



Notice of amendments to the constitution for the 22nd August 2020 AGM

In accordance with the constitution of the SHSQ, notice is hereby given of six motions to amend the SHSQ constitution. A short explanation of each motion and the proposed amendments are set out below.

Background

At the 2019 AGM, members discussed the possibility of having student members. The current Constitution has two classes of membership - ordinary and honorary life.

The incoming committee was tasked with exploring the possibility of having a class of student membership. The committee undertook a complete constitutional review, with the 6 proposed amendments listed below.

The motions relate to:

1. Amending the Constitution title to reflect the year of update - 2020
2. Amending the Constitution to remove the definition of sexual health and the declaration of sexual rights from section 3. These will be added to the SHSQ website.
3. Amend the constitution by adding a fifth objective- The Society will be guided in all its deliberations and actions by the Definition of Sexual Health (World Health Organisation) and the Declaration of Sexual Rights (World Association for Sexual Health).
4. Minor amendment to objective 4 - Liaise with similar professional societies and community organisations in Australasia and elsewhere
5. Amending the constitution to add student and corporate categories of membership
6. Amending the Constitution to provide gender inclusive language.



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1. Title of Constitution

While reviewing the Constitution, 2020 was added to the title to reflect the year of change.

Motion 1.1 That the title of the constitution be amended to Society Constitution 2020

2. Objectives

The Constitution is our governing document, and we are governed by the laws of Australia. Hence the suggestion to remove the Definition of Sexual Health and the Declaration of Sexual Rights and have them in greater prominence of the Society website (not everyone reads the Constitution) and have them referenced in an extra objective.

Amendment of objectives 4 is to ensure grammatical correctness.

Motion 2.2 That the Definition of Sexual Health and Declaration of Sexual Rights be removed from section 3

Motion 2.3 That a fifth objective be included in the Constitution - The Society will be guided in all its deliberations and actions by the Definition of Sexual Health (World Health Organisation) and the Declaration of Sexual Rights (World Association for Sexual Health).

Motion 2.4 That objective 4 be amended to – Liaise with similar professional societies and community organisations in Australasia and elsewhere.



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3. Membership

On review of the Constitution the Committee decided that 2 extra classes were needed - both student membership and corporate membership. This means that there would be three classes of individual membership and 1 class of corporate or organisational membership.

Motion 3.1 That Section 5, be amended to add student and corporate classes of membership, with an explanation of the rights and privileges of corporate membership.

Classes of members

(1) The membership of the association consists of ordinary members, and any of the following classes of members.

- i) Honorary Life Members
- ii) Student Members
- iii) Corporate Member

(2) The number of ordinary members is unlimited.

(3) Corporate membership shall entitle the holder thereof to the voting rights and privileges of one individual member. A corporate member shall appoint a named delegate as a representative of that organisation, upon joining and at renewal.

4. When membership ends (section 10)

In order to have language be gender neutral, it is proposed in section 10 (3) (d), to delete “himself or herself” and replace with “themselves”.

Motion 4.1 That in section 10 (3) (d), the words “himself or herself” be deleted, and replaced with “themselves”, so that (d) reads “conducts themselves in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association.”