shall have the power to and may from time to time appoint and remove agents' delegates and sub-committees and may delegate to them either generally or for a particular purpose or time the full powers or part of the powers of the Executive in relation to any matter without prejudice to its own superior power.

9. That rule 47(iv) be changed from:

47.(iv)(c) Such ballot shall be in the form of a motion of no-confidence in the Executive member or members shall be conducted in the same manner as Executive elections provided for under rules 58-71 and shall be held within twenty-eight days of receipt by the Secretary of the Region's request.

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47.(iv)(c) Such ballot shall be in the form of a motion of no-confidence in the Executive member or members shall be conducted in the same manner as Executive elections provided for under rules 58-71 and shall be held within twenty-eight days of receipt by the Secretary of the Association of the Region's request.

10. That rule 50(i) be changed from:

    50.(i) The Secretary shall prepare and keep a roll containing:

    (a) The names of the members of the Executive.

    (b) The names of the representatives appointed by each Regional Committee.

    TO:

    50.(i) The Secretary shall prepare and keep a roll containing:

    (a) The names of the members of the Executive.

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11. That rule 51 be changed from:

    51.(i) Each Regional Sub-Committee shall, after calling for nominations from among the full members in its region, elect its representatives to any annual or special conference by a secret ballot conducted in branches of the region.

    (ii) The Secretary of such Regional Sub-Committee shall forthwith upon the completion of such election notify the Secretary of the Association in writing of the election of such representatives and such notification shall unless the Executive shall in any case or cases otherwise determine be conclusive evidence of every such election and of its validity.

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12. That rule 86(iv) be changed from:

    86.(iv) All other notices required or authorised by these Rules to be given shall be so given by the posting thereof to the Secretaries of Branches and to the Secretaries of Regional Organisations.

    TO:

    86.(iv) All other notices required or authorised by these Rules to be given shall be so given by the posting thereof to the branch sub-committee secretaries and to the regional sub-committee secretaries.

13. That rule 88 be changed from:

    88.(i) Every full member of the Association shall be entitled to a copy of these Rules and any amendments on request PROVIDED that new full members shall be furnished with a copy of these Rules by the Secretary or other officer of the Branch upon joining the Association.

    (ii) Any amendments to these rules shall be furnished to full members within 30 days after the day upon which the amendments were made.

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(iii) For the avoidance of doubt, a copy of these Rules and/or any amendments to these Rules provided under Rule 88 (i) and/or Rule 88 (ii) above may be furnished by the Association's chosen means of communication, including, without limitation, in electronic form and/or by electronic means.

14. That rule 89 be changed from:

89.(i) These Rules or any of them may be added to deleted from repealed rescinded amended or altered (hereinafter collectively referred to as an alteration) by resolution of any Annual Conference or Special Conference of the Association PROVIDED that at least one calendar month's notice in writing of intention to propose such alteration shall have been given to each Branch before the meeting at which the proposal is made.

(ii) No proposal for the alteration of any Rule or Rules shall be deemed to have been carried at any such meeting unless it shall have been approved by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

TO:

89.(i) These Rules or any of them may be added to, deleted from, repealed, rescinded, amended, or altered (hereinafter collectively referred to as an alteration) by resolution of any Annual Conference or Special Conference of the Association PROVIDED that at least one calendar month's notice in writing of intention to propose such alteration shall have been given to each Branch before the meeting at which the proposal is made.

(ii) No proposal for the alteration of any Rule or Rules shall be deemed to have been carried at any such meeting unless it shall have been approved by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

(iii) When an alteration to the Constitution is approved under these Rules it shall be notified to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies in the form and manner specified in the Act for registration and shall take effect from the date of registration on the Incorporated Societies Register. Until then, the existing registered Constitution applies.

15. That rule 28 be changed from:

28. The Executive may at any time in such manner as it may deem fit:

(i) Conduct an examination of the affairs of the Regional Sub-Committee or appoint a Committee to make such examination and to report thereon to the Executive.

(ii) Convene a special general meeting of the Regional Sub-Committee for any stated purpose.

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28. The Executive may at any time in such manner as it may deem fit:

(i) Conduct an examination of the affairs of the Regional Sub-Committee or appoint a Committee to make such examination and to report thereon to the Executive.

(ii) Convene a meeting of the Regional Sub-Committee for any stated purpose.

16. That rule 58(ii) be changed from:

58.(ii) Full members in each such Electoral Area shall vote for one (1) position on the Executive EXCEPT that members in (k) Wellington/Marlborough and (m) Canterbury shall vote for two (2) positions thereon.

TO:

58.(ii) Full members in each such Electoral Area shall vote for one (1) position on the Executive EXCEPT that members in (k) Wellington/Marlborough and (m) Waitaha Canterbury shall vote for two (2) positions thereon.

17. That rule 33 be changed from:

TE ROOPU MATUA

33. (i) Te Roopu Matua shall be established as the premier partnership forum within the Association to inform both Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake and the Executive as to how to give best effect to the constitutional object of affirming and advancing Te Tiriti o Waitangi [Rule 4(c)].

