

Motion to amend the ACETA Constitution

To be put before the Board of Management and members at the 2018 AGM held on 5 May 2018.

Dear ACETA members,

There has been a couple of recommendations for marginal constitutional amendments to be presented to the members and voted on at the 7th ACETA AGM on the 5th May 2018.

Please read below for details of the proposed amendments.

Regards

Frank Andrewartha
Secretary
ACETA

Introduction:

1. The powers and duties of a temporary or acting Executive Officer and their dispersal during a time when there is no permanent Executive Officer appointed, and
2. A revision of the conflict of interest sub section to simplify the appointment of a member undertaking a project for the Association that will have a remuneration component. This needs to be managed transparently and with care.

1: Temporary Executive Officer

Currently, the wording in section D.4.2 states:

D.4.2. EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

The BOM may, from time to time, appoint a staff member as the Executive Officer. When no such appointment is in place, any powers and duties conferred upon the Executive Officer by this Constitution vest with the Secretary.

We move to reword section D.4.2 to state the following:

D.4.2. EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

*The BOM may, from time to time, appoint a staff member as the Executive Officer. When no such appointment is in place, any powers and duties conferred upon the Executive Officer by this Constitution vest with the Secretary **or whomever member of the Executive and/or the ACETA Board, it is agreed by the Board in the adoption of the officer the Secretary has recommended.***

This formalises the fact that Frank Hinton, the President (or any office bearing person in the future), can be temporally and officially conducting the affairs normally associated with an Executive Officer.

2. Managing conflict of interest - remuneration

The second amendment relates to conflict of interest, an important sub section D.4.4. The section states:

D.4.4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Application for employment or contract with the Association may not be considered if the applicant is an employee, relative or business associate of a member, unless such a conflict has been declared and deemed acceptable by a special resolution of the BOM.

We move to reword section D.4.4 to state the following:

D.4.4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

*Application for employment or contract with the Association may not be considered if the applicant is an employee, relative or business associate of a member **unless the potential conflict has been declared and deemed acceptable by the Executive with the unanimous written approval of the BOM.***

The reason being that if a board member is engaged by the Board/Executive to perform a very time-consuming function that will greatly benefit the association, (such as organise a conference), they should be able to receive some remuneration without compromising the Conflict of Interest provision. This is assuming the appointment is official and the engagement is through the Executive/Board channel.