

## Voting Procedures

The OCA Constitution, which was adopted at a Special General Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019. Paragraph 20 provides for the following with the regard to Voting Procedures at OCA meetings:

Paragraph 20.1 states that “At Special General meetings and **Annual General meetings**, all OCA members in good standing can vote. The Association may institute checks at the start of meetings to confirm that members in good standing are identified for purpose of voting during the meeting.”

Only paid up members will be allowed to attend the meeting and to vote in the Virtual Poll established. This is because of the unusual circumstances under lockdown level 1, which prevent us from holding a public meeting in person.

Paragraph 20.2 deals with voting in a Management Committee meeting

Since this is an AGM, paragraph 20.2 does not apply

Paragraphs 20.3 and 20.4 deal with proxies.

Given the current situation in which we will be holding a Virtual AGM, the Man Comm has decided that it will not allow any proxies, since anyone out of town who is a paid up member will still be able to attend the AGM along with members who are in Cape Town. Since everyone will be attending virtually, the reason for a proxy is not compelling.

Paragraph 20.5 deals with how voting takes place and indicates that voting “shall be decided by a show of hands, except where a majority of members call for a secret ballot.”

Since the COVID-19 epidemic has imposed on the OCA the need for extraordinary measures, there will be no voting by show of hands since we will not be in the same room and using the Zoom technology to show you are voting will be dependent on members bandwidth connections and be cumbersome to count, and may introduce inaccuracies. The Man Comm has therefore decided to use Zoom polling to conduct the voting. Zoom polling is anonymous. The voting process will be explained in the meeting.

The election officer will be given the hosting of the meeting for the duration of the elections, meaning that no incumbent Management Committee or OCA member will have inside access to the poll result. Only the Election Officer will be able to see and record the election result.

Paragraphs 20.6 deals with the question of a casting vote.

However, this does not apply in the event of an election but to the voting procedures within the Management Committee.

Paragraph 20.7 deals with property owners who are members, confirming they have only one vote.