

Existing Section	Proposed change	Description of changes
4) GENERAL MEETINGS		
<p>(a) In each year before June 30 an Annual General Meeting shall be held to consider an annual report, financial report, general business and to elect officers.</p> <p>(b) A Special Meeting may be held at any time deemed necessary by seven members of the Group and with seven days written notice to all members.</p> <p>(c) Members will be notified of the date, time and place of regular monthly meetings at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(d) The quorum for any meeting shall consist of seven members.</p> <p>(e) Resolutions at general meetings, except those which alter, add to or rescind any part of the constitution, may be passed by a simple majority of members. Voting at general meetings will be by way of secret ballot.</p> <p>(f) Copies of the minutes will be made available to members within fourteen days of the meeting.</p>	<p>(a) In each year before June 30 an Annual General Meeting shall be held to consider an annual report, financial report, general business and to elect officers.</p> <p>(b) Notice of the AGM must be sufficiently advertised at least twenty (20) days before the date of the AGM, including the time, date, and venue.</p> <p>(c) A Special Meeting may be held at any time deemed necessary by seven members of the Group and with seven days written notice to all members.</p> <p>(c) Members will be notified of the date, time and place of regular monthly meetings at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(d) The quorum for any meeting shall consist of seven members.</p> <p>(e) Resolutions at general meetings, except those which alter, add to or rescind any part of the constitution, may be passed by a simple majority of members. Voting at general meetings will be by way of secret ballot.</p> <p>(f) Copies of the minutes will be made available to members within fourteen days of the meeting.</p>	<p>Adding a requirement to advertise the AGM to members</p> <p>This is a common requirement in most Constitutions of Incorporated Societies, but is currently missing from the OUTLine rules. Adding a requirement to advertise the AGM gives members more opportunity to participate in decision making.</p> <p>Removing the requirement to inform members of the times of monthly Board meetings</p> <p>This requirement is not practical because Board meetings are not set by the time of the AGM. It also has not been common practice in recent years, and seems unnecessary because members can request this information (as well as meeting minutes) if needed. It is also not preferable to widely circulate a list of meeting times and locations for safety reasons.</p>
5) OFFICERS		
<p>(a) The officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.</p> <p>(b) The Chairperson shall be elected by Members at the Annual General Meeting and they shall hold office until the following Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(c) The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Management and they shall hold office until the following Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(d) Nominations in writing for the office of Chairperson and Board Member must be given to the Secretary seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting and each nomination must be signed by two full Members and accepted in writing by the nominee. If no written nominations shall be received the Annual General Meeting may elect the Chairperson and board members from those present.</p> <p>(e) If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer a new Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Management from their number.</p> <p>(f) To be Chairperson the candidate must have been a full member for at least one month.</p>	<p>(a) The officers shall consist of two Co-Chairpersons, Secretary, and Treasurer.</p> <p>(b) One Co-Chairpersons shall be elected by Members at each Annual General Meeting. Each Co-Chairperson shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting due at the conclusion of their two year term.</p> <p>(c) The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Management and they shall hold office until the following Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(d) Nominations in writing for the office of Co-Chairpersons and Board Member must be given to the Secretary seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting and each nomination must be signed by two full Members and accepted in writing by the nominee. If no written nominations shall be received the Annual General Meeting may elect the Chairperson and board members from those present.</p> <p>(e) If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of Co-Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer a new Co-Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Management from their number.</p> <p>(f) To be a Co-Chairperson the candidate must have been a full member for at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>Moving from one Chairperson to two Co-Chairpersons</p> <p>We propose that the position of chairperson be replaced with two co-chairperson positions. The co-chairpersons will have joint oversight of OUTLine strategy and operations and share the responsibilities of the role as agreed upon at the beginning of each term. Where possible, the co-chairpersons will have different rainbow identities to support a diversity of views at the governance level of the organisation.</p> <p>Text update (f) to provide more context about full membership in proximity to AGM.</p> <p>### Note, if this motion is to pass it will not come into effect until 20/21 ###</p>
6) BOARD OF MANAGEMENT		

<p>6 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT</p> <p>(a) Subject to the control of the Group in general and special meetings, the management and control of the affairs of the Group shall be conducted by a Board of Management consisting of the Chairperson and up to six other Board members elected at Annual General Meeting. The Board of Management shall have such powers as are vested in the Group, subject to any limitation placed on it by the Members in general or special meeting to conduct and manage all the business and affairs of the Group, exercise the powers, authorities and discretions of the Group, and enter into such contracts and do all such acts and things as it may deem necessary for carrying on the business of the Group.</p> <p>(b) The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office until their successor is appointed or elected.</p> <p>(c) The Board of Management may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees with power to revoke any authority so delegated.</p> <p>(d) At any meeting of the Board of Management five board members shall constitute a quorum and no business shall be transacted unless such number is present.</p> <p>(e) The Chairperson shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberate vote.</p> <p>(f) The Board of Management shall present to the Annual General Meeting a full report of its activities and the business done by it during its year of office, together with a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet and a report on any matters of interest or importance to the Group transpiring during such period and may in such report make such recommendations as it thinks fit.</p> <p>(g) Following the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Management shall have the power to nominate two additional persons to the Board of Management for the purpose of adding such special skills or expertise to the Board of Management as the Board of Management may decide and these nominations (if any) shall be considered at the next general meeting of members, due notice having been given to members prior to the meeting with that general meeting of members having the power to confirm or reject such nominations. Such persons if confirmed shall have all of the powers of members of the Board of Management and shall remain members of the Board of Management until their successor is appointed. Such persons may be removed as board members by a simple majority of the Board of Management.</p>	<p>6 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT</p> <p>(a) Subject to the control of the Group in general and special meetings, the management and control of the affairs of the Group shall be conducted by a Board of Management consisting of two Chairpersons and up to five other Board members. The Board of Management shall have such powers as are vested in the Group, subject to any limitation placed on it by the Members in general or special meeting to conduct and manage all the business and affairs of the Group, exercise the powers, authorities and discretions of the Group, and enter into such contracts and do all such acts and things as it may deem necessary for carrying on the business of the Group.</p> <p>(b) Co-Chairpersons and Board members will be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two-year term. At each Annual General Meeting, one co-Chairperson and up to three Board members will be elected.</p> <p>(c) The Co-Chairpersons, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office until their successor is appointed or elected.</p> <p>(d) The Board of Management may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees with power to revoke any authority so delegated.</p> <p>(e) At any meeting of the Board of Management five board members shall constitute a quorum and no business shall be transacted unless such number is present.</p> <p>(f) The Co-Chairpersons shall have a casting vote, which they exercise together by mutual agreement, as well as each having a deliberate vote.</p> <p>(g) The Board of Management shall present to the Annual General Meeting a full report of its activities and the business done by it during its year of office, together with a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet and a report on any matters of interest or importance to the Group transpiring during such period and may in such report make such recommendations as it thinks fit.</p> <p>(h) Following the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Management shall have the power to nominate two additional persons to the Board of Management for the purpose of adding such special skills or expertise to the Board of Management as the Board of Management may decide and these nominations (if any) shall be considered at the next general meeting of members, due notice having been given to members prior to the meeting with that general meeting of members having the power to confirm or reject such nominations. Such persons if confirmed shall have all of the powers of members of the Board of Management and shall remain members of the Board of Management until their successor is appointed. Such persons may be removed as board members by a simple majority of the Board of Management.</p>	<p>Changes as per above</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Increasing board member term from one year to two. Half the Board is elected each year, increasing continuity of leadership.</p>
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