



Irwin Districts Historical Society Inc
54th Management Committee

AGENDA
Special General Meeting
10:30am, 13 June 2019
Day Room, Old Police Station, Dongara

- **Committee meeting, 9:00am – 10:00am**
 - **Morning Tea – all members welcome, 10:00am – 10:30am**
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Special General Meeting
commences 10:30am

1. Opening and apologies

2. Purpose of meeting

This Special General Meeting has been convened by the Committee under Part 6, Section 2, rule 1 of the constitution to consider the following proposed special resolution to make the amendments to the constitution set out in the attachment.

Under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*, a special resolution is required to be passed by the votes of not less than three-fourths of the members of the association who cast a vote at the meeting. The quorum for a special general meeting is eight members.

Constitutional amendments, proposed special resolution

Moved Bruce Baskerville, seconded Graham Grundy

THAT this special general meeting passes by special resolution, under Part 6, Section 3, of the constitution and section 51 of the Act, the amendments to the rules of the Association (adopted on 4 May 2018) as specified in Attachment A.

3. Closure of special general meeting

Informal general discussion of Denison Hall and other topical issues.



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Attachment A: Proposed Amendments to the IDHS Constitution

Resolution of the committee made on 17 May 2019:

R54/42: THAT the committee recommends to the next special general meeting that it consider, and if thought fit, pass by special resolution, such amendments to the rules of the Association (adopted on 4 May 2018) as are specified in attachment A, document titled 'Proposed Amendments to IDHS Constitution'.

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OBJECTIVES		
<p>Part 1, Preliminary, Rule 7 Terms Used</p> <p>member means a person (including a body corporate) who is an ordinary member or an associate member of the Association;</p> <p>ordinary committee member means a committee member who is not an office holder of the Association under rule 27(3);</p> <p>rules means these rules of the Association, as in force for the time being;</p>	<p>Section X, 'Definitions'</p> <p>emblem means any distinctive symbol, badge, logo or heraldic device adopted by a general meeting to represent the Society;</p> <p>member means a person (including a body corporate) who is member of the Association in any class on membership;</p> <p>general committee member means a committee member who is not an office holder of the Association under rule 27(3);</p> <p>honours means any thing conferred on a person by the Society as a sign of distinction and respect.</p> <p>rules means these rules of the Association, as in force for the time being, and titled the Constitution of the Society;</p> <p>Society means the Association named the Irwin Districts Historical Society Inc that is constituted by these rules;</p> <p>subscription means the contribution paid in advance, annually or otherwise, by each member for their membership of the Association;</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to include additional definitions where useful, and to make sure the definitions are consistent with the actual words used in the constitution.</p>
<p>Part 1 Preliminary, Rule 2 Objectives of Association</p> <p>(1) Encourage the study and writing of the history of the Irwin District.</p>	<p>X. Objectives of the Association</p> <p>I. To encourage the study and writing of the history of the Irwin Districts.</p> <p>II. To maintain the identity of the Irwin Districts by</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to enhance the Objects of the Society by:</p> <p>a) generally tidy-up the grammar, and</p>



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(2) To maintain the identity of the Irwin District by preservation and restoration of buildings and settings of historical significance.	preservation and restoration of buildings and settings of historical significance.	b) separate objective 11 into two separate objectives
(3) To encourage the use of sympathetic architectural patterns when new buildings are constructed.	III. To encourage the use of sympathetic architectural patterns when new buildings are constructed.	
(4) To discourage the disfigurement of premises, streets and open places by unsightly and inappropriate advertisements, poles, wires and unseemly structures.	IV. To discourage the disfigurement of premises, streets and open places by unsightly and inappropriate advertisements, poles, wires and unseemly structures.	
(5) To encourage the conservation of aspects of the natural environment as it affects the character of the Shire of Irwin.	V. To encourage the conservation of aspects of the natural environment as it affects the character of the Shire of Irwin.	
(6) Collect, classify and preserve records and objects relating to the history of the Irwin District. Records may include physical and digital records.	VI. To collect, classify and preserve records and objects relating to the history of the Irwin Districts. Records may include physical and digital records.	
(7) Publish articles and selected records in special bulletins, or in an official journal of the Society or by any other method approved by the Society.	VII. To publish articles and selected records in special bulletins, or in an official journal of the Society or by any other method approved by the Society.	
(8) Exchange information among members of the Society, by lectures, readings, discussions and public exhibitions of historical materials.	VIII. To exchange information among members of the Society, by lectures, readings, discussions and public exhibitions of historical materials.	
(9) Promote public interest in and support for the preservation of historical relics, including buildings and sites, the recognition of notable anniversaries in Irwin District and Western Australian history, and the erection of memorials to outstanding persons and events.	IX. To promote public interest in and support for the preservation of historical relics, including buildings and sites, the recognition of notable anniversaries in Irwin Districts' and Western Australian history, and the erection of memorials to outstanding persons and events.	
(10) The founding, subsidising or contributing to scholarships or prizes to promote this object	X. The founding, subsidising or contributing to	
(11) Establish and maintain a library, reading room, historical museum and Web		



