

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: 26 MARCH 2019

Agenda: Amendment of the Constitution

CLAUSES – Explanatory Note

Group 1

- 4(a) Removes the discretion to pay less than the suggested minimum. 98% of the membership currently pays £15 or more. Council can still decide to have concessionary rates in certain circumstances.

Group 2

- 4(c) Permits Associate Members to serve on Council, but only with the approval of Council.
- 5(b) Reduces the number of Officers and Members of Council. A total of 18 is considered to be perfectly adequate to conduct strategic RA business. Most of the day to day work is performed by the six standing committees.
- 5(c) Reduces the waiting time for new members to become eligible for nomination to Council from two years to one year.
- 5(f) Removes unnecessary complication.
- 5(h) Consequential to 5(b)
- 5(m) Consequential to 5(b)
- 6(a) Eight members of the Executive Committee is sufficient to conduct business in between meetings of Council.
- 6(e) Meeting eight times a year is sufficient to conduct business in between meetings of Council.

Group 3

(reference is to numbering in the current document)

- 7(a) and 7(b) Reflects and formalises practice over the last few years.
- 7(d) Correction of errors.
- 7(e) Gives more flexibility to RA members.

Group 4

- 11(a)-(d) New dissolution clause. (Not expected to be used but necessary for avoidance of doubt).