

RAANZ AGM 2010 Remits

1 Official notice

Proposer- RAANZ exec

Change clause 14.1 of the Constitution from

Notices of all Annual and Special General Meetings of the Society shall be given to each member not less than 14 days prior to the meeting and shall be deemed to be duly given if posted to the last known registered office of each member not less than twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting.

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Notices of all Annual and Special General Meetings of the Society shall be given to each member not less than 14 days prior to the meeting and shall be deemed to be duly given if posted to the last known **address or emailed to the last known email address** of each member not less than twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Discussion

This change is to correct a typo (registered office) and also allow email notifications. RAANZ maintains a member database with both last known addresses and emails. Email is the preferred (lower cost, more immediate) means of communication with members. Approximately 60% have known/current email addresses. In cases where there is no current email address, members will be continue to notified by post.

2 Quorum

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Change clause 15.1 of the Constitution from

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The quorum at Annual, Special and General Meetings of the Society shall consist of at least fifty percent of the membership present in person or by proxy. **In the case of an Annual or General Meeting, if the quorum is not met the Chairman shall be deemed to hold to necessary proxy to achieve a quorum. The Chairman may use this proxy to facilitate the progress of the meeting, but may not use it to approve significant or Constitutional changes- he/she must exercise a conservative status quo vote.**

Discussion

It is often difficult to reach a quorum for a routine Annual or General meeting if there are no contentious issues. This change will facilitate the completion of constitutionally required meetings where member interest is low. The restriction to Annual and General Meetings, and the requirement for a conservative vote will prevent significant change being railroad through without due process.