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<p>presence. To join with other associations having similar objectives to pursue common aims.</p> <p>(12) To recognise and honour achievement in advancing these objectives or for outstanding contribution to the study and writing of Irwin Districts and other histories.</p>	<p>scholarships or prizes to promote these objectives</p> <p>XI. To establish and maintain a library, reading room, historical museum and Web presence.</p> <p>XII. To join with other associations having similar objectives to pursue common aims.</p> <p>XIII. To recognise and honour achievement in advancing these objectives or for outstanding contribution to the study and writing of Irwin Districts and other histories.</p>	
MEMBERSHIP		
<p>Part 3, Rule 6 Classes of membership</p> <p>(1) The Association consists of ordinary members and any associate members provided for under subrule (2).</p> <p>(2) The Association may have any class of associate membership approved by resolution at a general meeting, including junior membership, senior membership, honorary membership and life membership.</p> <p>(3) An individual who has not reached the age of 15 years is only eligible to be an associate member.</p> <p>(4) A person can only be an ordinary member or belong to one class of associate membership.</p> <p>(5) An ordinary member has full voting rights and any other rights conferred on members by these rules or approved by resolution at a general meeting or determined by the committee.</p> <p>(6) An associate member has the rights referred to in subrule (5) other than full voting rights.</p>	<p>Section X Classes of membership</p> <p>1. The Association consists of its members, in such classes of membership as provided for under subrule (2).</p> <p>2. The Association has the following classes of membership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Associate b. Ordinary c. Household d. Honorary Life e. Fellow f. Corporate <p>3. A person can only belong to one class of membership at any one time.</p> <p>4. The number of members of any class, except the Honorary Life and Fellow classes, is not limited.</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>create a new class of membership called Household member</u>, and generally to clarify this whole section and make it more easily understandable.</p> <p>Committee meeting, 29/11/18, R54/11 "Include provision for a Household class of membership, defined as two or more persons residing at the same address, and that a Household membership will have the right to one vote at general meetings, and further that upon such a membership class coming into operation, recommends the committee determine an annual membership subscription of twenty dollars."</p>



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(7) The number of members of any class is not limited unless otherwise approved by resolution at a general meeting.		
<p>Rule 7 Membership Classes There shall be the following class of members for the Society:</p> <p>(1) Ordinary members</p> <p>(2) Honorary Life Members: It should be competent for the Society to recommend to the Annual General Meeting for the election of an Honorary Life Member, any person who has rendered valuable service in furthering the objects of the Society, the election to be decided by a majority vote of members present. Honorary Life Members shall be exempt from the payment of fees and contributions and shall have all the rights and privileges of an ordinary member and be entitled to use the customary manner the post-nominal designation IDHS (Hon)</p> <p>(3) Fellowship: It shall be competent for the Society to recommend to the Annual General Meeting the conferring of the Fellowship of the Society for distinguished original research in the field of Irwin District history or other literary work of outstanding value to the Society. Every Fellow of the Society shall receive a certificate under the seal of the Society, stating the date and purpose for which the Honour of the Fellowship was conferred. A Fellow shall have the rights of ordinary members and be entitled to use in the customary manner the post nominal letters FIDHS</p> <p>(4) Corporate: any entity as defined in section 24(1) of the Act or any other body registered under the</p>	<p>Section X Definition of classes of membership Each class of membership is defined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Associate: any person who is below 18 years of age 2. Ordinary: any person who is not a member in any other class of membership. 3. Household: any two or more persons residing at the same address. 4. Honorary Life: any member <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. who has rendered valuable service in furthering the objectives of the Society, and b. who has been recommended by the committee to an annual general meeting for election as an Honorary Life Member, and c. whose election has been decided by a majority vote of members present. 5. Fellow: any person <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who has produced distinguished original research in the field of Irwin Districts or Westralian history or other literary work of outstanding value to the community, and b. Who has been recommend by the committee to an annual general meeting for election as a Fellow of the Society, and c. whose election has been decided by a majority vote of members present. 6. The membership class of any member elected to an Honorary Life membership 	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>clearly define the different classes of membership, including Household membership.</u></p> <p><i>Note: s24(1) of the Act defines the following types of corporate member:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) An incorporated association; (b) a company limited by guarantee that is registered as mentioned in the Corporations Act section 150; (c) a company holding a licence that continues in force under the Corporations Act section 151; (d) a body corporate that at the time of the distribution is the holder of a licence under the Charitable Collections Act 1946; (e) a body corporate that — <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) is a member or former member of the incorporated association; and (ii) at the time of the distribution of surplus property, has rules that prevent the distribution of property to its members; (f) a trustee for a body corporate referred to in paragraph (e); (g) a co-operative registered under the Co-operatives



