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Proposed changes to constitution, for 2017 AGM

MSSANZ is incorporated under the Association Incorporations Reform Act 2012 of Victoria. Our current constitution was prepared to meet changes in Consumer Affairs Victoria legislation and was approved by members at 2013 AGM and approved by the Department of Justice (Consumer Affairs Victoria) in early 2014.

Number of (consecutive) terms (Clauses 30 and 31)

The drafting of our current constitution coincided with a desire to broaden the Society's corporate knowledge and to promote inclusiveness (through more frequent turn-over in the Executive). We set maximums on the terms of President and (Company) Secretary to 2 and 3 terms respectively (a term being the 2 years between MODSIM conferences). Experience now indicates that these are too short and potentially destabilising for the Society, particularly the tight linkage of the Secretary to the Office. Consequently, the Executive recommends to the AGM the following changes:

President

Clause 30 currently reads:

'30. The term of the President cannot exceed two (2) terms of the Committee.'

Motion: 'that Clause 30 be changed to read:

30. The term of the President cannot exceed **five (5)** terms of the Committee, except if the position is vacant.'

This change allows for a member to stand for the position of President 5 consecutive times, ie for 10 years.

Secretary

Clause 31 currently reads:

'31. The term of the Secretary and the Office is as determined by the Executive, but may not exceed three (3) terms of the Committee.'

Motion: 'that Clause 31 be changed to read:

31(a) The term of the Secretary cannot exceed **five (5)** terms of the Committee, except if the position is vacant.

31(b) The term and location of the Office is as determined by the Executive.'

This separation of Secretary from the Office in the wording allows for the (unlikely) situation where moving the Office on change in Secretary may be unwarranted and disruptive.

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Eligibility to be a Committee member (Clause 36)

Consumer Affairs included 'Model Rule 49' as a separate addendum to our constitution. This motion is to incorporate the details of that Rule into the body of our constitution.

Clause 36 currently reads:

'36. A member can nominate to be on the Committee by writing to the Secretary, with written support of nomination by two other members. The supported nomination must be received before the General Meeting at which elections occur.'

Motion: 'Add a sub-clause 36.1 to read:

36.1 A member is eligible to be elected or appointed as a committee member if the member—

(a) is 18 years or over; and

(b) is entitled to vote at a general meeting.

Consumer Affairs Victoria also deemed three other 'Model Rules' to be included in our rules. As these do not add requirements additional to those already captured in our Constitution, no other changes to the wording of our Constitution are recommended.

These three changes to the constitution are recommended to members for discussion and endorsement at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Please send queries to the Committee Secretary (Susan Cuddy) at susan.cuddy@csiro.au.

Regards



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