(ii) The membership of Te Roopu Matua shall comprise the Kaumatua and Whaea elected as provided by Rule 77 hereof, the President, the Secretary, three members of the Executive elected by the Executive and three members of Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake elected by Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake.

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(ii) The membership of Te Roopu Matua shall comprise the Kaumatua and Whaea elected as provided by Rule 77 hereof, the President, the Māori Vice-President, the Secretary, three members of the Executive elected by the Executive and three members of Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake elected by Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake.

18. That rule 106(a) be changed from:

106. At all times each Officer:

a) shall act in good faith and in what he or she believes to be the best interests of the Association,

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19. That rule 63(i) be changed from:

63.(i) All nominations must be in writing made and signed by at least two full members, or in the case of the office of Māori Vice-President signed by at least two full members on the Māori electoral roll, and signed by the nominee in token of nominees acceptance and shall otherwise be void.

TO:

63.(i) All nominations must be made through the official process and supported by at least two full members, or in the case of the office of Māori Vice-President supported by at least two full members on the Māori electoral roll, and submitted by the nominee in token of nominees acceptance and shall otherwise be void.

20. That rule 3(a) be changed from:

Definitions

3(a) "Vice-President" shall mean "the Junior Vice-President, the Immediate Past-President, the Māori Vice-President of the Association".

TO:

Definitions

3(a) "Vice-President" shall mean "the Junior Vice-President, the Senior Vice-President (who shall be the Immediate Past-President), the Māori Vice-President of the Association".

21. That rule 45(i) be changed from:

45.(i) The President and Junior Vice-President and members of the Executive of the Association shall be elected annually by means of a secret ballot of the full members to be conducted according to Rules 58-71, provided that no member may serve a total of more than four years as President.

(ii) The Māori Vice-President shall be elected annually by means of a secret ballot of the full members on the Māori Electoral Roll to be conducted according to Rules 58-71, provided that no member may serve a total of more than four years as President.

(iii) The Immediate Past-President shall be the member who last held the office of President of the Association (and for the purposes of this Constitution this office shall be deemed to be the office of a Vice-president of the Association).

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22. That rule 116-126 be changed from:

DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

116. A dispute and complaint are defined in the Definition section of the Rules.

117. A Member or an Officer may make a complaint by giving to the Executive (or a complaints Sub-Committee) a notice in writing that—

a) states that the Member or Officer is starting a procedure for resolving a dispute in accordance with the Association 's Constitution; and

b) sets out the allegation(s) to which the dispute relates and whom the allegation or allegations is or are against; and

c) sets out any other information or allegations reasonably required by the Association.

118. The Association may make a complaint involving an allegation against a Member or an Officer by giving to the Member or Officer a notice in writing that—

a) states that the Association is starting a procedure for resolving a dispute in accordance with the Association 's Constitution; and

b) sets out the allegation to which the dispute relates.

119. The information setting out the allegations must be sufficiently detailed to ensure that a person against whom an allegation or allegations is made is fairly advised of the allegation or allegations concerning them, with sufficient details given to enable that person to prepare a response.

120. A complaint may be made in any other reasonable manner permitted by the Association's Constitution.

121. All Members (including the Executive) are obliged to cooperate to resolve disputes efficiently, fairly, and with minimum disruption to the Association's activities.

122. The complainant raising a dispute, and the Executive, must consider and discuss whether a dispute may best be resolved through informal discussions, mediation, arbitration, or a tikanga-based practice. Where mediation or arbitration is agreed on, the parties will sign a suitable mediation or arbitration agreement.

How complaint is made

123. A Member or an Officer may make a complaint by giving to the Executive (or a complaints subcommittee) a notice in writing that—

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23. That rules 127-139 be renumbered as appropriate (from 127-139 to 123-135).

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1 Introduction

1.1 Last year at Annual Conference we made changes to the Constitution to bring it in line with requirements for the Incorporated Societies Act changes. In making changes to such a complex document there were some things missed.

1.2 Some of the changes correct omissions from previous years and tidy up language.

1.3 **Proposed Constitution Changes**

1.3.1 This paper does not propose any changes to the constitution that would alter how the Association operates. For clarity the tracked changes are included in the body of the paper, but the recommendations require the changes to be in the format of:

- Statement of the current rule.
- Statement of the proposed changed wording.

2 Proposed Changes to the Constitution

2.1 To ensure all references to region and branch include the term sub-committee and correct sub-committee secretary references to a 's' to make a clearer distinction from the Secretary of the Association which is defined by Secretary. Also creation of more clarity around the difference between the Association Year and the Financial Year:

Definitions:

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purpose or time the full powers or part of the powers of the Executive in relation to any matter without prejudice to its own superior power.

47. (iv) (c) Such ballot shall be in the form of a motion of no-confidence in the Executive member or members shall be conducted in the same manner as Executive elections provided for under rules 58-71 and shall be held within twenty-eight days of receipt by the Secretary of the Association of the Region's request.

50. (i) The Secretary shall prepare and keep a roll containing:

(a) The names of the members of the Executive.

(b) The names of the representatives appointed by each regional sub-committee.