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<p>Corporations Act that is not eligible for the rights conferred under section 6(5) of these Rules.</p> <p>(5) The rights and responsibilities of a new member are to participate in activities of the Society, attend meetings and to vote on matters pertaining to the Society.</p>	<p>or Fellowship terminates and is superseded by their new class of membership as from the date of their election to that new class.</p> <p>7. Corporate: any entity as defined in section 24(1) of the Act or any other body registered under the Corporations Act.</p>	<p><i>Act 2009 that, at the time of the distribution of surplus property, is a non-distributing co-operative as defined in that Act.</i></p>
<p>Various sub-sections or sub-rules of Sections 6 and 7</p>	<p>Section X Rights and responsibilities of classes of membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The rights and responsibilities of any member are to participate in Society activities, attend Society meetings and events, receive Society publications and, unless otherwise specified in this section, to vote on matters pertaining to the Society. 2. Associate: an Associate member is <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. not entitled to vote, b. is not eligible for election to the committee, c. but otherwise has the same rights and responsibilities as an Ordinary member. 3. Ordinary: an Ordinary member has full voting rights and any other rights, privileges and responsibilities conferred on members by these rules or approved by resolution at a general meeting or determined by the committee. 4. Household: a Household member, regardless of the number of persons in the household, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. has one vote, b. has all the rights and privileges of an Ordinary member, and c. is eligible for election to the committee. 5. Honorary Life: an Honorary Life member is 	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>clarify the rights and responsibilities of each class of membership, including Household membership.</u></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. exempt from the payment of subscriptions, fees and contributions but otherwise shall have all the rights and responsibilities of an Ordinary member, b. may receive a certificate under the seal of the Society, stating the date and other details, and the purpose for which Honorary Life membership was conferred, and c. is entitled to use in the customary manner the post-nominal designation IDHS (Hon) <p>6. The number of members elected to the class of Honorary Life member is limited to ten (10) at any one time.</p> <p>7. Fellow: a Fellow of the Society is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. exempt from the payment of subscriptions, fees and contributions but otherwise shall have all the rights and responsibilities of an Ordinary member, b. may receive a certificate under the seal of the Society, stating the date and other details, and the purpose for which the Fellowship was conferred, and c. is entitled to use in the customary manner the post nominal letters FIDHS <p>8. The number of members elected to the class of Fellow is limited to five (5) at any one time.</p> <p>9. Corporate: a Corporate member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. is not eligible for election to the committee but 	



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	<p>otherwise has all the rights and responsibilities of an Ordinary member, and</p> <p>b. must nominate to the Secretary one individual member of the body corporate to exercise such rights before so exercising them.</p>	
<p>Part 3, Rule 3 'Applying for Membership'</p> <p>(a) Applying for membership</p> <p>(1) A person who wants to become a member must apply in writing to the Association.</p> <p>(2) The application must include a member's nomination of the applicant for membership.</p> <p>(3) The application must be signed by the applicant and the member nominating the applicant.</p> <p>(4) The applicant must specify in the application the class of membership, if there is more than one, to which the application relates.</p>	<p>Section X Applying for Membership</p> <p>Applying for membership</p> <p>1. A person who wants to become a member must apply in writing to the Association.</p> <p>2. The committee must from time to time approve a membership application form for that purpose.</p> <p>3. The application must be signed by the applicant.</p> <p>4. The applicant must specify in the application the class of membership for which the application is made.</p> <p>5. The committee may refuse to accept any application, or ask any applicant for further information before making any decision on the application.</p> <p>6. The committee, in refusing an application or in asking for further information from an applicant, may or may not provide reasons for its decision or request.</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>remove the need for a person applying for membership to be nominated by an existing member.</u></p> <p>Committee meeting 29/11/18, R54/12</p>
<p>Part 3, Division 2, Rule 1 'Membership Fees'</p> <p>1. Membership fees</p> <p>(1) The committee must determine the entrance fee (if any) and the annual membership fee (if any) to be paid for membership of the Association.</p> <p>(2) The fees determined under subrule (1) may be different for different classes of membership.</p>	<p>Section (X), subsection (6) 'Membership Subscriptions'</p> <p>1. Payment of subscriptions</p> <p>Keep sub-sections 1-5 as is, except change the word 'fee' for 'subscription', and add new sub-section 6</p> <p>(6) The membership subscription of a new member, in any class, who is accepted as a member of the Society in the final quarter of a financial year, will cover</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to allow new members who <u>join in the last quarter of the financial year to 'roll over' their membership subscription to the following year</u>, so that a new member doesn't end up paying twice within one year.</p> <p>Committee meeting 14/2/19, R54/26</p>



