

Dear Members

Council felt it might be helpful to members to send out a clarification of the wording for the two proposed motions for our 2020 virtual AGM. Please review the changes in preparation for the AGM.

Summary

Motion 4, and 5 are to extend the responsibility of the President for signing new Membership cards onto any member of council. The proposal allows Council to choose amongst themselves a delegate councillor to carry out the work for a specified term.

Motion 6 is to allow for a fully online or virtual AGM to take place under such circumstances as we are currently experiencing.

Council is proposing the following changes:

Motion 4 Amendment to Articles II of Membership

(Original wording)

2.1 Members

- i. Submission to the Society of an application for membership. The President of the Society then prepares and signs a membership card for the applicant, and sends it to the Goetheanum. A designated member of the Executive Council of the GAS. signs the membership card, at which time the applicant's membership in the Society becomes effective.

(New wording)

2.1 Membership

- b. i. Submission to the Society of an application for membership. A designated Council member of the Society then prepares and signs a membership card for the applicant and sends it to the Goetheanum. A designated member of the Executive Council of the GAS signs the membership card, at which time the applicant's membership in the Society becomes effective.

Motion 5 Amendment to Articles II of Membership

(Original wording)

2.1 Membership

ii. Transfer of membership. An individual who is a member of the General Anthroposophical Society shall become a member of the Society upon the date that the President of the Society receives from such individual a letter or email stating his or her intention to transfer his or her membership to the Society, and including his or her current membership number. Pursuant to subsection 197(1) (Fundamental Change) of the Act and in accordance with the articles, a resolution of the members passed by at least 75% of the votes cast is required to make any amendments to this section of the by-laws if those amendments affect membership rights and/or conditions described in paragraphs 197(1)(e), (h), (l) or (m).

(New wording)

2.1 Membership

b. ii. Transfer of membership. An individual who is a member of the General Anthroposophical Society shall become a member of the Society upon the date that the designated Council member of the Society receives from such individual a letter or email stating his or her intention to transfer his or her membership to the Society, and including his or her current membership number. Pursuant to subsection 197(1) (Fundamental Change) of the Act and in accordance with the articles, a resolution of the members passed by at least 75% of the votes cast is required to make any amendments to this section of the by-laws if those amendments affect membership rights and/or conditions described in paragraphs 197(1)(e), (h), (l) or (m).

Motion 6 New bylaw.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

3.1 Annual and Special General Meetings

(Original wording)

a. Annual General Meeting

i. The Annual General Meeting of members of the Society shall be held before the end of May in each year and at such hour and such place as may be fixed by the Council.

ii. At each Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other business to be transacted, the report of the Council, the financial statements of the Society and the report of the public accountant of the Society on the financial statements shall be presented, and the Councillors and Officers elected, and public accountant of the Society appointed, for the coming year.

b. Special General Meetings —Special general meetings of the members may be called any time by the Council.

(New wording)

a. Annual General Meeting

ii In exceptional circumstances Council may elect to hold a fully electronic (also known as virtual) AGM. Pursuant to subsection 197(1) (Fundamental Change) of the Act and in accordance with the articles, a resolution of the members passed by at least 75% of the votes cast is required to make any amendments to this section of the by-laws if those amendments affect membership rights and/or conditions described in paragraphs 197(1)(e), (h), (l) or (m).

(Current item ii. now becomes item iii. in the Bylaws.)

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Sincerely

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