
Notice is given that a special resolution to modify the constitution of the ***Australian Tasar Council Inc.*** will be tabled at the next Annual General Meeting planned for January 2022

Why review the constitution?

In 2012 Victoria changed the Act relative to Associations and required all Associations to update their constitution accordingly. The new model rules include better conflict resolution and grievance procedures.

The ATC constitution was not reviewed and conflicts with some of the key obligations under the new rules

- Minimum of 5 members
- 4 office holders President- Vice president- Secretary and Treasurer

Process

Under the current constitution we can only change the constitution at the AGM with 3 month notice or by postal vote with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority .

We need to put a special resolution to the AGM to that effect and it need be supported by 3 quarter of the members present

This means

- Sending the resolution to the members at least 3 month before he AGM
- Sending the AGM notice at least 21 days before the date (not 14 days because of the presence of a special resolution)

Note: The new constitution needs then to be sent to Consumer affairs with the minutes and the meeting and they will need to give approval. Sometimes they accept subject to some modifications

How did we do it?

To avoid conflict with consumer affairs we used the model rules and tried to insert the content of our current constitution. This allowed us to also check some current content that may not be relevant.

Major points that have been modified are

- Page 5 8.1 Changed 2 ADF nominees to 1
- Page 7 14 Added a category of Associate members (non delegate or open members who are members of a district) These members have no voting right but by adding them we recognise that in the end they are the people we are working for. Associate member is a category available in model rules.

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- Page 13 36.2 Quorum at general meeting
 - o We should have a maximum of WA 2 NSW 2 VIC 2 SA 2 ADF 1 NT 2 open members 2 total 13 members 30% is 3.9 members rounded to 4 will ensure a minimum representativity at any AGM.
 - Page 17 I have not added the previous requirement for the secretary to keep a boat register see rule 31 c in old constitution
 - In the old constitution rule 38 referring to Boat registry I am not sure if this is relevant, if it has been done and why we would do it?

Special resolution:

That the committee approves the modification of the constitution as presented to be submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria for ratification.

Blaise Vinot Secretary,
By order of the committee