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<p>(3) A member must pay the annual membership fee to the treasurer, or another person authorised by the committee to accept payments, by the date (the due date) determined by the committee.</p> <p>(4) If a member has not paid the annual membership fee within the period of 3 months after the due date, the member ceases to be a member on the expiry of that period.</p> <p>(5) If a person who has ceased to be a member under subrule (4) offers to pay the annual membership fee after the period referred to in that subrule has expired —</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) the committee may, at its discretion, accept that payment; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) if the payment is accepted, the person's membership is reinstated from the date the payment is accepted.</p>	<p style="padding-left: 40px;">that quarter and all of the next following financial year.</p>	
COMMITTEE		
<p>Part 5, Division 2, Rule 1 'Committee members'</p> <p>1. Committee members</p> <p>(1) The committee members consist of —</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) the office holders of the Association; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) at least one ordinary committee member.</p> <p>(2) The committee must determine the maximum number of members who may be ordinary committee members.</p> <p>(3) The following are the office holders of the Association —</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) the chairperson;</p>	<p>Section X, sub-section 1 'Committee membership'</p> <p>1. Committee members</p> <p>1. The committee will consist of a maximum of ten (10) members.</p> <p>2. The committee consists of</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. the office holders of the Society; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. at least one general member.</p> <p>3. The following are the offices of the Society —</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Chair;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Deputy Chair;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Secretary;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. Treasurer.</p> <p>4. A member of the committee who is not an office holder is termed a general member.</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>clearly state the number of members that constitute the committee</u>, and to provide a means for the committee to appoint new members to casual vacancies, including vacancies they may remain after an AGM.</p> <p>The current method adding a new committee member is very complex, as shown in this example. Committee meeting 14/2/19, R54/30 "in consideration of Part 5, Division 3, rule 4, sub-rule 1, under which the last annual general meeting did not determine any particular number of ordinary committee offices, and in consideration of Part 5,</p>



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<p>(b) the deputy chairperson; (c) the secretary; (d) the treasurer.</p> <p>(4) A person may be a committee member if the person is — (a) an individual who has reached 18 years of age; and (b) an Ordinary or Household member.</p> <p>(5) A person must not hold 2 or more of the offices mentioned in subrule (3) at the same time.</p>	<p>5. A person may be a committee member if the person — a. is an individual who has reached 18 years of age; b. is a member of the Society; and c. is not a Corporate member.</p> <p>6. A person must not hold two or more of the offices mentioned in subrule (3) at the same time.</p>	<p>Division 3, rule 8, sub-rule 1(b), under which the committee may appoint a member to any committee position that was not filled at the annual general meeting, the committee hereby appoints Dr Nancy Broad as an ordinary committee member until the committee positions are declared vacant at the next annual general meeting.”</p> <p>Note: existing Part 5, Division 3, Rule 1 ‘How members become Committee members’ states: “A member becomes a committee member if the member — (a) is elected to the committee at a general meeting; or (b) is appointed to the committee by the committee to fill a casual vacancy under rule 38.” [actually, Part 5, Division 3, Rule 8]</p>
<p>Part 5, Division 3, Rule 2 ‘Nomination of Committee Members’</p> <p>(1) At least 42 days before an annual general meeting, the secretary must send written notice to all the members — (a) calling for nominations for election to the committee; and (b) stating the date by which nominations must be received by the secretary to comply with subrule (2).</p> <p>(2) A member who wishes to be considered for election to the committee at the annual general meeting must nominate for election by</p>	<p>Section X, sub-section x, ‘Nominations for committee membership’</p> <p>1. At least 30 days before an annual general meeting, the secretary must send written notice to all the members — a. calling for nominations for election to the committee; and b. stating the date by which nominations must be received by the secretary to comply with sub-rule (2).</p> <p>2. Nominations of candidates for election as office holders of the Association or as general committee members: a. must be made in writing, signed by at least one member of the Society, and b. accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>clarify how a member nominates for the committee</u></p>



