

# CONSTITUTION MOTIONS

Proposed by the Open Morris Committee

## CONSTITUTION MOTION 1:

### Amend the Constitution to read:

In the preamble above “In Open Morris Documents” add a heading to read “Definition of Terms”

Amend paragraph e) to read:

- e) **Member Eligible to Vote** means Individual Members after five years of continuous Individual Membership; Life Members; and Member Sides through their Nominated Representatives.

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### The Constitution currently reads:

In Open Morris documents:

- a) **OM** means Open Morris;
- b) **OM Members** means Individual Members, Life Members and Member Sides;
- c) **All of OM** means Individual Members, Life Members, Honorary Members, Member Sides, and OM Officials;
- d) **member** means any person who is an **OM Member** or who belongs to a Member Side;
- e) **Member Eligible to Vote** means Individual Members after five years of continuous Individual Membership; Life Members; Member Sides; and Nominated Representatives.
- f) **Member Sides** include UK, non-UK, and Associate Member Sides

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### Explanatory Note:

This clarifies of the purpose of the preamble text, and corrects the voting role of Nominated Representatives.

## CONSTITUTION MOTION 2:

### Amend the Constitution to read:

#### 12) VOTING RIGHTS AT MEETINGS

- a) a Member Side may nominate one of their members as their Nominated Representative at a meeting. The Nominated Representative may speak and vote according to the wishes of that member side.

Delete paragraph 12) b)

Renumber paragraph 12) c) to be 12) b)

#### 13) VOTING AT MEETINGS

b) An Election, Motion or Amendment to a Motion Vote will only be adopted if it receives a number of votes in favour greater than the number of votes against. In case of a tie, the Chair will have a casting vote.

c) A Constitution Motion or an Amendment to a Constitution Motion Vote will only be adopted if it receives a number of votes in favour no fewer than two-thirds of the total votes cast. In case of a tie the Chair will have a casting vote.

d) Voting on every Election, Constitution Motion and Ordinary Motion will be available to every **Member Eligible to Vote**. Voting will be conducted using an online system. Voting for each Election, Constitution Motion and Ordinary Motion will open 14 days in advance of the AGM and will be closed by the Chair at appropriate points during the meeting. The results will be available shortly after closing and will be read out by the Chair, and verified by independent tellers.

Delete paragraph 14) h) and paragraph 23) c) ii.

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### The Constitution currently reads:

#### 12) VOTING RIGHTS AT MEETINGS

- a) A Member Side may nominate one of their members as their Nominated Representative to attend a meeting
- b) A Nominated Representative:
  - i. may only speak and vote on behalf of one Member Side;
  - ii. will speak and vote according to the wishes of that member side; and therefore
  - iii. will relinquish the right to vote as a life or Individual Member

#### 13) VOTING AT MEETINGS

- c) No person is entitled to cast more than one vote when a vote is called on a Motion or an Amendment or a Nomination at a Meeting.
- d) A Motion or Amendment to a Motion will only be adopted if it receives a number of votes in favour greater than the number of votes against.

## **14) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

h) For the election of Officers each year, the Committee will arrange for eligible members to lodge Absentee Votes, to be included in the respective count for each secret ballot at the AGM.

## **23) AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION**

c) ii. a Constitution Motion will be declared adopted if it receives a number of votes in favour no fewer than two-thirds of the total number of votes cast.

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### **Explanatory Note:**

These amendments encompass the changes from physical voting at a meeting to online voting and allow individuals to vote both as Individual Member OR Life Member and Representatives of Member Sides where applicable, and ensure that no Member Eligible to Vote is disenfranchised by the use of online voting.

## CONSTITUTION MOTION 3

Amend the Constitution to read:

### 14) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a) The Officers are elected each year at the AGM, and may be re-elected.

### 18) FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) i. at least **three** Officials of OM will be bank account signatories, two of whom must be Chair and Treasurer.

Remove paragraph 18) a) vi.

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**The Constitution currently reads:**

### 14) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a) The Officers are elected each year at the AGM and may be re-elected; but the term of office will not normally exceed **three** years for the Chair and **five** years for other Officers.

### 18) FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) i. at least **three** Officers of OM will be bank account signatories;  
vi. a payment or transfer from the account may only be originated by the Treasurer or the Chair;

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**Explanatory Note:**

It is often difficult to recruit volunteers to committee roles, particularly the more specialized roles of Treasurer and Web Officer. Requiring re-election annually allows the membership to remove individual officers if and when they see fit to do so, without placing any limitation on the length of time an officer may serve.

The removal of 18 a) vi. brings the constitution into line with current practice and allows any signatory to originate payments, which is often more expedient when working with the limitations of the online banking service.