

Proposed Changes to ANI Constitution – 2015 TDA Annual General Meeting

Resolution: That the Constitution of the Australian Naval Institute be rescinded with effect from the closure of the 2015 ANI Annual General Meeting and replaced with the Rules of the Australian Naval Institute amended in line with changes as previously made available to members.

Summary of the major changes:

Clause	Explanatory Notes
Title	Change “Constitution” to “Rules” for consistency reference through the document
6(6), (7)	Clause deleted to reflect current practice and alleviate the impracticality of the Council approving each individual membership application
6 (10) and other subsequent clauses	Addition of “or such person with authority delegated by the Council” in references to the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer to reflect current practice where tasks are undertaken by the Business Manager
12(1)	Revised to reflect requirements of the Act and enable AGM to be held within five months rather than three months from the end of the financial year
12 (4)(e)	Deleted. More appropriate for this action to be undertaken by the Council and not require the calling of an AGM
12(7)	Meetings are no longer referred to as special general meetings – only annual general meetings or general meetings
14	Original clause deleted and replaced by two sub-clauses specifying the notice period and method of calling meetings depending on the business to be dealt with at the meeting. Deletion of requirement to insert an ad in an ACT newspaper
15(3)	Numbers for a Quorum reduced to assist in achieving a quorum
23(1)(e)	Removal of Journal Editor as Officer to reflect changed practice and ANI's increased online focus
23(2)	Amended to enable non-serving members to be the President or a Councillor and mitigate actual or perceived conflict of interest issues for serving members and facilitate appointment of specific skills-based Councillors
23(4) & 24(1)	Two year term of office inserted rather than annual elections for improved governance. It will be necessary implement an initial process to stagger the election of Councillors to avoid the full Council being up for election at the one time
27(4)	Numbers for a Quorum reduced to assist in achieving a quorum
30	Amended to reflect current practice and improved governance by vesting operational issues in the Council rather than the AGM
31	Consideration is being given to changing the Financial Year of the ANI from a calendar year to the traditional July-June period to accord with the reporting period of organisations with whom the ANI does business (eg sponsors)
By-Laws	It is recommended that these be removed from the Constitution and become included in a separate Business Rules/Procedures document covering the ANI's operations which can be changed from time to time by Council

Note: A number of other minor changes have been made to reflect changing expectations of governance roles and contemporary practice since the original ANI Constitution was framed. A tracked change version of the document is available in the members section of the ANI website.