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<p>being nominated at the AGM.</p> <p>(3) The written notice must include a statement by another member in support of the nomination.</p> <p>(4) A member may nominate for one specified position of office holder of the Association or to be an ordinary committee member.</p> <p>(5) A member whose nomination does not comply with this rule is not eligible for election to the committee unless the member is nominated under rule 33(2) or 34(2)(b).</p>	<p>be endorsed on the written nomination), and</p> <p>c. must be delivered to the secretary of the Society at least five (5) days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.</p> <p>3. Subject to Section X 'Rights and Responsibilities of Membership', a member may nominate for any office or general committee member position.</p> <p>4. The committee may from time to time approve a nomination form for election purposes.</p>	
<p>Part 5, Division 3, Rule 3 'Election of office holders'</p> <p>(1) At the annual general meeting, a separate election must be held for each position of office holder of the Association.</p> <p>(2) If there is no nomination for a position, the chairperson of the meeting may call for nominations from the ordinary members at the meeting.</p> <p>(3) If only one member has nominated for a position, the chairperson of the meeting must declare the Member elected to the position.</p> <p>(4) If more than one member has nominated for a position, the ordinary members at the meeting must vote in accordance with procedures that have been determined by the committee to decide who is to be elected to the position.</p>	<p>Section X, sub-section x, 'Election of office holders'</p> <p>1. At the annual general meeting,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The election of office holders will precede the election of general members</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. a separate election must be held for each office of the Society.</p> <p>2. If a person is elected to any office, their nomination to any other office or other committee membership is to be considered withdrawn.</p> <p>3. If no nomination has been received for an office by the opening of the meeting, the chair may then receive nominations verbally from the floor.</p> <p>4. If only one member has nominated for an office, the chair must declare the member elected to the office.</p> <p>5. If more than one member has nominated for an office, the members entitled to vote at the meeting must vote in such usual and</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>clarify the way office holders are elected</u></p>



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<p>(5) Each ordinary member present at the meeting may vote for one member who has nominated for the position.</p> <p>(6) A member who has nominated for the position may vote for himself or herself.</p> <p>(7) On the member's election, the new chairperson of the Association may take over as the chairperson of the meeting.</p>	<p>proper manner as the chairperson may direct.</p> <p>6. If insufficient further nominations are received for any office, the office will be declared by the chair to be a casual vacancy.</p> <p>7. Any member who has nominated for an office may vote for themselves.</p> <p>8. The term of each office holder begins with the conclusion of the annual general meeting at which the member was elected.</p> <p>9. On election as chair of the Society at an annual general meeting, a new chair may choose to assume the role of presiding officer at the annual general meeting immediately but is not required to do so.</p>	
<p>Part 5, Division 3, rule 4 'Election of ordinary committee members'</p> <p>(1) At the annual general meeting, the Association must decide by resolution the number of ordinary committee members (if any) to hold office for the next year.</p> <p>(2) If the number of members nominating for the position of ordinary committee member is not greater than the number to be elected, the chairperson of the meeting —</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) must declare each of those members to be elected to the position; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) may call for further nominations from the ordinary members at the meeting to fill any positions remaining unfilled after the elections under paragraph (a).</p> <p>(3) If —</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. the number of members nominating for the position of ordinary</p>	<p>Section E, sub-section 4 'Election of general committee members'</p> <p>1. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee,</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. the candidates nominated are to be declared by the chairperson to be elected, and</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. the chairperson may then receive further nominations for the other vacancies verbally from the floor.</p> <p>2. If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacancies remaining on the committee will be declared by the chair to be casual vacancies.</p> <p>3. If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are to be declared by the returning officer to be elected.</p> <p>4. If the number of nominations received</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>clarify the way committee members are elected</u></p>



