

**Rule Changes, 2001 AGM:**  
**Proposed by the Executive**

**15 Elected Officers**

The following officers shall be elected by General Meeting of the Association as set out below from the members of the executive elected or appointed for the next term of office following the AGM:

President  
Vice President  
Honorary Treasurer

**15a. President**

The President shall preside over all matters of the association including Executive meetings, general meeting, special general meetings and other meetings as determined by the Executive.

The President shall have the powers of committing the association to agreements, proceedings or actions in consultation with the Executive. The executive may direct the president only if all members of the executive vote unanimously for that direction.

The President shall be responsible for ensuring that the association maintains legal compliance with current legislation and shall be responsible for all legal matters. The president shall consult with the Vice President and Honorary treasurer in all matters of a financial and legal nature.

The President shall be the nominal holder of the Common Seal.

The Executive Secretary shall report to the President.

**15b Vice President**

The Vice President shall act in a supporting to President in all matters and shall be an advisor to the President. The Vice President will assume the powers of the President if the president is ether:

Officially absent as declared by the President in writing to the Executive Secretary, or  
In an emergency, Is unavailable for a period of at least 48 hours by normal communication means. Any decision or commitment shall require the ratification of at least two other executive members in writing to the Executive Secretary.

**15c Honorary Treasurer**

The Honorary treasurer shall have the powers over all of the associations finances to direct and manage them within the Policies set by Annual General Meeting or other General Meeting or by the Executive via policies. Also they shall coordinate the activities of the Auditors and direct officers of the association to comply with reasonable auditor requests.

The Honorary treasurer shall ensure that Legal compliance to the financial requirements of current legislation. The Honorary Treasurer shall also be responsible for conducting any investigation involving financial impropriety.

#### 15d Removal From Office of Elected Officers

The Elected Officer can only be removed from office if:

The Elected Officer does not remain a member of the association or is in default of any undisputed payment to the association.

That a 75% majority of a general meeting votes on a motion to remove the Elected Officer.

In the unanimous opinion of the executive members the Elected Officer has acted in a manner that would bring the association into disrepute or render the association liable for civil or criminal action. In such cases the Elected Officer can request and it shall be granted independent binding mediation at the expense of the association.

The Elected Officer is convicted of any offence (Civil or Criminal) that relates to statutory instruments related to Beekeeping or a criminal offence that has a custodial penalty.

#### 15e Election of Elected Officers

The election of Elected Officers of the Executive shall be at a convened General meeting (annual or special in the case of removal) will be by simple majority and where there is a tie then a revote shall take place until a majority is achieved.

If an elected Officer is removed during their period of office then the Executive Secretary shall hold a ballot of members in accordance with the rule 27.

#### 15f Council of Elected Officers

The Council of Elected officers shall be responsible for the overall direction of the association working with the wider executive members in the implementation of the policies, procedures of the association. The Council may make decisions on behalf of the association subsequently ratified by the Executive at a normally nominated meeting.

#### 15g Executive Portfolio Holders

Each member of the Executive excluding the President shall be responsible for portfolios determined from time to time being required to operate the association. The Portfolio Holders shall be accountable to the Executive for their portfolio and report to the executive at every meeting. Each portfolio holder will prepare a report to the membership as a part of the annual report. All committees related to that portfolio will report to the Portfolio holder through the Committee Chair.

#### 15h Delegations

The Executive may from time to time determine policies and procedures on the delegations of financial or decision making authority to individuals or organisational units. These policies and procedures shall be available from the executive secretary on written request by any member of the association.

#### Rule 16:

The Executive. (The Executive becomes a Board and all reference in the Rules of the Association to Executive is changed to read National Board)

#### (a) Amend to:

The National Board shall consist of eight (8) persons who are either members of the Association or the representatives of corporations which are members, four being resident in the North Island and four being resident in the South Island.

One member of the National Board from each Island shall be a branch chairman whose major role on the Board will be to act as Branch liaison people for their respective islands. They shall be elected to the National Board by branch delegates at the Annual Conference of Branch Delegates held in conjunction with the Associations Annual General Meeting.

**Rationale:**

There is always an issue in the Association that the branches are not informed. By having Branch Liaison people on the Board to act as a conduit for information this should help alleviate the perceived problem.

**(b) Amend to:**

The members of the National Board shall hold office for two years, commencing at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting following their election and shall at the expiration of their terms be eligible for re-election unless in the case of the two branch chairmen they have ceased to be a branch chairman.

**(h) Amend to:**

5 members shall constitute a quorum.

**16 k**

The Executive of the Association may co-opt additional members to executive that have all the powers of an executive member excluding voting. The co-opting shall be by motion at a full executive meeting and a unanimous decision. The Executive can remove a co-opted member to the Executive by motion and a simple majority.

**18 b v**

Replace with: The Executive is required to provide a three year rolling budget updated annually with a strategic plan. This will be ratified at the general meeting by the membership and form the overall direction of the Association for the next three years

**23 e**

Special Interest Groups representing sectors and industry groups of the association's membership. Special Interest Groups can be created in the same way as a branch and have the operating powers and responsibilities of a branch.

**23 f**

Branches and special interest groups shall establish rules of operation and conduct of meetings compliant with the Constitution and Policies set by the executive.

**Rule 24: Operation of Branches:**

**(f)New Rule:**

Branches to report a summary of their activities to the National Board quarterly in April, July, October and September.

**Rationale:**

As the Branches are part of the consolidated operations of the Association, quarterly reporting will enable the Board to maintain complete oversight of the Associations affairs.

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Change Executive to Council of Elected Officers.

### 31. Policies

The Executive may make matters of policy any matter that it considers necessary to be a policy and that policy shall be binding on all members of the association in the same way that this constitution is binding. The Executive does not have the power to make policies that directly or indirectly contravene this constitution.

All policies shall be available from the Executive Secretary on request by any voting member of the association.

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#### PROPOSED RULE CHANGE 1:

Rule 16(a) currently reads: "The Executive shall consist of six persons who are either members of the Association or the representatives of corporations which are members, three being resident in the North Island and three in the South Island."

The proposed rule change is to insert the following parenthetical expression after the words "six persons":

"(or fewer than six if the Executive chooses to not appoint a replacement Executive member in the event of a casual vacancy)"

RATIONALE: In recent years, the Executive has chosen to operate with fewer than six members, by not appointing replacements for casual vacancies. This proposed rule change would bring the rules (or at least the expressed intention of the rules) in line with recent practices of the Executive.

#### PROPOSED RULE CHANGE 2:

Rule 17(c)(vii) currently reads "Forwarding to Branches copies of minutes and reports of meetings of the Association and the Executive, to be within 14 days of such meetings being held."

The proposed rule change is to delete the phrase "to be within 14 days of such meetings being held".

RATIONALE: This change would revert the wording of the rule to that in place prior to 1998 when the rule was amended. It is not the practice of the Executive to provide the minutes within 14 days of the meeting, so this proposed to change is to bring the rules in line with the current practice of the Association.