

### Overview and Summary

Motion to amend the Constitution

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify the rules for membership of the Association.

The clarification relates to

- (1) Who may apply for membership of the Association and
- (2) The classes of membership that may be awarded

The proposed changes are:

- (a) Rule 14: to be deleted and its sub rules to be incorporated into Rule 8.
- (b) Rule 8: One new class of membership to be added: Ordinary Member, together with its definition. Two classes of membership to be renamed.

The following pages show the affected rules in the current Constitution, and the proposed new rules.

EXISTING RULES:

#### **8 Who is eligible to be a member**

Any person who supports the purposes of the Association is eligible for membership.

#### **14 Associate and honorary members**

- (1) Associate members of the Association include—
  - (a) any members under the age of 15 years; or
  - (b) any members who satisfy the Committee of their interest in the RAE; or
  - (c) any other category of member as determined by special resolution at a general meeting.
- (2) An associate member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting.
- (3) Honorary Membership (honorary members retain full voting rights)
  - (a) a member who has made a significant contribution to the Association either by way of a substantial financial donation or memorabilia may be awarded complementary life membership with no further subscriptions payable. They will receive a letter from the Association confirming this status
  - (b) Members over the age of eighty (80) years will be granted an honorary life membership of the Association with no subscriptions payable. They will receive a letter from the Association confirming this status.
  - (c) A member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association will be granted Honorary Life Membership together with a framed certificate.

In the cases of serials (a) and (c) a nomination outlining the facts and recommending the granting of the status is to be submitted to the committee for consideration on a case by case basis

### Proposed new rule 8:

#### 8 Eligibility for membership

(1) Any person who supports the aims of the Association is eligible to apply for membership.

(2) Classes of membership

**(a) Ordinary Member:** any person who fits the description of “Sapper” as defined in part 1 section 4 “definitions” of this constitution.

**(b) Over 65 Concessional Member:** members who have reached the age of 65 years (prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January) may elect to pay a one-off subscription equal to ten times (10) the annual rate of an ordinary member as set out in Rule 12 (1) which will entitle them to a concessional life membership with no further subscriptions necessary. They will receive a letter from the Association confirming this status.

**(c) Over 80 Complimentary Member:** members over the age of 80 years will be granted a complimentary life membership, with no subscriptions payable. They will receive a letter from the Association confirming this status.

**(d) Honorary Life Member:** A member who has made a significant contribution to the Association either by way of a substantial financial donation, memorabilia or service contribution may be awarded Honorary Life Membership together with a framed certificate, and no further subscriptions payable.

Nomination for Honorary Life Membership, outlining the facts and recommending the granting of the status, is to be submitted to the Committee for consideration on a case by case basis.

(All of the above membership categories have full voting rights)

**(e) Associate member:** Associate members of the Association include—

(i) any members under the age of 15 years; or

(ii) any members who are not Sappers but satisfy the Committee of their interest in the RAE; or

(iii) any other category of member as determined by special resolution at a general meeting.

An associate member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting.

Proposed rule 14: This rule has been deleted.

