

Denmark Singapore Club

Extraordinary General Meeting 15 Feb 2014

Proposed amendment to constitution #1: Members' rights

Nominator(s): Sze Yee Ong, Charlotte Tan Lange, Elvina Chua and
Maxine Ong

Amendment:

Current constitution	Proposed amendment
Article VI (...) 2) Rights of Member- (...) ii) An Associate Member may speak but does not have the right to vote in the Annual General Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting and may not be a member of the Executive Committee in the Association.	Article VI (...) 2) Rights of Member- (...) ii) An Associate Member may speak and have the right to vote in the Annual General Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting and may serve as a member of the Executive Committee in the Association.

Motivation:

We want our associate members to play a more active role in the club so that they can vote for who runs the club as well as to contribute as committee members. This is also a reflection of the the current situation.

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Proposed amendment to constitution #2: Holding of AGM

**Nominator(s): Sze Yee Ong, Charlotte Tan Lange, Elvina Chua and
Maxine Ong**

Amendment:

Current constitution	Proposed amendment
Article XI Annual General Meeting (Herinafter referred to as the "AGM") (...) VI) AGMs for the election of Executive Committee members shall be held every 4th year.	Article XI Annual General Meeting (Herinafter referred to as the "AGM") (...) VI) AGMs for the election of Executive Committee members shall be held every year .

Motivation:

The current situation is that the committee changes more frequently than every 4th year, so this amendment is proposed to reflect the reality of the situation.

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Proposed amendment to constitution #3: Up to 6 committee members

**Nominator(s): Sze Yee Ong, Charlotte Tan Lange, Elvina Chua and
Maxine Ong**

Amendment:

Current constitution	Proposed amendment
Article XIV The Executive Committee i) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following: - a) President b) Honorary Secretary c) Honorary Treasurer d) 6 Ordinary Members	Article XIV The Executive Committee i) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following: - a) President b) Honorary Secretary c) Honorary Treasurer d) Up to 6 Committee Members

Motivation:

The current constitution states that the executive committee has to comprise of 6 ordinary members but the reality is that there is difficulty in getting even the 3 office-bearers of President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Proposed amendment is a reflection of the reality of the situation while at the same time, allowing for flexibility in the number of committee members.

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Proposed amendment to constitution #4: Committee term

Nominator(s): Sze Yee Ong, Charlotte Tan Lange, Elvina Chua and Maxine Ong

Amendment:

Current constitution	Proposed amendment
<p>Article XIV The Executive Committee</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>vi) Ordinary members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by votes cast by members who have settled their fees.</p> <p>viii) Office-bearers of the Executive Committee shall be appointed at AGMs and will serve a term of 4 years. They may be re-elected for the same or other office at the termination of their term.</p>	<p>Article XIV The Executive Committee</p> <p>(...)</p> <p>iii) Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected collectively at the AGM. As soon as possible after the AGM, the new committee shall appoint from within itself, the offices of President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for the year. At least one of the office-bearer posts shall be held by a person who has served in the previous committee.</p> <p>iv) Committee members shall serve a term of 2 years but terms must be arranged in such a way, that not all of the committee members are up for election in the same year. Committee members may be re-elected at the termination of their term. Committee members who serve in the appointed offices may be appointed to the same or other offices after each AGM.</p> <p>v) The president and at least 50% of the executive committee (including the president) must be ordinary members.</p>

Motivation:

The current situation is that many members are unable to serve in the committee for 4 years and that the positions are usually unsought for. This amendment puts less pressure on committee members. The arrangement of the terms are also to ensure that there will be someone in the committee who stays on who will be familiar with the way the club is run.

Paragraph (v) was included to ensure that Singaporeans still have a say in running the Singapore Club, while opening the doors for associate members to be in the committee, as is already the practice.

Please also note the change in paragraphs numbers since the current constitution has a typo error.

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Proposed amendment to constitution #5: Amendments

**Nominator(s): Sze Yee Ong, Charlotte Tan Lange, Elvina Chua and
Maxine Ong**

Amendment:

Current constitution	Proposed amendment
Article XVII Amendments to the Constitution (i) Amendments to the Constitution shall only be made at AGMs or EGMs after which the President or the Honorary Secretary will inform the Registrar of Societies of the matter. All amendments shall come into force from the date of notification to the Registrar of Societies.	Article XVII Amendments to the Constitution (i) Amendments to the Constitution shall only be made at AGMs or EGMs. All amendments shall come into force from the date of the AGM or EGM so-mentioned.

Motivation:

We are not even registered with the Registrar of Societies in Singapore in the first place. It is impossible for us to inform them of the amendments in our Club Constitution. (The current constitution is most likely based on Singapore Clubs in Singapore and so it is not relevant to our club here.)

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Proposed amendment to constitution #6: Amendments percentage

**Nominator(s): Sze Yee Ong, Charlotte Tan Lange, Elvina Chua and
Maxine Ong**

Amendment:

Current constitution	Proposed amendment
Article XVII Amendments to the Constitution (...) Amendments to the Constitution shall have the approval of 75% of the votes cast	Article XVII Amendments to the Constitution (...) Amendments to the Constitution shall have the approval of 2/3 of the votes cast

Motivation:

The value of 75% is an exceptionally high percentage of votes cast in order change the constitution. Going by the common standard for clubs, 2/3 of the votes cast is typical and so we suggest the same for the Denmark Singapore Club.

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Proposed amendment to constitution #7: Numbering

**Nominator(s): Sze Yee Ong, Charlotte Tan Lange, Elvina Chua and
Maxine Ong**

Amendment:

Current constitution		Proposed amendment
Article VII: i) c) d)	a) and b) are missing	Article VII: i) a) b)
Article XI: vii) a) b) c) e)	d) is missing	Article XI: vii) a) b) c) d)
Article XIV: ix) x) xi) xii)	iii-v are missing	Article XIV: v) vi) vii) viii)

Motivation:

We want to correct what appear to be typo errors in the numbering in the current constitution so that the amended constitution is coherent and correct.