



AUCKLAND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Established 1922

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR AGM – 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Council has received three Notices of Motions for consideration at the Associations Annual General Meeting on Sunday 22 September 2019. They are all motions to change the rules of the AJPA

1: Resignation, Suspension, Removal of Members

Proposer: AJPA Council

That the following changes be made to the Rules to change the number of years that a membership fee is owing before a member is lapsed.

Heading: 2.5 – Resignation, Suspension, Removal of Members:

Clause: 2.5.3 (a) Delete the words “two years” and insert the words “one year”

A copy of how the rules would now read is attached as Appendix One.

Background: Members pay their subscriptions annually, and receive in return membership benefits such as access to training and listing on ‘Find a JP’. They also receive monthly requests if a subscription remains unpaid. Most organisations limit unpaid memberships to one year, as the work required to continually remind unpaid Justices takes time and effort from the Treasurer and Membership Committee, while they continue to receive benefits of membership without payment, for two years. One year is sufficient.

2: Term of Office for Elected Officials.

Proposer: AJPA Council

That the following changes be made to the Rules to change the number of years that the President and Vice-President are elected for

Heading: 5.3 – Council Membership:

Clause: 5.3.1 Delete the word “annually” and insert “for a term of two (2) years”

A copy of how the rules would read now is attached as Appendix One.

Background: This brings the Officers of the Council into line with the same length term as the Councillors and enables better long term planning.

3: Term of Office for Elected Officials.

Proposer: AJPA Council

That the following changes be made to the Rules to provide a pre-requisite criteria for nominations for President and Vice-President

Heading: 5.3 – Council Membership:

Clause: 5.3.1 Insert new clause (iv) “the nominees for the positions of President and Vice President must have previously served at least one full year as a member of Council”

A copy of how the rules would read now is attached as Appendix One.

Background: It is imperative that the Officers of the Council have a sound working knowledge of the policies, guidelines and operating procedures of the Council before assuming such important leadership roles.

The Rules would now read:

2.5 Resignation, Removal, Suspension of Members

- 2.5.1 Any member may resign from membership by giving notice in writing to the Registrar.
- 2.5.2 Any member may be suspended from membership by Council resolution while a complaint against that member is being investigated.
- 2.5.3 Any member of the Association shall cease to be a member:
 - (a) if his/her subscription is ~~two years~~ **one year** or more in arrears; or
 - (b) if the Governor-General removes him/her from the office of Justice of the Peace; or
 - (c) on death; or
 - (d) by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority at a meeting of Council Members if, in the opinion of the Council and after reasonable investigation, the member's conduct is found prejudicial to the interests of the Association or deemed to be derogatory to the office of Justice of the Peace, **provided** prior written notice of this has been given to the member and an explanation sought.

5.3 Council Membership

- 5.3.1 The Council shall comprise of:
 - (a) the President, Vice-President and the Immediate Past President;
 - (i) the President and Vice-President shall be elected **for a term of two years; annually.**
 - (ii) the President's term shall not exceed three (3) consecutive years;
 - (iii) the office of Immediate Past President is not an elected position but an automatic position that is held until the succeeding President ceases to hold office and becomes the next Immediate Past President.
 - (iv) the nominees for the positions of President and Vice President must have previously served at least one full year as a member of Council.**
 - (b) and up to ten (10) other members:
 - (i) whose term of office shall each be two (2) years;
 - (ii) who are eligible for re-election but shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.
 - (c) Auckland Regional Representative