

2A (iii) LIFESAVING COMMITTEE

1. Introduction

This annexure describes arrangements specific to the Lifesaving Committee (LC) and should be read in conjunction with the Standing Committee Charter above.

The purpose of the LC committee is to provide strategic leadership for lifesaving activities to support effective decision making at all levels of SLSNSW. The committee is responsible for supporting and informing the overall strategic development, growth and management of SLSNSW lifesaving and broader public safety operations as they relate to SLSNSW's strategic priorities.

The functions of the LC do not relieve the Board of any of their responsibilities under law.

2. Composition

The LC comprises up to seventeen (17) members:

- a. A SLSNSW Director who shall be the Director of Lifesaving (1)
- b. Each respective Branch Director of Lifesaving (11)
- c. Up to five (5) independent members who do not otherwise sit on the SLSNSW or SLSS Board or SLSNSW State Council
- d. The Manager Operations – Public Safety as an ex-officio member
- e. The President & CEO may attend any meeting of the committee

The independent members should be independent of management, free of any relationship which might impair the exercise of their independent judgment and possess lifesaving skills and experience which will allow them to be effective in their role.

The Chair shall be the SLSNSW Director of Lifesaving

The following specific skills are required of independent LC nominees:

- Professional or substantive volunteer experience in Lifesaving and/or emergency services
- Have specific expertise in at least one specialty area of life saving (eg RWC/Powercraft operations, support services, operational command, patrolling, joint agency operations, first aid/paramedical, coastal safety education, aviation/UAV operations)
- Have an understanding of the industry in which the Company operates.

Diversity amongst LC members will be considered by the Board of SLS NSW in making appointments.

3. Tenure

The Branch Directors of Lifesaving (DOL) shall remain on the LC whilst ever they are the appointed DOL for their respective Branch.

The Board of SLSNSW shall make all appointments and replacements of Independent LC members.

Independent members will be appointed for a three (3) year term to a maximum of six (6) consecutive years. If more than one independent member is appointed at the commencement of this Charter, at least one will only be appointed for an initial two (2) year term.

Members may be removed by the SLSNSW Board at any time or may resign by written notice to the Board of SLS NSW.

4. Limitations

The LC does not have an operational standing within SLSNSW with respect to its management of emergency operations situations, notwithstanding members of the LC maybe seconded onto Incident Management Teams or similar both within and external to SLSNSW, or occupy roles such as Duty Officer, State Duty Officer, Patrol Captain etc.

5. Meetings

The LC is to meet at least quarterly each year.

6. Specific Duties

The specific duties of this committee are to:

- a. Ensure policies, rules and programs are focused on the promotion of safe coastal aquatic behaviours for both members and the public
- b. Through continuous improvement make recommendations for best practice approaches to “club patrolling” operations
- c. Through continuous improvement make recommendations for best practice approaches to Support Operations activities
- d. Ensure policy development enhances the alignment of SLS activities within the broader emergency services framework
- e. Devise policies which create pathways for members from club patrolling through to support operations and beyond
- f. Liaise with and collaborate with the education portfolio to ensure members operational duties and expectations are matched by suitable and appropriate training programs
- g. Consider research and evidence-based analysis to inform new and contemporary methods in conducting lifesaving and public safety operations
- h. Assess and devise policy approaches to ensure SLSNSW’s position in the broader emergency services framework is enhanced, and member opportunities to operate in the framework is safe, rewarding and valued
- i. Undertake “lessons learned” reviews of major incidents and responses to inform improvements in SOPs, policies, training and approach
- j. Liaise the other portfolio areas to ensure Lifesaving polices align with contemporary approaches to member recruitment & retention