

NOTICE OF MOTION

Changes to the constitution

1 Article 14.1 Subject in the case of the first members of the Executive Committee to section 21 of the Act, the Executive Committee is to consist of:

- (a) the office-bearers of the Federation, and
 - (b) up to six ordinary members,
- each of whom is to be elected biennially at the annual general meeting of the Federation under rule 15.

MOTION ONE

That in article 14.1 (b) the words “up to” be deleted.

This wording is a problem since it implies that if we only elect four ordinary members then the committee is full. The article authorising filling a vacancy cannot then be used. The model rules do not use the same style of wording, they specify a number.

2 Article 8.1 The public officer of the Federation must establish and maintain a register of members of the Federation specifying the name and address of each association which is a member of the Federation together with the date on which the association became a member.

MOTION TWO

That in article 8.1 the words “public officer” be deleted and replaced by “secretary”.

This is necessary because the current wording contradicts the Act.

21A Register of committee members

- (1) An incorporated association must keep a register of the members of the committee of the association.
- (2) The register must contain the following particulars:
 - (a) the names and residential addresses of each person who is a member of the committee,
 - (b) the date on which the person became a member,
 - (c) such other particulars as may be prescribed.
- (3) The register must be kept at the residential address of the public officer of the incorporated association concerned or at such other place or in such other manner as may be prescribed.

MOTION THREE

That the following words be added to article 20.

“20.9 The continuing members of the Executive Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Executive Committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Articles as the necessary quorum of the Executive Committee, the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Executive Committee to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Federation, but for no other purpose.”

This is necessary to avoid the situation we had at the AGM in 2008, where we elected the president and then adjourned the meeting. If this rule had been in place, the president could have filled the vacancies to form a quorum for the Executive Committee.

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