

Constitutional Changes. Sharon Bradley

The constitution hasn't been changed for a long time but the group has grown to 225 members so we have had to make allowances for that. Both the old and the proposed new constitutions have been sent out.

There are no significant differences, the changes are concerned with moving sections together.

The first section to be moved concerned membership which was in two areas We have brought Honorary and Complimentary members together with normal members. Student members are also in this one section.

Management: We have a new position of Co-ordinator, We have two committee members holding this position. This needs to be notified in the Constitution. The two members are Margaret Thorne and Alan Elliott. Only one of these can vote. This had to be clarified in the Constitution The nominated person is Margaret.

The Trials Assessment Committee has been updated. This has to be clarified to follow the rules of ICRA. The Meconopsis Group is the Registrar of Meconopsis plants. For plants to be named they should ideally be presented to The Group for naming.. Dr Geoff Hill has been appointed as the ICRA Registrar on behalf of The Group. He has been fulfilling this role for nearly a year

Due to the changes the sections have been re-numbered, moving upwards by one.

There have been minor single word corrections in the Financial Section e.g Meconopsis Group has been changed to The Meconopsis Group

Sections 8,9 and 10 refer to the quorums needed for meetings. These have been made very precise so that there is no ambiguity.

Questions

Norma McDowell How do the changes in the Constitution affect Complimentary members and the subscriptions of members being voting at AGMs..

People who have not made their conscriptions technically would not be a member of 2017 today. All complimentary and honorary members are treated as fully paid members and so can vote in the AGM

Acceptance Proposed by Ian Christie

Seconded by ??