



AGM Agenda

3pm, Sunday 26th August 2018

Dunedin Botanic Garden Information Centre

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Matters arising from the Minutes
- Presentation of Annual Report (President)
- Adoption of Annual Report
- Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)
- Adoption of Accounts
- Election of Committee
- Motions to be put to the AGM

Motion 1

Membership categories and fees to be changed to:

- **Commercial** to be changed to one category – \$400
(currently 25+ employees: \$800; 10-25 employees: \$400; 1-10 employees: \$200)
- **Life – Individual** to be changed to \$250 (currently \$400)
- **Life – Family/Household** to be changed to **Life – Joint** \$400 (currently \$500)
- After 10 continuous membership years, at the Committee's discretion, become **Life Members**.
- **Family/Household** to be changed to **Joint** (two or more individuals at the same physical address)
- **Group** – \$50 (unchanged)
- **Student** – student category to be abolished (currently \$15)
- **Garden Staff** – unchanged
- **Volunteers** – eligible for complimentary membership at the Committee's discretion.
- **Individual** fee \$15 (currently \$30)
- **Joint** fee \$20 (two or more individuals at the same physical address, currently \$50).

Motion 2

Clauses 5 and 6 of the Constitution are changed as per the attached detail. Highlighted clauses represent proposed changes/additions and strikethroughs represent proposed deletions.

- Any other business
- Introduce Helen Leach
- Introduce Alan Matchett
- Close of Business
- Refreshments



Changes to the Constitution

5. Membership

- a) The categories of membership are:
 - (i) Life
 - (ii) Commercial
 - (iii) Individual
 - (iv) Joint
 - ~~(v) Student~~
 - (vi) Botanic Garden Staff Member
 - (vii) Volunteer
 - (viii) Group

The Committee may vary these categories and determine other categories.

- b) **Life Member:** Any individual or couple who purchase life membership by payment of such lump sums as the Society in general meeting may determine. Such members shall not be liable to pay any further sum by way of subscription and shall be entitled to vote and otherwise exercise the rights of an Individual Member. A couple who have become Joint Life Members shall be entitled to a two votes at any meeting of the Society. The Committee may, in its absolute discretion, gift life membership of the Society to members of any membership category, other than Commercial or Group, where the member has demonstrated commitment to the Society either by maintaining a membership of at least 10 years, or by having provided significant support to foster the aims and objectives of the Society. These members shall be identified as Honorary Life Members and shall be entitled to vote and otherwise exercise the rights of an Individual member.
- c) **Commercial Member:** any commercial business shall be eligible for commercial membership at such contribution as the Society in general meeting may determine. Such member shall act by a representative appointed by it and notified to the Society. At any meeting of the Society, a Commercial Member shall be entitled to only one vote, and the notified representative shall be entitled to vote and otherwise exercise the rights of an Individual Member on behalf of the Commercial Member.
- d) **Individual Member:** any individual shall be eligible for membership as an Individual Member at such contribution as the Society in general meeting may determine. Each individual member shall be entitled to a single vote at any meeting of the Society.
- e) **Joint Member:** Any group of two or more individuals residing together as a family at the same physical address shall be eligible for joint membership at such contribution as the Society in general meeting may determine. At any meeting of the Society, a Joint Member shall be entitled to a single vote and to otherwise exercise the rights of an Individual member.
- ~~f) **Student Member:** any individual who presents evidence of enrolment in any study course approved by the Committee shall be eligible for membership as a Student Member. A Student Member, upon leaving such course shall cease to be a Student Member, but may upon payment of the appropriate subscription be eligible to be admitted to any other appropriate category of membership.~~
- g) **Botanic Garden Staff Member:** all Botanic Garden staff shall be eligible for individual membership at no cost by virtue of their employment. Upon leaving such employment, they shall cease to be a member, but may upon payment of the appropriate subscription be eligible to be admitted to any other appropriate category of membership. At any meeting of the Society, Botanic Garden Staff Members shall be entitled to vote and otherwise exercise the rights of an Individual member.
- h) **Volunteer:** Any individual who consistently volunteers in the Botanic Gardens Information Centre, the Propagation Group, or in any other manner acceptable to the Committee, for a minimum period of six months shall be eligible for individual membership at no cost by virtue of such volunteering. Eligibility for such membership is identified to the Committee by the Volunteer Co-ordinator. Upon ceasing to be an eligible volunteer, the individual shall cease to be a member of the Society, but may upon payment of the appropriate subscription be eligible to be admitted to any other appropriate category of membership. At any meeting of the Society, Volunteer Members shall be entitled to vote and otherwise exercise the rights of an Individual member.
- i) **Group:** Any group of individuals, partnership, society, or other entity not in business shall be eligible for membership as a Group Member at such contribution as the Society in general meeting may determine. Such member shall act by a representative appointed by it and notified to the Society. At any meeting of the Society, a Group Member shall be entitled to only one vote, and the notified representative shall be entitled to vote and otherwise exercise the rights of an Individual member on behalf of the Group Member.

6. Subscriptions

- a) Commercial, Individual, Joint and Group members shall pay an annual subscription unless otherwise determined by the Committee.