

Amendments to Constitution endorsed at 2019 AGM

The following five amendments were endorsed at the 2019 AGM in Wellington and now form a part of the Society's Constitution:

Amendment 1:

5.2.6 **Honorary Member**, may be awarded by Council to any member of the Society in its sole discretion on the resolution of not less than eight Councillors in recognition of an outstanding and specific physical contribution made to the Society that does not qualify for election as a Fellow. An Honorary Member shall be entitled to the full rights of Ordinary Membership without the obligation to pay a subscription.

Amendment 2:

5.2.8 **Young Birders** is a membership category for young people linked to and supported by the Society through a Memorandum of Understanding with Young Birders New Zealand. Young Birders New Zealand aims to encourage the study of birds and their habitat use amongst young people and to support other activities that are consistent with the Objects of the Society. Members of Young Birders New Zealand will be non-financial members of the Society.

Amendment 3:

8.7.1 The positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus seven other Councillors shall be elected from the membership of the Society following the calling for nominations by the Secretary.

8.7.2 The position of Vice-President shall be elected by Council from a member who has been elected as a Councillor. Election of the Vice-President shall be at the resolution of a majority of Councillors, excluding the nominees.

Amendment 4:

9.1 Councillors shall be persons who are financial Members of the Society and shall be proposed, seconded and elected by Members by postal or electronic ballot, the result of which shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

9.9 The Secretary shall announce the names of the elected Councillors at the Annual General Meeting and move a motion requiring the ballot papers including, where appropriate, the entire electronic records of ballots, to be destroyed.

Amendment 5

14.15 Each region shall elect, or appoint, a regional Treasurer and such other regional officers, as the activities of the region require.