

Proposed changes to the Friends' constitution

Article 4.3

Current wording:

The annual subscription for each class of members shall be such sum as shall be fixed at a General Meeting of the Society for the next financial year, and all subscriptions shall be due and payable within three (3) months from the commencement of the financial year or twenty-one (21) clear days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, whichever is the earlier.

Change to:

The annual subscription for each class of members shall be such sum as shall be fixed at a General Meeting of the Society for the next financial year, and all subscriptions shall be due and payable *on the applicable anniversary date of their due date.*

Article 4.4

Current wording:

Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Office of the Society. The name and address of the applicant and the appropriate class of membership shall be recorded in the Register of Members, and upon payment of the annual subscription the applicant shall become a financial member of the Society.

A member elected as a Life Member shall be deemed to be a financial member of the Society.

Change to:

Application for membership shall be made on the website of the Society. The name and address of the applicant and the appropriate class of membership shall be recorded in the Register of Members, and upon payment of the annual subscription the applicant shall become a financial member of the Society.

A member elected as a Life Member shall be deemed to be a financial member of the Society.

Article 4.5

Current wording:

A person, group or body shall cease to be a member if such person, group or body resigns in writing or, if the subscription of any member remains unpaid for a period of six (6) months, after the start of the financial year.

Change to:

A person, group or body shall cease to be a member if such person, group or body resigns in writing or, if the subscription of any member remains unpaid for a period of *three months, after the anniversary date of the annual subscription.*

Article 6.10-11

Current wording

- 6.10 The term of office of officers and ordinary members of the Executive Committee shall be three (3) years. One third of the elected members of the committee, or the nearest number thereto, shall retire in rotation each year.
- 6.11 A person may not be elected or appointed to the same office or as an ordinary member of the Executive Committee for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Change to:

- 6.10 The term of office of officers and ordinary members of the Executive Committee shall be three (3) years.
- 6.11 A person may not be elected or appointed to the same office or as an ordinary member of the Executive Committee for more than two (2) consecutive terms *except, in the case of the treasurer and secretary, in exceptional circumstances.*