

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

It is important that the constitution is accessible and understandable to its members as they are also a mechanism to hold the Board of Editors and the association accountable. The nature of the changes to the existing constitution, though fine in meaning, was difficult to follow due to the wording of the document. Woroni has sought to reword the constitution so that it may be in understandable to its members and to incoming Editors.

There have also been changes made to certain sections which outlined details of election procedure which has been removed and made into electoral regulations. These are outlined below.

S7.1 and 7.4, Election of Editors, simplified the outline of the process of electing editors. Clarified 7.7- the Editor-in-Chief election to reflect the importance of having an existing General Editor as Editor-in-Chief and that Editor-in-Chief and is within the 12 months, as previously this was not explicit.

Further amendments to s7.10 removed the word "retire" due to its connotations of not being able to run again and instead replaced with "step down" this clarifies that the Editors vacate their positions during the electoral period if they wish to renominate themselves.

S8. Election Procedure, saw the removal of that clauses 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.8, 8.9, 8.11. These clauses have become part of internal policy regarding the Electoral Regulations.

S9.1-9.4 Removal and Resignation of Board members expands the role of the Grievance and Disputes Panel as an independent arbitrator when there are internal disputes within the Board. Placing greater responsibility of the Returning officer and to a certain degree the two appointed members to assist in arbitrating conflicts that escalate to a removal of either one or more editors from the board. This allows for greater accountability and ensures that the board of editors uphold their responsibilities and in turn the integrity of the association.

It is important to note that the process will also be expanded in the internal policy of the powers of the Grievance and Disputes Panel and the internal policy of the Removal and Resignation of Board members.

Embedded within in the constitution are the core principle framework the current Semester 2 2017 Board would like to ensure is enshrined for future boards follow. This mechanism ensures that the integrity of the association cannot, to a certain degree, be compromised by internal personal grievances of Editors or external pressure.

Further clarification of the membership including who can be and is on the Grievance and Dispute Panel in additional clauses (s26.6,7) that were added to s.26.

The old constitution has red highlights and this indicates text that has been deleted in comparison with the new constitution which has highlights in green indicating things that have been inserted and or re-written.