

Agenda item 6: Special resolution to ratify the amended ISCCC Constitution

At the ISCCC Committee's Planning Meeting in February 2022, a working group was appointed to review the ISCCC constitution. The objective was to bring the ISCCC's constitution into line with ACT Government requirements.

The ACT regulator had developed a model constitution for associations. Advice to the Committee when considering revising the Constitution was that the regulator would be looking for text that closely resembles the model.

The working group identified the main issues with the then Constitution as follows:

- It was not compliant with current ACT Associations Incorporation Act
- It included material that was relevant at the time the ISCCC was established but was no longer appropriate
- It needed to include revised ISCCC objectives
- The Treasurer's duties needed to be revised
- There was a need to provide for virtual meetings

The working group was able to secure, at no cost, the services of Ron Fraser who has relevant experience, to help in drafting a revised constitution. Ron started with the ACT Government model and incorporated material from the previous ISCCC constitution. A draft of the new Constitution was reviewed by the ISCCC Committee, and a number of changes were agreed and incorporated in the version circulated with the papers for the AGM.

The main change from the previous Constitution is the inclusion of new material relating to the disciplining of members, and to resolution of disputes. The text in these sections closely reflects the ACT model constitution.

Subject to the AGM approving the new Constitution, the ISCCC's Public Officer will submit it to the Regulator for approval.

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