

NOTICES TO BE MOVED IN GRAND LODGE 2024

NOTICES OF MOTION

Following each individual Notice of Motion, comments have been included to convey the views on the various motions that have been proposed to assist Lodges in considering how their representative should vote.

ITEM 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REMITS

The Chair of the Board of Directors, VW Bro Warwick Bell has moved the following Remits 1 to 6 and RW Bro Neville Patrick, Director and Chair of Grand Lodge Trustees has seconded.

REMIT 1	ANNUAL COMMUNICATION & SPECIAL COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES
	<p>That the procedures for Annual Communications and Special Communications be established by amending the Book of Constitution Rules 195, 196, 199 and 201 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Add to Rule 195A Annual Communication new Clause c. to to read:- c. The requirements for a Communication set out in Rules 197 to 203 shall apply to an Annual Communication.ii. Add to Rule 196 Special Communication new Clause f. to to read:- f. The requirements for a Communication set out in Rules 198, 200 to 203 shall apply to a Special Communication.iii. Delete reference to Annual Communication in Rules 199 and 201. <p>(Note the Rules referred to above are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 197 Notice to Board of Directors of Proposed Business- 198 Presiding Grand Officer- 199 Order of Business at Communication

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 200 Order of Debate - 201 Voting - 202 Ballots - 203 Appointment of Lodge Representative).
Rationale	<p>Communication is defined in the Book of Constitution as the triennial Communication when referenced in the Rules. Rule 195A Annual Communication was agreed at the Special Communication in 2023 but the Rules applying to procedures were not adjusted at that time. This Remit ensures that common procedures are established for the triennial Communications, Annual Communications and Special Communications.</p>

REMIT 2	ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE - BoC Rule 51.
	<p>That the Book of Constitution Rule 51 be amended from:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">51. Only Master Masons to Vote</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Only Master Masons may vote in a Craft Lodge.</p> <p>To read:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">51. Vote Entitlement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Brother of a Craft Lodge who has completed the first three degrees in Freemasonry is entitled to vote in that Lodge.</p>
Rationale:	<p>There has been an increase in Associate members of Lodges and the previous Grand Registrar recommended that Rule 51 be amended to be explicit on who can vote in a Lodge.</p>

REMIT 3	DISTRICT GRAND MASTER ELECTION -BoC Rule 159
	<p>i. That the Book of Constitution Rule 159 Method of Election Clause b. be amended to read:-</p> <p>b. Each Lodge in a District may nominate a candidate for the office of District Grand Master for that District. Such nomination must be lodged with the Divisional Grand Master not later than 1st April in the Communication Year. <u>In the event that not more than two candidates are nominated, the Divisional Grand Master can nominate up to two other candidates for consideration.</u></p> <p>ii. And that Rule 159 Clause g. as follows be repealed:</p> <p>g. The Rule shall come into effect on 2 May 2016 and shall govern the election process of District Grand Masters for the 2016 Communication year.</p>
Rationale:	<p>When originally established there was the opportunity for Lodges to select from several brethren making themselves available. More recently only one brother has been on the ballot in some Districts. It is important going forward for there to be options and this amendment will facilitate that. This remit maintains the principle of the election of District Grand Master by brethren through Lodges. If Remit 11 is passed the title of District Grand Master will change to Grand Superintendent.</p>

REMIT 4	TRIAL COMMISSION COMPOSITION - BoC Rule 242 a.
	<p>That Book of Constitution Rule 242 Clause a. be amended from:-</p> <p>a. The Grand Master shall appoint a Trial Commission comprising not more than three Brethren of the rank of Installed Master and shall nominate the Chairman</p> <p>To read:-</p> <p>a. The Grand Master shall appoint a Trial Commission comprising not more than three Brethren who have completed the first three degrees in Freemasonry and shall nominate the Chairman.</p>
Rationale:	<p>The Board of Directors has recently established a Judicial Panel and appointed nine brethren with relevant judicial experience to the Panel. Two of the brethren are Master Masons and four are Installed Masters.</p>

REMIT 5	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS – BoC Rule 224 b. & c.
	<p>That the Book of Constitution Rule 224 Meetings of Board Clauses b. and c. be amended from:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. At all meetings the Chair shall preside, or in his absence, the Grand Master or his nominee. c. Five members shall form a quorum of whom the Chair of the Board or the Grand Master must be one. <p>To read:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. At all meetings the Chair shall preside, or in his absence, his nominee. c. Five members shall form a quorum of whom the Chair of the Board or the Deputy Grand Master must be one.
Rationale:	Adjusting these particular Clauses is consequential of the changes agreed at the Special Communication in 2023 where the Grand Master is not a member of the Board of Directors.

