

## Proposed changes to the Constitution

### 1. Key changes to current Constitution and mapping to the proposed new Rules of Association

Page	Para	Topic	Changes	Refer to section in new, proposed Rules
1	1	Name and Address	Removed – not required	
1	2	Objects		2 Organisation 3 Not for Profit Body
1	3	Executive Committee	Now just called 'Committee' with 4 office bearers and at least 1 ordinary member.	5.1 Committee function 5.2 Committee composition
1	4	Election of Officers	Replaced by section 5.3 and 5.4 Casual vacancies.	5.3 Election of committee members and tenure of office
2	5	Duties of Office Bearers	Duties of the 4 office bearers are in Section 5.2. Other committee members have been removed – to be detailed in handbook instead.	5.2 Composition of Committee and duties of members
2	6	Non-Executive positions	Removed. These positions were a mix of committee and non-committee. To be replaced by handbook	5.2.1 Committee Members
3	7	Executive Committee Meetings	Expanded in line with new legislation.	5.7 Committee Meetings
3	8	Powers of the Executive Committee	Expanded in line with new legislation.	5.1 Committee function
3	9	Voting	Expanded in line with new legislation.	6.7 Voting at general meeting
3	10	Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members	Expanded in line with new legislation.	5.3 Election of committee members and tenure of office
3	10(e)	Absentee votes	Replaced by Proxy voting	Section 6.4
3	10(f)	Proxy voting	Clause disallowing proxy voting removed	
4	11	General Meetings	Expanded in line with new legislation.	6 General Meetings of Association
5	12	Finance	Expanded in line with new legislation.	7 Financial Matters
5	13	Membership	Expanded in line with new legislation. Also see note below.	4 Members
6	14	Misconduct	Expanded in line with new legislation.	8 Disciplinary Action, Disputes and Mediation
6	15	Winding Up	Expanded in line with new legislation.	9.8 Distribution of surplus property on cancellation of incorporation or winding up

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6	16	Common Seal	We generally do not use a common seal. Amended in line with new rules	9.2 Executing documents and common seal
6	17	Alteration to the Constitution		9.9 Alteration of rules

## 2. New Sections

Section	Description	Purpose/rationale
1	Terms used	Define terms used throughout the rules and their meaning
2	Not For Profit Body	Legislative requirement
5.3.3	Electioneering	To prohibit use of Repertory resources for promotion of a candidate in an election, potentially giving an unfair advantage over other nominees.
6.4	Proxies	Replaces absentees voting, giving members who can't attend meetings for flexible ways of directing their voting preferences.

## 3. Note re membership

Our current constitution doesn't allow for members under 16. I don't see any reason why younger people shouldn't join as associates without voting rights. This gives us an opportunity to open up recruitment and hopefully retain their connection with the Repertory into adulthood.

Section 4 of the new rules provides for this.