

## **Australasian Society for Classical Studies Annual General Meeting 2017**

### **Agenda Item 10: Special Resolutions**

The Victorian Associations Incorporation Act 2012 (which re-enacts the 1981 Act and applies to the ASCS Rules made under the former Act) allows the Rules of an association to be changed by a special resolution (s 50), which can be done at the AGM with 21 days' notice of the resolution (including specifying that it is a special resolution), and must be passed by 3/4 of the meeting (s 64). It is a requirement to register the change within 28 days of passing the special resolution.

The Executive Committee (Committee of Management) of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies wishes to put the following Special Resolutions to the Annual General Meeting (2017).

- a. That the position of Membership Secretary be created. The proposal has been moved by John Penwill and seconded by Kathryn Welch.
- b. That the position of Business Manager be removed and replaced with a new position, that of Publications Manager. The proposal has been moved by John Penwill and seconded by Kathryn Welch.
- c. That the Australasian Women in Ancient World Studies annually nominates a representative to serve on the Executive Committee (Committee of Management) from 2017. The proposal has been moved by Lea Beness and seconded by Kathryn Welch.
- d. That the number of Postgraduate Representatives be increased from one to two, with one to represent postgraduates in Australian universities and the other to represent New Zealand universities. The proposal was moved by Kathryn Welch and seconded by Bruce Marshall. This proposal was passed by the AGM at Palmerston North in 2014.
- e. That the decision, taken in 2014, to change the name of the Committee of Management to Executive Committee be endorsed and registered.

Concerning items a-d, the current relevant wording in the constitution is as follows:

### **22. Office Holders**

- (1) The officers of the Society shall be –
  - (a) a President;
  - (b) Vice-Presidents, of whom there may be up to two;
  - (c) a Secretary;

- (d) a Treasurer, who shall generally also be the Public Officer of the Society;
- (e) two Editors of the Society's journal;
- (f) a Business Manager for the Society's journal;
- (g) a Website Manager;
- (h) one Postgraduate Representative *for Australian universities, and one Postgraduate Representative for New Zealand universities*;
- (i) a representative on the Council of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens; and
- (j) one representative from each university.

Adoption of the Special Resolutions would necessitate the following changes:

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  - e) **a Membership Secretary to manage the list of members of the Society;**
  - f) two Editors of the Society's journal;
  - g) **a Publications Manager to oversee the publication and distribution of Society publications;**
  - h) a Website Manager;
  - i) **one Postgraduate Representative for Australian universities, and one Postgraduate Representative for New Zealand universities;**
  - j) a representative on the Council of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens;
  - k) **a representative on the Executive Committee (Committee of Management) of the Australasian Women in Ancient World Studies organization;**
  - l) one representative from each university.

## **Explanatory Notes**

*Purpose of the special resolutions concerning Section 22 of the Constitution:*

- a) to create a position entitled Membership Secretary
- b) to remove the position of Business Manager and replace it with that of Publications Manager
- c) to include an AWAWS representative on the ASCS Executive Committee (Committee of Management)

- d) to register the decision to include a second postgraduate representative passed at the AGM in Palmerston North 2014.
- e) to register the decision to rename the Committee of Management the Executive Committee passed at the AGM in Palmerston North 2014.

*Rationale*

**Special Resolution (a):**

The Honorary Secretary carries the greatest burden of work on the Executive Committee (Committee of Management). That burden would be considerably lessened by reassigning responsibility for the list of members to a second elected officer. This officer would ensure that the list of members is up-to-date and that those members who have not paid their annual subscriptions receive regular reminders of their obligations. S/he would communicate regularly with the Treasurer and Secretary on matters pertaining to membership and be available to provide information to other members as needed.

The new officer would be elected in the same manner as for all other officers of the Society. Nominations may be taken from the floor of the AGM 2017 if the resolution is passed.

**Special Resolution (b):**

The position of Business Manager of *Antichthon* is no longer necessary, since with the takeover by CUP there isn't any business to manage. The Treasurer now liaises directly with Cambridge concerning invoices and payments. What is now needed is a Publications Manager, whose duties would include overseeing the publication and distribution of Society publications, the compilation and distribution of the ASCS Newsletter, and other similar tasks as directed by the Executive Committee (Committee of Management).

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**Special Resolution (c):**

The AWAWS organization meets during the ASCS conference and generally supports ASCS enterprises. It has presented three specialist panel discussions at ASCS conferences (in 2014, 2015 and 2016) and will present another in 2017. In 2016 the AWAWS co-sponsored a reception at the ASCS conference and will do so again in the future. Members of the AWAWS Executive who are also members of ASCS, by invitation, have helped to draft the proposed ASCS Code of Conduct.

*Proposed method of election:*

- (a) A representative would be elected by the membership of the AWAWS at its Annual General Meeting in June and serve on the AWAWS Executive as the ASCS representative for one year.
- (b) The elected representative would be endorsed by the AGM of ASCS.

**Special Resolution (d):**

To endorse and register a practical change made in 2014 which is working to the great benefit of the Society.

**Special Resolution (e):**

*Purpose of Special Resolution (e)*

That the Society change the name of Committee of Management to Executive Committee. The proposal was moved by Kathryn Welch and seconded by Bruce Marshall. This proposal was passed by the AGM at Palmerston North in 2014.

*Rationale*

When the new constitution was being drafted, it was based on the model rules for an incorporated society provided by the Victorian Department of Consumer Affairs. That set of model rules used the phrase “Committee of Management; the Honorary Secretary at the time simply took over that phrase when drafting the new ASCS constitution. It makes sense, however, to use the description “Executive Committee”, since that is the term which members will be familiar with from the previous constitution and from practice and accepted terminology over many years. It is considered that the word “Executive” implies that the Committee does the managing, so “of Management” appears surplus.

This special resolution will enable the endorsement and registration of a practical change approved by the AGM at Palmerston North in 2014.