

Changes and updates to the Aotearoa Quilters Constitution – 2024

To remain registered as an Incorporated Society, Aotearoa Quilters needs to apply to Registrar of Incorporated Societies for re-registration as an Incorporated Society under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. An updated Constitution is required for this re-registration process.

Name

Change 'Association' to 'society' to match the terminology in the new Act.

Interpretation

Remove the inclusion of a guild which pays a capitation fee in the definition of member.

Remove the definition of Affiliate Member.

Both definitions removed because information about Aotearoa Quilters and its activities are freely available on the public page on the Aotearoa Quilters website and there is no need to have a category of membership for this access.

Objectives

Remove clause i. because scholarships are not provided.

Re-number remainder of clauses in this section.

Membership

Remove clauses a, b and c because Affiliate membership is no longer available.

Re-number remainder of clauses in this section.

Clause a (formally d) – correct spelling mistake and update membership process to meet the requirements of the new Act.

Clause d (formally g) - correct spelling mistake.

Clause f (formally i) – update to meet requirements of the new Act.

Officers

Clause c – confirm Association's contact person for the Registrar of Incorporated Societies as required by the new Act.

Committee

New clause d – establish a register of interests for Committee members, Officers and any co-opted additional Committee members as required by the new Act.

New clause e – clarify resolution voting process as required by the new Act.

Re-number remainder of clauses in this section.

Clause j (formally h) – confirm nominations for Officers and Committee members must be in writing using the nomination form and that the nominees must also complete the nomination form to meet the requirements of the new Act.

Meetings

Clause a – confirm minutes will be kept for all General Meetings as required by the new Act.

Clause b – updated to confirm the timing of the Annual General Meeting each year as required by the new Act. Purpose of the Annual General Meeting updated to include notice of disclosures of conflicts of interest made by Committee members during the preceding year as required by the new Act.

Clause e – Changed to reflect that the President, Secretary and Treasurer are not elected at the Annual General Meeting. The holders of these positions are determined by the Committee.

Constitutional amendments

Clause c – updated as required by the new Act.

New Zealand Symposia

Reworded to reflect the current process for supporting New Zealand Symposia.

General

Clause b – addition of requirement to file accounts with the Registrar within 6 months of the Association's financial year end as required by the new Act.

Clause e – update to include requirements of the new Act.

Schedule 1

New section to outline the dispute resolution process which is now required to be included in the Constitution. The New Zealand Companies Office provided recommended wording for this section of the Constitution and this has been included in full.