

AGM Constitutional Changes - May 2024

1 This clause is to be **added** under **Powers**, and will more accurately reflect the scope required by the Society as it moves forward.

a)i ***“To enter into all such negotiations, contracts, agreements and undertakings in the name and on behalf of the Society as it may consider necessary in the interests of the Society”***

2 The clause under Meetings a) is to be **changed** to reduce the size of the quorum for committee meetings. This will enable more flexibility and a continuous workflow in the case of absent members.

Meetings a)

From Meetings of the Committee may be convened at such times and places as the Chairperson, or in the case of her/his absence, inability or refusal to act, the Secretary/Treasurer shall appoint, and six members shall be a quorum (which number may include the Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer).

To Meetings of the Committee may be convened at such times and places as the Chairperson, or in the case of her/his absence, inability or refusal to act, the Secretary/Treasurer shall appoint, and ***four*** members shall be a quorum (which number may include the Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer).

3 This clause under **Meetings a)i** is to be **added** and clarify, by what means a member can be “present” at a meeting.

iii ***“A duly called meeting of the Committee other than the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting may be conducted by means of audio, audio and visual, or electronic communication. To avoid doubt any duly elected member participating in the meeting by any of these means is considered present at the meeting and forms part of the quorum”***

- 4 There are **2 changes to this clause**. 1) This clause is to apply to all meetings so the word **General** has been removed in the new clause). 2) is the removal of the Chairs casting vote. Therefor giving strength to the resolution and maintaining the rule of the majority vote. This change sits under

Meetings e)

- From** Procedure at meetings. At all General Meetings the Chairperson, and in her/his absence any other duly elected Chairperson, shall take the chair and every financial member shall be entitled on every motion to one vote exercised in person, by proxy or in writing and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting as well as a deliberate vote. The mode of voting on all questions other than elections shall be by voices or if the Chairperson or any three members so require, by a show of hands. On elections voting may be by secret ballot for which purpose no less than two scrutineers shall be appointed at the meeting.
- To** Procedure at meetings. At all Meetings the Chairperson, and in her/his absence any other duly elected Chairperson, shall take the chair and every **member present at a meeting shall have one (1) vote. The Chairperson shall have a deliberative vote only and resolutions put to any committee meeting shall be decided by the majority of votes. Should a majority not be attained the status quo would remain"** The mode of voting on all questions other than elections shall be by voices or if the Chairperson or any three members so require, by a show of hands. On elections voting may be by secret ballot for which purpose no less than two scrutineers shall be appointed at the meeting.