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Dear MASCIP member

Re: proposed constitutional change

Following our committee meeting on Thursday 7th October 2021, the committee and I would like to propose the following changes to the MASCIP constitution.

The vote is planned for our AGM 11th November 2021, which takes place before the conference and a two-thirds majority will carry the proposed change.

Section 4.4

Currently states:

The elected members of the Committee shall be appointed in the first instance for three years, but shall be eligible for re-election

Proposed amendment:

Elected members of the committee wanting to remain are re-appointed by the committee every three years, subject to vote by the committee

Rationale:

The process of re-election by the whole membership is work intensive. Committee members will be aware if a serving member is fulfilling their role, and if not their term will be brought to an end by the vote.

Section 4.10

Currently States:

No elected Officer of the Committee shall hold the same office for more than 3 consecutive years. They will be eligible for re-election to the same office after a break of one year.

Proposed Amendment

Elected officers of the committee will be subject to re-election by the committee every three years.

Rationale

Committee roles are complex and changing every three years will remove experienced officers from their role and disrupt the function of the committee unnecessarily.

4.11

Currently states

One third of the elected Committee shall retire annually but shall be eligible for reselection, the members so to retire being those who have been the longest in office since the last election. As between members who have been in office the same length of time, those due to retire shall be chosen by lot

Proposed amendment

Remove

Rationale

As with section 4.4, the process of election by the membership is time consuming. It is observed that vacancies are available in the committee most years, providing opportunities for members to become committee members and change the committee without the disruption of annual re-election of 4 members.

Section 10

Any alterations to this constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two thirds of the full membership of the Association for the time being whether individual or representative present and voting at a meeting specially called for the purpose or at the AGM, PROVIDED THAT notice of any such alteration shall have been received by the Secretary in writing not less than 21 clear days before the meetings, setting forth the terms of the alteration, shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Association PROVIDED THAT no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease being.

Proposed Clarification

Any alterations to this constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two thirds of the membership of the Association attending, whether individual or representative, at a meeting specially called for the purpose PROVIDED THAT notice of any such alteration shall have been received by the Secretary in writing not less than 21 clear days before the meetings, setting forth the terms of the alteration, shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Association PROVIDED THAT no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease being.

Rationale

Current members of the committee are of the belief that this clarification is true to the intended meaning of section 10, and gives clarity.

Yours sincerely,



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MASCIP Chair