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EGM held on Monday September 28th 9L30-10:05pm
Co-chaired by Dena Lyras and Cheryl Power, assisted by Julien Rood.

Attendance roll circulated, membership status checked. 25 voting members present plus 15 students associates.

Motions 1-8, 10 passed with no dissention. Accepted by those present as simply updating the constitution to reflect current situation/practices.

Motion 1
That Clause 15.3 of the Constitution be amended to read:
All subscriptions are payable on or before 1 April each year.
Motion moved by Mark Walker
Seconded by Liz Harry
Motion carried.

Motion 2
That a new clause 30 be included and subsequent clauses renumbered accordingly
Motion moved by Julian Rood
Seconded by Mark Schembri
Motion carried

Motion 3
That Constitution Clause 31 (to become Clause 32 after carriage of Motion 2) be amended as follows:

31.1: inclusion of position name in Council list
- add the following members: "The Vice President Elect, Scientific Affairs, for one year from the time of appointment" and "The Vice President Elect, Corporate Affairs, for one year from the time of appointment"
Motion moved by Christine Seers
Seconded by Kate Seib
Motion carried

Motion 4
That there be the following members added to the list in Constitution Clause 31 (to become clause 32 after carriage of Motion 2)

iv – Vice President Elect, Scientific Affairs vi. – Vice President Elect, Corporate Affairs vii – Vice President, Communications viii – Vice President Elect, Communications

Additional sentence
"Immediate-Past Chair and Visiting Speaker Program Co-ordinator by invitation only"
Motion moved by Ben Adler
Seconded by Mark Walker
Motion carried

Motion 5
Constitution Clause 31.2 amendment.
Insert first sentence to clause as follows:
Each President will first be elected into the role of President Elect, and will serve in that role for one year, to coincide with the last year of service of the current President before taking over that role. The President shall hold office for two years.
Motion moved by Melissa Brown
Seconded by Christine Seers
Motion carried

Motion 6
That Clause 33.6 be revised to replace "mutatis mutandis" with "with the necessary changes having been made."
Motion moved by Marina Harper
Seconded by Stuart Dashper
Motion carried

Motion 7
That Constitution Clauses 36 (now clause 37) and 50 (now clause 51) be revised as follows:

14.6. Rename NCQ as NEQB
14.7. Rename NCQ as NEQB
14.8 Rename NCQ as NEQB
31.1 Remove clause (vi) and change name of clause (vii), renumber subsequent clauses
36.1 (ii) change name to The National Examinations and Qualifications Committee (NEQB)
(iv) – delete this item
36.4 – Change name of the NEQC to NEQB.
36.7 – The Chair of the NEQB will be an ex officio member of the Council
50 – delete "the National Qualifications Committee and" and change to National Examination Board to NEQB.
Motion moved by Kate Seib
Seconded by Julien Rood
Motion carried

Motion 8
That gender masculine terms such as him be altered to him/her throughout the document.
Motion moved by Milena Awad
Seconded by Mark Walker
Motion carried

Motion 9
Definition of secretary be removed from clause 50 and that the term "secretary" be replaced by "secretariat" as appropriate throughout the document.
Withdrawn

Motion 10

That a Table of contents be included at the beginning of the Constitution and that clauses be renumbered to reflect the changes to be made as a result of the carriage of motions described above.

Motion moved by Christine Seers
Seconded by Kate Seib
Motion carried