

SVA of UK – Proposed Amendments to the Adopted Constitution (1997) and all subsequent amendments

The following are proposed amendments to the Constitution, scheduled for members' approval at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of **SVA of UK (Reg. Charity No. 287416)** on Saturday 30th April 2022.

Clause 6. (a), Clause 6. (b) Clause 6. (c), and Clause 6. (d):

The **current** "HOLDING TRUSTEES" clause 6 (a) to 6 (d) was originally defined as:

6. HOLDING TRUSTEES

(a) There shall be five trustees who shall be full/life members of the Association.

(b) The Trustees shall be ex-officio and must be persons suitable to act as trustees.

(c) The five Trustees shall be the Holding Trustees of the Association.

**(d) The Trustees shall be designated as first, second, third, fourth and fifth trustee, and shall be elected at the bi-annual General meeting. The first and second trustee shall be the senior trustees and each second year of the term, the senior most, shall retire in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Third and fourth Trustee shall now become the Senior Trustees and the fifth trustee shall take the position of the third Trustee. Two new Trustees shall be elected to take the position as fourth and fifth Trustees. The Trustees term shall be as follows :
First and Second - Two Years,
Third and Fourth - Four Years
Fifth - Six Years.
The terms of each Trustee shall be determined according to their position as First, second, third, fourth and fifth after rotation.**

Clause 6(b) was amended at the 2016 AAGM:

6(b) The Five Trustees shall be ex-officio or an EC member who has served at least two consecutive terms within the Committee, and must be persons suitable to act as trustees.

Clause 6(d) was amended at the 2006 AGM:

(d) The Trustees shall be designated as first, second, third, fourth and fifth trustees, and shall be elected at the bi-annual General meeting. The first and second trustees shall be the senior trustees and each second year of the term, both shall retire in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. The third and the fourth shall now become the Senior Trustees and the fifth shall take position of the third trustee. Two new Trustees shall be elected to take the position as fourth and fifth Trustees. The Trustees term shall be as follows: First and Second - Two years. Third and Fourth - Four Years. Fifth - Six Years.

New 2022 Proposed change:

- 6. (a) There shall be **four** Holding Trustees who shall be Full/Life members of the Association.
- 6. (b) The **four** Trustees shall be ex-officio or an EC member who has served at least two consecutive terms within the Committee, and must be persons suitable to act as trustees.
- 6. (c) REMOVE THIS CLAUSE as it is nullified and covered in 6. (a) and 6. (b).
- 6. (d) The trustees shall be designated as first, second, third and fourth trustees, and shall be elected at the main EC Elections every three years. They shall retire in rotation but shall be eligible for re-election. At election, the trustee(s) whose term was three years shall retire. The new trustee(s) shall be elected to take the positions of third and fourth trustees. Therefore there shall be at least two trustees covering two EC Terms.

The trustees terms shall be as follows:
First and Second Trustees – three years.
Third and Fourth Trustees – six years.

As 6. (c) is removed, clause 6 will be reordered to be 6. (a) to 6. (g).

Clause 7. (c):

The **current** "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" clause 7 (c) (i) and (ii) was originally defined as:

7.	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
(c)	The Executive Committee Trustees shall comprise of :
(i)	4 Office Bearers :
	. President
	. Vice-President
	. General Secretary
	. Treasurer
(ii)	7 Committee members
(iii)	one representatives from each branch or sub-committee , nominated by that branch or sub-committee.
(iv)	Other posts/duties such as the Asst. Secretary, Asst. Treasurer shall be appointed and agreed by the EC from the 7 elected committee members as in 7(c)(ii) of this constitution .

New 2022 Proposed change:

7. (c) The Executive Committee Trustees shall comprise of:
- (i) 3 Office Bearers:
 - President
 - General Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - (ii) 4 Committee Members
 - (iii) 4 Holding Trustees
 - (iv) Representatives from any branch or sub-committee or Co-opted members.
- The original sub clause (iv) is redundant and not required anymore.

Clause 7. (d):

Clause 7 (d) as amended at the 2016 AAGM:

7.	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
(d)	The quorum of the Executive Committee meetings shall consist of <u>six</u> members of the Executive Committee.

New 2022 Proposed change:

7. (d) The quorum of the Executive Committee meetings shall consist of six members of the Executive Committee, two of whom must be Office Bearers and one Holding Trustee (sub-clause 7. (c) (i), (ii) and (iii) above), Representatives or Co-opted members (sub-clause 7. (c) (iv) above) shall not form part of the quorum.

