

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

18 August 2017

The following amendments would like to be proposed:

Article 4: Legal Status

4.9.1 – The Nominations Committee shall comprise not less than three and not more than five Past Presidents of the Society who are not nominees for Executive Office.

**Amend to: The Nominations Committee shall be representative of all branches of Psychology, i.e. Educational, Clinical, Counselling, Research and Registered Counsellors with at least 50% of the committee members being active private practitioners while the other 50% being active academics.**

*Article 5: Membership, Voting Rights and Subscriptions*

5.6 Voting Rights and Procedures

5.6.3 – Voting at a General Meeting shall take place by a show of hands or by secret ballot if requested by two-thirds of those present.

**Amend to: Voting for new office bearers shall take place by secret ballot and be counted and checked by an election team consisting of representatives from all branches of Psychology: Educational, Clinical, Counselling, Research and Registered Counsellors.**

*Article 6: General Meetings*

6.7 – Voting at a General Meeting shall be by full members present in person.

**Amend to / or add: Voting by proxy for office bearers shall be permitted. (This is to protect Educational Psychologists, many of whom currently do not have the finances to attend the Congress, and are thus excluded unfairly from the voting process.)**

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