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<p>committee member is greater than the number to be elected; or</p> <p>b. the number of members nominating under subrule (2)(b) is greater than the number of positions remaining unfilled,</p> <p>b) the ordinary members at the meeting must vote in accordance with procedures that have been determined by the committee to decide the members who are to be elected to the position of ordinary committee member.</p> <p>(4) A member who has nominated for the position of ordinary committee member may vote in accordance with that nomination.</p>	<p>exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, the chair is to conduct a ballot.</p> <p>5. the ballot for the election of general members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the chair may direct.</p> <p>6. A member who has nominated for the position of general member of the committee may vote for themselves.</p> <p>7. The term of each general member of the committee begins with the conclusion of the annual general meeting at which the member was elected.</p>	
<p>Part 5, Division 4, Rule 11 'Committee meetings'</p> <p>(1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each year on the dates and at the times and places determined by the committee.</p> <p>(2) The date, time and place of the first committee meeting must be determined by the committee members as soon as practicable after the annual general meeting at which the committee members are elected.</p> <p>(3) Special committee meetings may be convened by the chairperson or any 2 committee members.</p>	<p>Part 5, Division 4, Rule 11 'Committee meetings'</p> <p>1. The committee must meet at least three (3) times in each year on the dates and at the times and places determined by the committee.</p> <p>2. The date, time and place of the first committee meeting must be determined by the committee members as soon as practicable after the annual general meeting at which the committee members are elected.</p> <p>3. Special committee meetings may be convened by the chairperson or any two (2) committee members.</p> <p>4. Meetings of the committee will:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. be open to any member of the Society to observe in person, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. allow reasonable opportunities for observing members to participate in discussions</p> <p>5. Members observing a meeting:</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>make it clear that members may attend committee meetings</u>, and still provide for any necessary confidential discussions.</p>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. must declare to the committee any potential conflict of interest as soon as they become aware of such potential, b. are not eligible to vote on any motion before the committee, and c. must not in any way record or distribute the proceedings of the committee except with the prior consent of the committee. <p>6. The committee may at any time resolve to consider any item or items of business in a closed session that is not open to any observer.</p>	
HONOURS		
Various sub-sections or sub-rules of Sections 6 and 7, and Part 8 'General Matters'	Section X, 'Symbols and Honours' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The committee may recommend to a general meeting the adoption of any symbol or symbols as an emblem of the Society. 2. The committee may confer honours upon members and non-members to recognize: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. support for the Society, b. merit in historical research and history writing, c. achievement in heritage conservation, or d. any other matter related to the Society's objectives 3. The committee may award prizes, medals, scholarships, bursaries, titles, internships and other such assistance, whether financial or in-kind, to recognize and support the study of history. 	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>provide ways for the Society to honour supporters in different ways other than types of membership.</u></p> <p>Committee meeting 18/4/19, Item 5 "the secretary is to inquire as to whether it would be possible to confer an honorary corporate membership on Meedac."</p>
Part 8 'General Matters'	Section X, 'Standards' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The committee may from time to time adopt <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. charters, guidelines, codes and the like developed by professional, industry or peak-body organisations to assist the Society in managing its activities, 	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to <u>allow the committee to adopt standards.</u> This is a response to recent issues arising from certain RWAHS-affiliated historical societies that have de-accessioned and sold donated objects from their collections with little apparent regard for the</p>



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	<p>b. codes of conduct or behavior that apply to relationships between members, including volunteers, when engaged in Society activities, and</p> <p>c. guidelines for or with respect to any matter for which the committee considers it is necessary or convenient for giving effect to this constitution or the objectives of the Society.</p> <p>2. Whether any such standards have been adopted, the committee will use its best endeavours to operate in accordance with best practice approaches to managing the Society's collections and other assets.</p> <p>3. The committee will at all times use its best endeavours to ensure the Society conducts its affairs in an ethical manner.</p>	<p>wishes of the donors, or removed donated objects or collections from museums and refused to advise donors of their whereabouts, and other similar issues.</p> <p>One response has been for Societies to adopt museum collection policies so that donors know in advance the conditions under which they make a donation. Often, it is easier for a small organisation to adopt an existing model policy from a peak body than invent a new one. This is what the amendment will allow in the future.</p> <p>The amendment is similar to amendments currently being made to the RWAHS constitution.</p>
RENUMBERING		
	<p>The entire constitution will be renumbered in sequential order from section 1 to the final section.</p>	<p>The purpose of this amendment is <u>to make it easier to find and cite clauses</u> within the constitution.</p> <p>The RWAHS, in its update of its constitution, has taken the same approach.</p>