

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES APPROVED BY COM MAY 2018

These changes have been necessitated by the removal of the *Associate* category of members. They involve deletion of reference to *Associate* membership. Other changes are additions to do with nominations for/and notifications of AGM Annual General Meeting

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EXISTING

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Any person of mature years who supports the purposes of the Association and is not working full-time, is eligible for membership.

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(a) **Full Status Member** (member who pays full fees, has full voting rights and can be elected to the committee

~~(b) **Associate Member** (Members who are already full, financial members of another U3A branch, pay a discounted membership fee, has no voting rights and cannot be elected to the Committee of Management)~~

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EXISTING

P 8 13 ~~— Associate~~ or Academic Member or Honorary Life Member

- (1) ~~An Associate member of the Association is —~~
 - ~~a) any member who has shown evidence that they are a full member of another U3A association; and~~
 - b) any other category of member as determined by special resolution at a general meeting.
- (2) An Academic member of the Association is any member who has joined as an active, current class leader or Tutor and does not wish to become a Full Status Member or Associate Member.

- (3) An Honorary Life Member is any member who has been Awarded an honorary life membership at a general meeting for exceptional service, in accordance with the policy of the Association regarding Awards and Recognition; and has full voting rights and can be elected to the Committee of Management.

~~An Associate Member or Academic Member is not entitled to voting rights or to be elected to the Committee of Management.~~

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PART 4—GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

30 Annual general meetings

- (1) The Committee must convene an annual general meeting of the Association to be held within 5 months after the end of each financial year.
- (2) The Committee may determine the date, time and place of the annual general meeting.
- (4) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows—
- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then;
 - (b) to receive and consider—
 - (i) the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and

- (ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;
 - (c) to elect the members of the Committee.
- (5) The annual general meeting may also conduct any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.

ADD TO EXISTING

- (6) Notice of the Annual General Meeting should be given not less than four weeks before the meeting date.
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Exiting Wording

P 20 53 Election of ordinary members

- (1) The annual general meeting must by resolution decide any change in the number of ordinary members of the Committee of Management (if any) it wishes to hold office for the next year.
- (2) The Committee of Management shall be composed of office bearers as listed in Rule 52 (1) plus 12 ordinary members.
A single election may be held to fill all of those positions.
- (3) If the number of members nominated for the position of ordinary committee member is less than or equal to the number to be elected, the Chairperson of the meeting must declare each of those members to be elected to the position.
- (4) If the number of members nominated exceeds the number to be elected, a vote by a show of hands will be taken.

ADD TO THIS

- (5) Nominations must be called for at least three weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- (6) Nominations must be delivered to the Secretary not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting date.
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