



**Proposed Changes to our Constitution – direct any queries to George White.**

- 1. To give better continuity on the committee two-year staggered terms would assist. Committee members can obviously still resign if a two-year term doesn't suit.**

## **TERM OF OFFICE**

### **Clause 8. The Committee**

**Replace:**

- (2) The Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting and holds office from the closure of the Annual General Meeting until the closure of the next.

**With:**

- (2) The Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting and subject to this Constitution, each elected member shall normally hold office for two years. The election of the following Committee members shall be staggered, with the President and Treasurer being elected at even year AGMs and with the Vice President, Secretary and Registrar at the odd year AGMs. Additional Committee members shall be elected as needed.

- 2. To overcome problems of people getting to meetings plus perhaps encourage more people to join the committee. We may decide that six times is right, but this change would give us the option. With much business able to be conducted by email – meetings become less important.**

**Replace:**

- (5) The Committee meets not less than six times a year. Motions are decided by a majority of votes and in the case of equal numbers, the President has a second or casting vote.

**With:**

- (5) The Committee meets as required but not less than four times per year. Motions are decided by a majority of votes and in the case of equal numbers, the President has a second or casting vote.

- 3. To avoid unnecessary work and possible delays, deleting this sentence makes life easier for the Committee.**

### **Clause 9. Powers of the Committee**

**Delete the yellow:**

- (1) (h) To appoint sub-committees for particular tasks; to appoint or co-opt individuals to provide advice. **These appointments end at the next Annual General Meeting but may be renewed.**

- 4. The Department of Business and Consumer Affairs asked SAMA to consider a new clause addressing Clause 55 of the Act – therefore to avoid constant requests for more clauses (and costs) they seem receptive to including a catch-all clause.**

### **Clause 2 Interpretation**

**Add:**

- (4) Where requirements of the Act are not specifically referred to in this Constitution, SAMA acknowledges that it is bound by the Act”.