

Proposed Rule Change Motion, to be put to the National Square Dance Society of Australia Inc 2021 Annual General Meeting

In order to make us become compliant and have our rules reflect how we operate we need to amend our current rules as listed with the CAV

The proposal is to adopt the Model Rules as listed by Consumer Affairs Victoria with the amendments as listed below in red.

These if approved will become what is known by CAV as our "OWN RULES"

The motion is:- That the National Square Dance Society of Australia Inc, Adopt all the Model Rules as published by Consumer Affairs Victoria with the following clauses altered to read as follows.

08 Who is eligible to be a member

- (1) The membership of the Society shall be: -
The recognised Square-Dancing body in each State and Territory of Australia may each nominate up to three (3) persons to become members. (Ideally one (1) of these persons should be the President of that body)
Those persons will then become eligible members of the Society until the expiry of their nominated term.
- (2) In the event that there is no active Square-Dancing body in a State or Territory, The Society may accept nominations from up to three (3) interested persons who reside in that Region.
Those persons will then become eligible members of the Society until the expiry of their nominated term.
- (3) Those associate members as per clause 14 of this document.
- (4) Roll of Honour Recipients.

14 Associate members

- (1) Associate members of the Society may include—
any person who is not a nominated delegate, but may offer some skills and experience to the Society. e.g., someone with PR or Marketing skills or similar as determined by special resolution at a general meeting.
- (2) An associate member will have the same rights and privileges of a member.

51 Nominations

- (1) Nominations of members for election as committee members
 - (a) must be made in writing
 - (b) must be delivered to the secretary of the Society at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election for committee member is to take place.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the chairperson of the meeting can call for nominations from the floor of the meeting.

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- (3) An eligible member of the Society may—
- (a) nominate himself or herself; or
 - (b) with the member's consent, be nominated by another member.
- (4) A member who is nominated for a position and fails to be elected to that position may be nominated for any other position for which an election is yet to be held.

52 Election of President etc.

- (1) At the annual general meeting, separate elections must be held for each of the following positions—
- (a) President; *Two-year term elected on even years*
 - (b) Vice-President; *Two-year term elected on odd years*
 - (c) Secretary; *Two-year term elected on even years*
 - (d) Treasurer. *Two-year term elected on odd years*
- (2) If only one member is nominated for the position, the Chairperson of the meeting must declare the member elected to the position.
- (3) If more than one member is nominated, a ballot must be held in accordance with rule 54.
- (4) On his or her election, the new President may take over as Chairperson of the meeting.

55 Term of office

- (1) Subject to subrule (3) and rules 52 and 56, a committee member holds office until the positions of the Committee are declared vacant at the next annual general meeting.
- (2) A committee member may be re-elected.
- (3) A general meeting of the Society may—
- (a) by special resolution remove a committee member from office; and
 - (b) elect an eligible member of the Society to fill the vacant position in accordance with this Division.
- (4) A member who is the subject of a proposed special resolution under subrule (3)(a) may make representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the Society (not exceeding a reasonable length) and may request that the representations be provided to the members of the Society.
- (5) The Secretary or the President may give a copy of the representations to each member of the Society or, if they are not so given, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting at which the special resolution is to be proposed.

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