

Constitution Summary of Changes

This summary shows the current rules as approved by the membership in 2017 and the proposed wording to be decided on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the NZ Netherlands Society "Oranje" Auckland Incorporated on 20th July 2019 4pm at Holland House.

A copy of this summary is printed in the July 2019 edition of Het Auckland Krantje and emailed to all members who the club holds an email address for and will be available at the Holland House Market Day on 12 July 2019.

Section 2

Rewording paragraphs d & e:

- d. To organise meetings and social evenings.
- e. To do all such other things as are expedient or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above objects

To:

- d. To organise relevant social and cultural events.
- e. To do all such things as are expedient or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above objectives.

Section 3

Rewording paragraphs a & d:

- a. Membership is open to all persons of 18 years or older irrespective of nationality. Members' children under the age of 18 years are eligible for free membership.
- d. Every member shall be entitled to be present at any member meeting and shall be entitled to one vote, provided the member is fully paid up.

To:

- a. Membership is open to all adult persons (18 years or older). Members' children under the age of 18 years are eligible for free membership.
- d. Every adult member shall be entitled to be present at any member meeting and shall be entitled to one vote, provided the member is fully paid up.

Section 6

Rewording paragraph g:

- g. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial administration of the society and shall submit a duly audited financial report at every annual general meeting.

To:

- g. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial administration of the society, and shall provide an audited report when required to consistent with 7a.

Addition of paragraph i:

- i. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in the Committee during the current Year.

Section 7

Rewording paragraph a:

- a. To remove the requirement for the annual accounts to be audited as it is not a legal requirement for a charity of our size and it adds unnecessary financial overheads to the preparation of accounts.

To:

- a. When there is no legal requirement for the society to perform an annual account audit the committee may choose to not conduct one to reduce the financial overheads related with this process.

Section 13

Introducing rules to allow Proxy votes:

13. Proxy Voting

- a. Adult members may notify the Secretary in writing in advance of the meeting if they want to give their voting rights to another person at the AGM or a SGM.
- b. The person who has been nominated as proxy must attend the meeting in person and cannot pass the proxy vote onto another third-person.
- c. A proxy vote will count equally as a normal vote in all matters, including in the quorum of meetings.
- d. A proxy will expire after the specific AGM or SGM it was given for under 13a. unless in the notification is given with perpetuity or has another specific expiry date given.
- e. A proxy will expire immediately if the person giving the proxy vote attends the AGM or SGM for which a proxy was previously nominated.
- f. Adult members may cancel or expire a proxy previously nominated by providing written notice to the Secretary. This may be done until the meeting has commenced.

Section 16

Rewording paragraph a:

a. The funds and property of the Society shall be under the control of the Committee. All moneys belonging to the Society shall forthwith after receipt thereof be paid into an account in the name of the Society in a bank to be selected by the Committee. No money shall be drawn out of that account except by online banking, cheque or withdrawal slip signed by any two of the officers of the Society nominated for that purpose from time to time. All moneys shall be applied to the carrying out of the objects of the Society in accordance with the rules of the Society. Proper books of account shall be kept in which shall be shown all financial transactions of the Society. The audited statement of accounts for the preceding year shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

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Section 18

Rewording paragraph a:

a. Under no circumstances can a member receive any payment howsoever out of the Society's funds, except where the Committee has granted a remuneration for special services to the Society rendered at the request of the Committee.

To:

a. Members will not be paid remuneration for conducting the business or affairs of the Society unless previously approved by the committee.

Adding paragraph b:

b. The Society may reimburse members out-of-pocket expenses incurred in conducting the business or affairs of the Society if approved by the committee.