



PROPOSED ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS TO THE RNARS CONSTITUTION 2014

Changes in bold italics

Change 1

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP - Grades of Membership

New sub-section (f) within the grades of membership:

f) Under 25s who may qualify as either grade (a) or grade (b)

As ratified at the 2017 AGM. Following sub-section headings below to be adjusted to read (g) and (h)

Change 2

Section 3.1 Constitutional Requirements For Membership

Changes to sub-section (c) and the addition of sub-sections (d) through to (e):

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- c) No member shall be expelled without first having ***been informed of a complaint made against them, and shall be*** given an opportunity to appear before the Committee. ***If it is found there is no case to answer, the Committee shall have the authority close the investigation.***
- d) ***All representations shall be investigated by the full Committee, a quorum of Committee members or a sub-committee appointed by the Chair. Sub-committees shall report their findings and conclusions to the Committee at the next committee meeting or, at an extraordinary committee meeting called for that purpose. All information; whether material or otherwise; will be deemed confidential to the Committee, and not publicly made available during investigation. The Committee will discuss and vote on the most appropriate action to take, and will then inform the parties of its decision which is final. And where discretion allows, the outcome published accordingly.***

A clash of interest in these circumstances is where a representation of misconduct is a personal matter involving a Committee member, or where a Committee member is the subject of a misconduct complaint. The Committee member shall not take part in any further enquiries or discussions (except as defined in (c) above) of the Committee during its investigation and its findings made known.

- e) ***Any attempt to influence the outcome of Committee hearings, etc by bullying, obstruction, harassment or intimidating behaviour, or publicly divulging personal or confidential information, or otherwise will be viewed as misconduct.***



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Change 3

This is a new section that reflects upon the necessity of adherence to legal requirements.

6. *POLICIES & PROCEDURES*

Occasionally, laws are passed requiring the Society to produce policies and procedures that are in compliance with national legislation. Breaches of the rules may call for corrective action within the sphere of the Society's influence, but may otherwise be offences that have to be reported to the authorities and further actions may lie beyond the remit of the Society. All members are required to read such documents and act in accordance with Section 3 of the constitution.

All other following sections to have their numbering adjusted accordingly.

Change 4

SECTION 8 COMMITTEE STANDING ORDERS

- i. Section renumbered resulting from earlier additions.
- ii. The addition of two further sub-sections (f) and (g): including the reinstatement of the principle of sub-committees from the original constitution:

(f) The Committee shall have the power to appoint such sub-committees and representatives, and co-opt members onto the committees, as they may deem necessary in the interests of the Society.

(g) At meetings of the Committee, or any Sub-Committee appointed by the Chair, each member shall have a vote and the Chair of each committee shall have a casting vote.