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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

19 August 2017

The following Amendments to the PsySSA Constitution are proposed (words in parentheses to be deleted and words in **bold** typeface to be inserted):

Article 5: Membership, Voting Rights and Subscriptions

5.4.1 Applications for membership of the Society shall be made on the **Society's website using the electronic format** [prescribed form to the Head Office of the Society] for consideration by Council. A person admitted to Membership will automatically become a member of the Branch operating in the Region where the person resides.

Article 6: General Meetings

6.4 The Notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall include reports **and relevant documents that are available at the time** [by the President, the Treasurer, and such other reports as the Executive or Council has required the President to submit to Membership].

Article 10: Term of Office Bearers

10.3 Office bearers of Divisions may be elected through a [postal] **electronic** vote system should a specific Division so wish. Divisions should ensure that their Constitutions and Rules be appropriately amended to incorporate this Standing Order if this electoral system is presently not permitted.

10.4 An office bearer on any PsySSA structure shall not concurrently hold office in any external association or society which may, in the view of Council, be in conflict with the aims, mission and values of PsySSA.

Article 13: Divisions

13.2 New Members of a Division shall be members of the Society [, except in the case of persons who wish to join a Division of their choice with full Divisional benefits for a limited, prescribed period of 1 (one) year at the end of which they have to join the Society or terminate their Divisional membership. A levy shall be payable to the Society from such exceptional membership].

Article 16: Constitutional Amendments

16.3 A Constitutional Amendment by [postal] **electronic** vote may be conducted by Council, to be ratified at the following Annual General Meeting, with a two thirds majority of responding Members.

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