

Resolution to amend the Constitution of the Observatory Civic Association

The Management Committee of the Observatory Civic Association proposes the following amendments to the Constitution of the OCA. Deletions are marked with a ~~strikethrough~~. Additions are marked with underline.

Original Text as adopted in Sept 2019	Proposed amendment	Reason
<p>Paragraph 3 (objectives)</p> <p>The objectives of the ASSOCIATION are to:</p> <p>3.1 provide a public forum for concerns and opinions about the full range of civic issues that affect Observatory</p> <p>3.2 identify, express and address the concerns of the community within the boundaries of the Association;</p> <p>3.3 represent the interests of the community in civic matters</p> <p>3.4 enhance the skills and capacity of our community to address the challenges faced by our community</p> <p>3.5 promote an active interest in, and to consider the policies and affairs of the City of Cape Town and of the sub-council of which Observatory is part</p>	<p>The objectives of the ASSOCIATION are to:</p> <p>3.1 provide a public forum for concerns and opinions about the full range of civic issues that affect Observatory</p> <p>3.2 identify, express and address the concerns of the community within the boundaries of the Association, <u>including but not limited to provision of poverty relief (such as food and other support for homeless persons), supporting community-based projects to empower, train and build skills in the community, the advancement of arts and culture, the promotion and protection of the heritage and history of the area, and the conservation and protection of the environment as it affects our community</u></p> <p>3.3 represent the interests of the community in civic matters</p> <p>3.4 enhance the skills and capacity of our community to address the challenges faced by our community</p> <p>3.5 promote an active interest in, and to consider the policies and affairs of the City of Cape Town and of the sub-council of which Observatory is part, <u>including but not limited to the promotion of advocacy of Human Rights and democracy (such as enhancing public participation in municipal</u></p>	<p>To highlight activities currently undertaken by the OCA in more detail and make the objectives consonant with the powers of the OCA</p>

Paragraph 7.5 under Membership fees	Payment can be made by cash at the Annual General Meeting and by any other reasonable electronic means of payment. The Management Committee will determine the procedure for electronic payments.	governance). Payment can be made by cash at the Annual General Meeting and or by any other reasonable electronic means of payment. The Management Committee will determine the procedure for electronic payments.	Payment at the AGM is not feasible under virtual circumstances and must take place before the AGM; even if not virtual, members can only vote if in good standing and new members must be approved, so payment at the AGM is not practical. It was the reason for OCA being hijacked in 2018. It does not preclude paying at the AGM if we have systems in place, but it means there is no obligation to expect to join at the AGM if this is not practical.
Paragraph 9.2.2 under Membership	If the member is no longer eligible for membership pursuant to sub-clause 7.1	If the member is no longer eligible for membership pursuant to sub-clause 7.1 <u>6.1</u>	Typo in original constitution
Paragraph 9.3 under Membership	If the Management Committee has commenced proceedings for the termination of membership, it may suspend that member's membership until the next SGM	If the Management Committee has commenced proceedings for the termination of membership, it may suspend that member's membership until the next SGM <u>General Meeting</u>	This applies to any General meeting not just a Special General Meeting; could be done at an AGM
Paragraph 19.4 rules for nomination to the management committee	a) In conjunction with the announcement of the meeting date, the roles and responsibilities of the different positions on the Management Committee will be clarified in writing and nominations for these positions invited. b) Nominations must be made by two members in good standing and accompanied by confirmation of acceptance from the nominee and a brief motivation outlining the candidate's skills and expertise and confirmation that they have attended at least one OCA meeting in the previous year. Nominations	a) In conjunction with the announcement of the meeting date, the roles and responsibilities of the different positions on the Management Committee will be clarified in writing and nominations for these positions invited. b) Nominations must be made by two members in good standing and accompanied by confirmation of acceptance from the nominee and a brief motivation outlining the candidate's skills and expertise and confirmation that they have attended at least one OCA meeting in the previous year. Nominations	Only change is to correct the numbering – (d) is repeated twice. The last bullet is now numbered (e)

<p>should be submitted to the secretary in writing no later than 7 days before the meeting.</p> <p>c) However, nominations may also be made from the floor on the day of the elections subject to the same conditions – nomination by two members in good standing and confirmation of acceptance by the candidate.</p> <p>d) Candidates must accept nominations before their candidature is shared with the voting members.</p> <p>d) Candidates who are not present at the AGM may still be nominated and voted for as long as they meet the requirements of eligibility for the Management Committee.</p>	<p>should be submitted to the secretary in writing no later than 7 days before the meeting.</p> <p>c) However, nominations may also be made from the floor on the day of the elections subject to the same conditions – nomination by two members in good standing and confirmation of acceptance by the candidate.</p> <p>d) Candidates must accept nominations before their candidature is shared with the voting members.</p> <p>4) e) Candidates who are not present at the AGM may still be nominated and voted for as long as they meet the requirements of eligibility for the Management Committee.</p>	
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