# ALGWA WA Branch

Special Meeting 20th July 2020

Held via ZOOM video conference.

Present: Karen Wheatland, Terresa Lynes, Dale Piercy, Chontelle Stone, Chamonix Terblanche, Amanda Lovitt, Tresslyn Smith, Julie Matheson, Elizabeth Re, Giorgia Johnson, Alys McKeough

The meeting opened at 7:30pm

1. **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS**
   1. **Tenure of office for President and Vice President**

A discussion was held around whether to have a limitation on the tenure of office for the President and Vice President, currently set to 2 terms.

**MOTION:**

“To delete clause 9.2 (f) from the Constitution”

***Moved***: Chontelle Stone ***Seconded***: Terresa Lynes **LOST**

* 1. **Terms of office for Committee members**

A discussion was held around changing the terms from one year to two year terms, syncing the terms with the Local Government election cycle.

**MOTION:**

“The committee to investigate changing the constitution section 11.5 to adopt a term of two years for office bearers corresponding to the WA Local Government Election cycle”

***Moved***: Karen Wheatland ***Seconded***: Elizabeth Re **CARRIED**

* 1. **Cancellation and distribution of Surplus Property**

Elizabeth Re raised a concern regarding whether the Association needed to appoint and name a certain group or association within the constitution for surplus property to be distributed to if the Association were to wind up. The members discussed that appointing a certain body was not a requirement and that section 22.1 (c) covered the distribution adequately.

* 1. **Custody of the Books of the Association**

A discussion was held around heritage value of the books of the Association and what should happen with documentation if it is older than 7 years, as it is not required to be kept under the current terms of the Constitution.

**MOTION:**

“Change the constitution section 20.3 (b) to read: The books of the Association must be retained in accordance with the WA Local Government Act and the WA State Records Act”

***Moved***: Dale Piercey ***Seconded***: Elizabeth Re **CARRIED**

* 1. **Not-for-profit body**

A discussion was held about how the Association is to make payments, and whether in good faith was appropriate or whether it was better to be in accordance with the WA Local Government Act.

**MOTION:**

“Change the constitution section 4.1 (b) deleting the words “in good faith” and adding, “in accordance with the WA Local Government Act”

***Moved***: Dale Piercey ***Seconded***: Elizabeth Re **CARRIED**

* 1. **Class of Members**

A discussion was held about whether a new category of membership was required for Corporate Members or whether they would be classified as Associate Members.

**MOTION:**

“Under section 5.2 (c), the committee investigates changing the constitution section 5.3 to add in a CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP at the next general meeting”

***Moved***: Elizabeth Re ***Seconded***: Karen Wheatland **CARRIED**

* 1. **Qualifications for Membership**

A discussion was held about the applicability of the word ‘woman’ for ordinary members and whether this was inclusive and non-discriminatory against men. It was highlighted that as the Association clearly identifies is a Women’s Association, that it is appropriate for Members to be described as ‘women’ and Associate members as ‘person’.

**MOTION:**

“Change the constitution section 5.3 (a) to read: Any woman and section (b) to read: Any person”

***Moved***: Elizabeth Re ***Seconded***: Terresa Lynes **CARRIED**

1. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**MOTION:**

That the Constitution for the Australian Local Government Women’s Association WA Branch be adopted, subject to the changes as motioned in this meeting.

***Moved***: Amanda Lovitt ***Seconded***: Chamonix Terblanche **CARRIED**

Meeting closed 9.40pm