Changes to Articles of Association (requiring member vote) – September 2021

General

**Gender neutrality –** All references to him/her/man etc have been amended to be gender neutral

Article 2.1

**Definition of “Member” –** remove Honorary Member and Group Member

Rationale

To remove categories not utilised

Article 2.1

**Definition of ‘Registered’** - remove the list of regulatory bodies under definition and reword: ‘A person who is registered with one of the statutory regulatory bodies approved by the Board (a ‘Regulatory Body’)

Rationale

To allow the Board to update the list of regulatory bodies when there are changes without a requirement to amend the Articles.

Article 6.3 ,9 and 15.1

**Remove the category Honorary Members**

Rationale

To remove category not utilised

Article 6.4 and 11

**Remove the category Group Members**

Rationale

This category was introduced to support future plans but has not been utilised.

Article 23

**Reword ’on which he ceased to be a Member’ to read … ‘until the end of the membership term’.**

Rationale

To clarify that membership is for an agreed term of one year and not when a member may ‘cease’ to make payment ie cancel any direct debit transaction.

Article 26

**Remove 26.1; 26.2; 26.3; 26.5**

Rationale

The role of the Regional Teams has changed in particular more support is provided by HQ. Remit to be included within the PPM to allow flexibility as this role changes to support regional activities.

Article 27

**Remove as above**

Article 28.2

**Remove as above**

Rationale

All funds for regional teams are now the responsibility of, and funded by, HQ.

Article 29

**Remove the second sentence.**

Rationale

All funds for regional teams are now the responsibility of, and funded by, HQ.

Article 30 (and subsequent relevant Articles)

**Amended to allow for the AGM and EGM’s to be held electronically, either entirely or partly.**

Rationale

The current Articles do not allowfor ‘virtual’ meetingsand, as a result, the 2020 AGM had to be cancelled as a result of the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic. Whilst the intention is that future Members’ meetings will be held in person the change provides flexibility should circumstances dictate and updates the Articles to reflect current practice.

Article 35

**Reduce the percentage of regions required to be represented at General Meetings from 75% to 51%.**

Rationale

The geographic spread of some regions can result in no representation from some regions which may make it difficult to achieve quorum.

Article 53.2

**Amend to not more than six other Trustees elected by the voting Members**

Rationale

Increase the number to facilitate the new position of Past President

Article 56

**Change the title of Vice President to President Elect**

Rationale

Revision of title clearly indicates the President Elect is the incoming President and brings in line with other Associations.

Article 63

**Change the term of office of President**

Rationale

The term of office for President will remain as two years but they will then continue for a further year on the Board as Past President. The main role of the Past President would be to support the incoming President and ensure continuity of knowledge and experience.

NEW Article 62

**New wording inserted ‘The President Elect shall hold a term of office of one year at the end of which they shall become the President and the term of office in Article 63 shall apply.’**

Rationale

Currently the term of office for Vice President is two years, followed by a further term of two years as President and then retire. The Board agreed one year as Vice President (President Elect) is sufficient time to prepare for the role of President.

Article 64

**Add the Past President shall assume the role of President should the President Elect not be in a position to do so.**

Rationale

In the event of an unforeseen vacancy the option for the immediate Past President to assume the role of President will ensure succession.

Article 76

**Remove**

Rationale

It may be beneficial to invite non-members to join these groups to support and provide specialist knowledge.

Article 79

**Remove**

Rationale

All funds for Specialist Interest Groups are now the responsibility of, and funded by, HQ.

Articles 80 & 81

**Remove**

Rationale

Already covered under Article 73 (previously 74)

Article 84

**Amend this article to read ‘Disqualification, Removal and Resignation of Trustees’ and update terminology.**

Rationale

Update to meet current legislation and company law.

Article 84.7

**Change absence from three to two consecutive Board meetings**

Rationale

Board Meeting dates are advised well in advance and the Board agreed that intervention should be possible after absence from two consecutive meetings (meetings are held quarterly over a year).

Article 84 (New Article 80)

**Insert additional grounds for disqualification and remova**l**:**

New Article 80.5

**Has been convicted of a criminal offence, except where the maximum sentence for that offence is a fine**.

New Article 80.11

**Is removed involuntarily from the Regulatory Body with which they are registered.**

Article 86

**Remove**

Rationale

Use of a Seal is no longer a legal requirement and is not used by the Association.

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