

Remit 1 – Finances of the Association – Non Transmitting

Amendments to 5.2 Banking, Borrowing and Account Signatories

- a. The banking of the Association must be with the banking concerns from time to time nominated by the Executive Council.
- b. All moneys received by or on behalf of the Association must be paid promptly into an NZART account/s and any electronic transactions drawn on accounts must be approved by any two of the three authorising signatories on NZART bank accounts.
- c. The Executive Council may, with the prior approval of a general meeting, borrow money for the furtherance of the objects of the Association, and may secure repayment of that money by a security over the whole or any part of the Association's property or assets, both present and future, provided that the Executive Council may, for good reason and without the prior approval of a general meeting, approve borrowing on overdraft from the Association bankers a sum not exceeding one-fifth of the Association's subscription income for the then current year.

Explanation:

This remit is to remove any reference to the word cheques. As at December 2021, no bank in New Zealand now accepts cheques as form of payment.

An additional tidy up of the wording 'to remove other forms of banking' as all banking is now done electronically or online via Internet banking without the need for physical forms. NZART operates various bank accounts that all require at least two signatories before any funds can be withdrawn for payment of bills, invoices or other costs incurred when operating the organisation.

Proposed by NZART Council

Remit 2 – Council reduction in committee members – Transmitting

At the Napier Conference in 2021, NZART Council presented several options to reduce the number NZART Councillors.

The AGM agreed that the current NZART Council discuss and prepare a remit for the 2022 AGM based on their findings.

NZART Council believes that this is the best option to take forward and is now presenting this remit at the Wellington 2022 Conference

Council recommends to NZART membership that the number of Councillors be reduced to five persons in total:

Why?

- Because nine councillors are too many. Having this number creates issues with attendance at meetings.
- Because Council vacancies are hard to fill should no-one be nominated
- Because shoulder tapping councillors is perverse and undemocratic.
- Because lack of elections is unhealthy
- Better to have quality over quantity
- Because five councillors and the president can do the work required for NZART.

Additional considerations were given to potential questions from members, with some suggestions on how to overcome these issues:

- Branch visits can still occur using digital technology such as Zoom at branch meetings.
- What if there is no councillor elected in my island? If you are really concerned about being visited by council - nominate one of your members to stand

The following clauses are to be amended, removed or reworded.

Clause 3.1 - Control of the Association:

Amend wording clause 3.1 a iv

- iv. Five Executive Councillors with a minimum of one Councillor who resides in the North Island and one Councillor who resides in the South Island. If there is no nominated candidate from one of the Islands, then the five Executive Councillors may reside anywhere in New Zealand.

Remove of Clauses 3.1 a v, vi and vii

Reason – Removes four councillor electorates and establishes one NZ wide electorate with a North Island and South Island representative

Remove clause 3.1 b.

Reason – No electoral boundaries exist for members outside of the four electorates.

Clause 3.5 – Quorum of Executive Council Meetings:

Amend wording clause 3.5

- 3.5 Four members of the Executive Council present in person or by a suitable audio or audio and visual communication medium as provided for in paragraph 3.4 b. constitute a quorum for the conduct of Executive Council business.

Reason – adjusted quorum from five to four to account for the smaller size of the executive.

Clause 3.7 – Vacancies on the Executive Council

Remove clause 3.7 d iv

Renumber clauses 3.7 d v and 3.7 d vi to 3.7 d iv and 3.7 d v respectively

Reason – no need to vacate office if moving between electoral boundaries.

Amend wording of Clause 3.7 e

- e. Any vacancy so created is a casual vacancy and the position is to be filled by the unsuccessful candidate from the immediately prior election with the next highest votes. If the candidate is unable to take up office, the next unsuccessful candidate shall be offered the role. Where no candidates are available to take the position a member eligible for the office may be appointed to fill the position until the next executive council takes office. Any executive position not filled at an election is deemed a casual vacancy under this clause.

Reason - New method of dealing with casual vacancies - next highest polling candidate gets first right of refusal.

Add new clause 3.7 f

- f. For the avoidance of doubt, if a councillor relocates residence to the other island they may continue to serve their term.

Reason – no requirement to vacate office due to moving between islands.

Clause 7.2 a – Attachment of members to Branches:

Amend wording to clause 7.2 a.

7.2a The General Secretary must, upon enrolling a person as a member, attach the member to a Branch of the Association of the member's own choice, and no member is to be so attached to more than one Branch.

Remove Clauses 7.2 b 7.2 c

Renumber Clauses 7.2 d and 7.2 e to 7.2 b and 7.2 c respectively

Reason – attachment to branches no longer needs to follow electoral boundaries.

Clause 10.2 – Referendum:

Amend wording to clause 10.2 a

- 10.2a At the request in writing of any two hundred financial members, of whom one hundred or more must not be from any one branch, the Executive Council may submit any matters detailed therein to the members who would be entitled to vote thereon as if the matters were before a general meeting and is to conduct a poll thereon to take the general opinion of members. The results of the poll are not binding upon the Executive Council unless the proposal submitted is approved by more than one half of the members.

Reason – Reworded to account for the lack of electoral districts.

Schedule A - Election Procedures

Amend wording to clause b

- b. Every nomination to an elective position in the Association must be in writing on the appropriate form and must be signed by the person nominating and by a seconder and must be countersigned by the member nominated. Nominations for Executive Council must also include whether the nominee normally resides in the North or South Island of New Zealand where applicable.

Reason – Council candidates to declare their island as part of the electoral process.

Amend wording to clause 1 'c'

- c. A member may be nominated for both the office of President and Executive Councillor and a member so nominated must be included on the ballot paper both for President and for the Executive Council. If the member is elected to both offices, the office of President is deemed to be preferred and the next successful candidate in the election for the Executive Council is deemed elected. If there has been no ballot for