

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED AT THE AGM ON 2 DEC 2009

The following amendments are proposed by the Steering Group.

*Note: The current VSSN Constitution is available from www.vssn.org.uk/about
Text in italics is for explanation only and does not form part of the amendments.*

AMENDMENT 1: To make an editor of Voluntary Sector Review an ex-officio member of the Steering Group (SG) –

Add to following sub-clause to clause F(1) (and move the word “and” to end of sub-clause (b):

“(c) The Editor of *Voluntary Sector Review* (nominated by the Editorial Management Board as set out in clause K(8)).”

AMENDMENT 2: To allow for lots to be cast to determine the period of office of SG members when there is no contested election –

Add the following text at the end of clause F(4):

“In the event that there are candidates to be elected for different lengths of time, but no election is needed (because the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies) the Secretary shall arrange to draw lots between the elected candidates at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting to determine their periods of service (unless the candidates agree otherwise amongst themselves).”

AMENDMENT 3: To delete spent provisions (which were only needed on a one-off basis for the elections in 2008) –

Delete clause F(6) and renumber clauses F(7) to (10) accordingly.

In clause F(4) delete the words “or F(6)”.

AMENDMENT 4: To amend the arrangements for sub-committees to require two (rather than three) SG members on each committee and to provide specifically for the Editorial Management Board –

Amend clause K(7) to read as follows and insert new clause K(8) as follows.

“(7) The Steering Group may appoint one or more sub-committees for the purpose of making any inquiry or supervising or performing any function or duty which in the opinion of the Steering Group would be more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee: provided that all acts and proceedings of any such sub-committees shall be fully and promptly reported to the Steering Group. At least two members of each Sub-Committee shall be members of the Steering Group.

- (8) In particular, the Steering Group shall appoint a sub-committee to act as the Editorial Management Board (EMB) for the journal *Voluntary Sector Review*. Subject to any directions from the Steering Group, the EMB shall be responsible for the oversight of the journal and the appointment of the Editorial Team including the Editor (who shall meet the criteria in clauses F(8) and (9) for appointment as an Steering Group Member). The membership of the EMB shall be as follows:
- (a) Six VSSN members elected by the members of VSSN. These elected members of the EMB shall be elected on a three yearly cycle, using the same rules as for election of Steering Group members as set out in clauses F(3) to (5) but in a separate election.
 - (b) The Editor (if not already an elected member) – who shall be an ex-officio member of the Steering Group as set out in clause F(1).
 - (c) One Steering Group member appointed by the Steering Group.”

Note: The reference to clauses F(8) and (9) relates to the current clauses F(9) and (10) – but they will have been renumbered as F(8) and (9) as a result of Amendment 3.