Clause 7. (i):

Clause 7 (i) as amended at the 2016 AAGM:

7.	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>
(i)	The President shall be chairperson of any Executive Committee meeting at which he is present OR shall appoint a Committee member/Trustee present, to chair the meeting. In his absence, the Vice-President shall be chairperson and if the Vice-President is not present, the Executive Committee shall appoint a chairperson. The chairperson shall have the casting vote.

New 2022 Proposed change:

7. (i) The President shall be the chairperson of any EC Meeting at which he/she is present OR shall appoint a Committee Member/Trustee present to chair the meeting. In his/her absence, the members present shall appoint a chairperson. The chairperson shall have the casting vote.

Clause 7. (k):

Clause 7 (k) as amended at the 2006 AGM:

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(k) Members under paragraph c (i) and (ii) shall be elected in the Bi-Annual General Meeting for a term of two years, whereas those under paragraph (iii) shall hold office for one year. Election of the Holding Trustees shall be in accordance with the provision made in this constitution.

New 2022 Proposed change:

7. (k) Members under paragraph c (i) and (ii) shall be elected at the three-yearly General Meeting for a term of three years. Election of the Holding Trustees shall also be held at the same time, and in accordance with any provisions made in this constitution.

Clause 7. (m) and 7. (n):

The **current** "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" clause 7 (m) and 7 (n) were originally defined as:

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(m) The Executive Committee shall at least meet once a month.
(n) Holding Trustees may attend the Meetings of the Executive Committee but shall have no voting rights .

New 2022 Proposed change:

7. (m) The Executive Committee shall meet at least every quarter (three months).
(n) Holding Trustees shall attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and assist in any decision making processes and have voting rights for the betterment of the Association and its members.

Clause 7. (w):

The **current** "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" clause 7 (w) was originally defined as:

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(w) All the members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of their term . An Election shall be held at the Bi-Annual General Meeting next after the date on which they came into office, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.

New 2022 Proposed change:

7. (w) All the members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of their term. An Election shall be held at the three-yearly General Meeting next after the date on which they came into office, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.

Clause 9. (a):

The **current** "ELECTIONS" clause 9 (a) as amended at the 2006 AGM:

9. ELECTIONS
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9. ELECTIONS
(I) The position of Trustees for the Association , shall be by election at the General meeting every second year or completion of the Term of the Executive Committee Trustees.

New 2022 Proposed change:

9. (I) The positions of the Trustees for the Association, shall be by election at the General Meeting every third year or completion of the Term of the Executive Committee Trustees.

Clause 10. (c):

The **current** "ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING" clause 10 (c) was originally defined as:

- 10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- (c) To elect office bearers and committee members of the Executive Committee who shall manage the Association for the next two years.**

New 2022 Proposed change:

10. (c) To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members of the Executive Committee who shall manage the Association for the next three years.

Clause 15. (b) and 15. (c):

The **current** "ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION" clause 15 (b) and 15 (c) were originally defined as:

- 15. ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**
- (b) The Executive Committee may amend the Constitution from time to time as necessary. Such amendments shall be with a request from at least Nine Executive Committee members giving notice in writing to the General Secretary of the Association not less than 28 days before the date of the AGM or SGM where it shall be approved.**
- (c) The alterations shall require the approval of two-third majority of the members of the Association present at the meeting and entitled to vote at the SGM or AGM.**

New 2022 Proposed change:

15. (b) The Executive Committee may amend the Constitution from time to time as necessary. Such amendments shall be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting and agreed by a majority vote of the Committee. All such amendments shall be communicated in writing (either electronically or by post) to the Members of the Association giving notice of not less than 14 days before the date of the AGM or SGM where it shall be put to vote for approval or rejection.
15. (c) The alterations shall require the approval by a majority vote of the Members present and entitled to vote at the AGM or SGM.

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Please fill in ALL the details for each member in the family eligible to vote.

Each eligible member must fill in a separate form by copying the page below.

Each Amendment must be marked with either an (cross) or a (tick) to either ACCEPT or REJECT the change.

Please mark ONE BOX ONLY.

Please copy the page below for any additional eligible family members who require voting slips as necessary.

You MUST be a fully paid up member of SVA of UK for the year ending 31/12/2022.

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Membership No: _____ Full Name: _____	
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<i>Clause 10. (c) Annual General Meeting</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPT - Yes amend the constitution as proposed <input type="checkbox"/> REJECT - No DO NOT amend the constitution as proposed	<i>Clause 15. (b) and Clause 15. (c) Alteration and Amendment to the Constitution</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPT - Yes amend the constitution as proposed <input type="checkbox"/> REJECT - No DO NOT amend the constitution as proposed