



Explanatory Memorandum - Proposed Constitutional Changes

The SLSNSW Board is proposing a number of amendments to the SLSNSW Constitution to be considered at the SLSNSW Annual General Meeting on 11th November 2022.

The SLSNSW Constitution underwent significant review and update during 2020, with a revised constitution adopted in September 2020. Given the extent of the changes, the SLSNSW Board with the State Council identified several areas which required additional focus and review to ensure the Constitution operated consistent with the operational intent of the organisation. The SLSNSW Board and State Council have undertaken extensive consultation on the changes and at recent workshops have agreed in principle to the changes noted in the document.

Summary of Changed Rules:

- All changes to the respective Rules are identified in the attached document in 'track changes'.
- The objects of the Organisation have been amended to reflect the requirements of the ACNC as evidenced by recent feedback from the ACNC when reviewing SLS Club constitutions as part of their audit process.
- Clarity has been provided around the roles of 'Returning Officer' and 'Scrutineers' at elections.
- The right to attend State Council Meetings has been revised to reflect attendance only by State Councilors and the SLSNSW Board (noting all members are entitled to attend the State Council, AGM and Special General Meetings).
- Life Members must formally state their intention to remain in the organisation through the annual membership renewal process and SLSNSW Life membership is contingent upon continuance of membership by the individual at a SLSNSW affiliated Club.
- Clarity provided around the relevance of historical matters with respect to disciplining of members.
- Confirmation the SLSNSW Board may attend State Council Meetings (non-voting).
- Extension of the period upon which nominations for the Board are called and change of due date for receipt of nominations.
- Clarification of the role of the Nominations Committee in the review of nominations for SLSNSW Directors.
- Change of the Chair of the Nominations Committee from the SLSNSW President to now be the SLSNSW Legal Counsel (consistent with several other state SLS bodies).
- Removal of operational clauses related to Surf Sports which have been repositioned into the SLSNSW Regulations.

A number of changes to the SLSNSW Regulations have also been identified to ensure harmony between the Constitution and Regulations. These will be approved by the Board subject to the approval of this constitution.

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