51. (i) Each Regional Sub-Committee shall, after calling for nominations from among the full members in its region, elect its representatives to any annual or special conference by a secret ballot conducted in branches of the region.

(ii) The secretary of such Regional Sub-Committee shall forthwith upon the completion of such election notify the Secretary of the Association in writing of the election of such representatives and such notification shall unless the Executive shall in any case or cases otherwise determine be conclusive evidence of every such election and of its validity.

86. (iv) All other notices required or authorised by these Rules to be given shall be so given by the posting thereof to the branch sub-committee secretaries and to the regional sub-committee secretaries.

2.2 This change aligns our current practice and the Constitution, and provides absolute clarity about how we furnish members with the rules.

88. (i) Every full member of the Association shall be entitled to a copy of these Rules and any amendments on request PROVIDED that new full members shall be furnished with a copy of these Rules by the Secretary or other officer of the Branch upon joining the Association.

(ii) Any amendments to these rules shall be furnished to full members within 30 days after the day upon which the amendments were made.

(iii) For the avoidance of doubt, a copy of these Rules and/or any amendments to these Rules provided under Rule 88 (i) and/or Rule 88 (ii) above may be furnished by the Association's chosen means of communication, including, without limitation, in electronic form and/or by electronic means.

2.3 This change reflects the process requiring approval by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies before any constitutional changes come into effect.

89. (i) These Rules or any of them may be added to, deleted from, repealed, rescinded, amended, or altered (hereinafter collectively referred to as an alteration) by resolution of any Annual Conference or Special Conference of the Association PROVIDED that at least one calendar month's notice in writing of intention to propose such alteration shall have been given to each Branch before the meeting at which the proposal is made.

(ii) No proposal for the alteration of any Rule or Rules shall be deemed to have been carried at any such meeting unless it shall have been approved by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

(iii) When an alteration to the Constitution is approved under these Rules it shall be notified to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies in the form and manner specified in the Act for registration and shall take effect from the date of registration on the Incorporated Societies Register. Until then, the existing registered Constitution applies.

2.4 As regions no longer have an AGM, then cannot really call an SGM. Suggest the following change:

28. The Executive may at any time in such manner as it may deem fit:

(i) Conduct an examination of the affairs of the Regional Sub-Committee or appoint a Committee to make such examination and to report thereon to the Executive.

(ii) Convene a meeting of the Regional Sub-Committee for any stated purpose.

2.5 Correction not made when Canterbury became Waitaha Canterbury:

58. (ii) Full members in each such Electoral Area shall vote for one (1) position on the Executive EXCEPT that members in (k) Wellington/Marlborough and (m) Waitaha Canterbury shall vote for two (2) positions thereon.

2.6 To correct the omission of the role of Māori Vice-President from Te Roopū Matua when the MVP role was created:

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33. (i) Te Roopu Matua shall be established as the premier partnership forum within the Association to inform both Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake and the Executive as to how to give best effect to the constitutional object of affirming and advancing Te Tiriti o Waitangi [Rule 4(c)].

(ii) The membership of Te Roopu Matua shall comprise the Kaumatua and Whaea elected as provided by Rule 77 hereof, the President, the Māori Vice-President, the Secretary, three members of the Executive elected by the Executive and three members of Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake elected by Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake.

2.7 To correct an instance of gendered language that crept in last year from the Incorporated Societies changes:

106. At all times each Officer:

a) shall act in good faith and in what they believe to be the best interests of the Association,

2.8 To allow an online nomination process for Executive positions:

63. (i) All nominations must be made through the official process and supported by at least two full members, or in the case of the office of Māori Vice-President supported by at least two full members on the Māori electoral roll, and submitted by the nominee in token of nominees acceptance and shall otherwise be void.

2.9 Modify for Clarity:

Definitions

3(a) "Vice-President" shall mean "the Junior Vice-President, the Senior Vice-President (who shall be the Immediate Past-President), the Māori Vice-President of the Association".

45. (i) The President and Junior Vice-President and members of the Executive of the Association shall be elected annually by means of a secret ballot of the full members to be conducted according to Rules 58-71, provided that no member may serve a total of more than four years as President.

(ii) The Māori Vice-President shall be elected annually by means of a secret ballot of the full members on the Māori Electoral Roll to be conducted according to Rules 58-71.

(iii) The Senior Vice-President shall be the Immediate Past-President, that is the member who last held the office of President of the Association.

2.10. Delete duplication and subsequent renumbering of clauses beyond:

DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

116. A dispute and complaint are defined in the Definition section of the Rules.

117. All Members (including the Executive) are obliged to cooperate to resolve disputes efficiently, fairly, and with minimum disruption to the Association's activities.

118. The complainant raising a dispute, and the Executive, must consider and discuss whether a dispute may best be resolved through informal discussions, mediation, arbitration, or a tikanga-based practice. Where mediation or arbitration is agreed on, the parties will sign a suitable mediation or arbitration agreement.

How complaint is made

119. A Member or an Officer may make a complaint by giving to the Executive (or a complaints subcommittee) a notice in writing that—

a) states that the Member or Officer is starting a procedure for resolving a dispute in accordance with the Association's Constitution; and

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Plus renumbering of the clauses that follow.