REMIT 6	REPEALING BOOK OF CONSTITUTION RULES
	<p>That the following Book of Constitution Rules be repealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Rule 144 Districts Clause b: b. In any District where the geographical location of a lodge or lodges causes isolation or causes an undue burden on the District Grand Master elected for that district the Grand Master may in consultation with the Divisional Grand Master appoint an Assistant District Grand Master who shall have all the powers of the District Grand Master within the area assigned to him. ii. Rule 179 Investiture of Officers of Grand Lodge Clause a. a. A Brother appointed to office in Grand Lodge by a District Grand Master elect (Rule 146) shall be invested by the District Grand Master following his investiture; all other Brethren appointed or

	<p>elected to office in Grand Lodge shall be invested at Communication.</p> <p>iii. And consequential renumbering occur.</p>
Rationale:	<p>Regarding Rule 144, no Assistant District Grand Masters have been appointed and it is not envisaged that the role or similar will be required going forward. Regarding Rule 179, this does not happen as all new Grand Lodge officers are provided the opportunity to be invested at the Grand Installation.</p>

The Grand Treasurer, VW Bro Graham Law has moved the following the following Remits 7 to 10 and the VW Bro Seath, Board Director has seconded.

REMIT 7	CAPITATION – BoC Rule 101 d.
	<p>That Book of Constitution Rule 101 Clause d. be amended from:-</p> <p>d. Each year the capitation fee will be increased by the annual Consumer Price Index as determined by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand.</p> <p>To read:-</p> <p>d. Each year in determining the capitation fee increase the Board shall consider all appropriate factors, including (but not limited to)</p> <p>i. annual Consumer Price Index as determined by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand;</p> <p>ii. member numbers;</p> <p>iii. the range and level of services to be provided by the National Office.</p>
Rationale	<p>Membership decreases over the years have reduced (in real terms) the total capitation funding received by Grand Lodge. This has an impact on both the range and level of services that can be offered by National Office, and the sustainability of National Office in the medium term as there is currently a deficit for the General Fund operating activities.</p>

REMIT 8	LODGE BUILDING FUNDS - BoC Rule 119 d.
	<p>That Book of Constitution Rule 119 Clause d. to be amended from:-</p> <p>d. Any income from the investments of the Lodge Building Fund controlled by a Craft Lodge may be used by the Craft Lodge.</p> <p>To read:-</p> <p>d. Any nett income from the investments of the Lodge Building Fund controlled by a Craft Lodge, including when held via a Masonic Entity, where:</p> <p>i. income is received from such investments, bank accounts and term deposits, nett of any rental costs paid for Lodge meetings; and / or</p> <p>ii. rental income is received nett of building operating, capital maintenance and related financing costs;</p>

	must be accumulated with the Lodge Building Fund principal and may not be used by a Craft Lodge for other purposes.
Rationale	This ensures that the interest earned on lodge building funds is accumulated with the principal funds and only used for accommodation purposes, be that rental of lodge rooms or the purchase of a lodge building. This would ensure the lodge building funds (to the extent possible) retain their real current economic value.

REMIT 9	LODGE ACCOUNTS - BoC Rule 100
	<p>That Book of Constitution Rule 100 Clauses c. and d. be amended from:-</p> <p>c. “The Annual accounts shall be either reviewed or audited and presented to the Lodge for adoption. If audited the accounts will be presented to the Lodge for adoption with an audit certificate”.</p> <p>d. “A copy of the annual accounts of the Lodge, together with a copy of the Audit Certificate if the accounts have been audited, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary within one month of adoption by the Lodge.”</p> <p>To read:-</p> <p>c. All statutory requirements shall be complied with to undertake a Review or an Audit of the annual accounts where applicable. Where there are no specific statutory requirements, Lodges shall have an independent audit undertaken where either:</p> <p>i. Revenue / income / receipts are greater than \$250,000 excluding GST; or</p> <p>ii. Assets gross current market value is greater than \$5,000,000 including bank deposits and property. If these thresholds are not met then an independent review should be undertaken.</p> <p>d. The Annual accounts shall be presented to the Lodge for adoption with either an Audit report or a Review report as applicable within five (5) months of the Lodge’s financial year end.</p> <p>e. A copy of the annual accounts of the Lodge, together with a copy of either the Audit report or Review report as</p>

	applicable shall be sent to the Grand Secretary within one month of adoption by the Lodge.
Rationale	<p>For companies the legal expectation is that annual accounts are filed within 5 months of the financial year end. It is therefore not considered unreasonable to expect Lodges to have filed their annual accounts within 6 months (5 months to prepare annual accounts and one month to file with the Grand Secretary).</p> <p>Adjusted Clause c. provides the policy for when a lodge should undertake a review, or an audit.</p>

REMIT 10	MASONIC ENTITY ACCOUNTS
	<p>That a new Rule 267 Masonic Entity Accounts be added to the Book of Constitution to read:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. A Masonic Entity must comply with all statutory requirements to undertake a Review or an Audit of annual accounts where applicable. Where there are no specific statutory requirements, a Masonic Entity shall have an independent audit undertaken where either:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><i>i. Revenue / income / receipts are greater than \$250,000 excluding GST; or</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><i>ii. Assets gross current market value is greater than \$5,000,000 including bank deposits and property.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">If these thresholds are not met then an independent review should be undertaken.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. The Annual accounts shall be presented to the Masonic Entity for adoption with either an Audit report or a Review report as applicable within five (5) months of the Masonic Entity’s financial year end.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. A copy of the annual accounts of a Masonic Entity, together with a copy of either the Audit report or Review report as applicable shall be sent to the Grand Secretary within one month of adoption by the Masonic Entity.</p>
Rationale	This provides the policy for when a Masonic Entity should undertake a review, or an audit.