

## **Proposed Changes to the Rules of the Association**

### **Resolution 1**

#### 17. Audit

*17 e. The accounts of the Association will be prepared each year by a registered Accountant who shall be appointed by the Executive. A review of the annual accounts will be conducted by an independent registered Accountant, to be appointed by the Executive, at least once every 3 years. The Executive can undertake such a review at any other time.*

Notes to resolution. The existing rule 17 (e) is viewed by the Executive to be ambiguous and confusing and the change is to simplify the wording.

The current rule reads “*17(e). The accounts of the Association be prepared by a registered Accountant who shall be appointed each year by the Executive. A Review of the annual accounts will be conducted by an independent accountant every 3 years or as required by the NZGA Executive Committee and within 1 year of a new executive office contract.*”

In addition, the Government is working on changes to the Incorporated Societies Act and this will also require some changes to the NZGA Constitution/Rules. The Association will need to follow the changes to the Act (Nov 2021) to ensure they are complying.

### **Resolution 2**

#### Winding up of Association

*In the event of winding up of the NZGA all Assets shall be vested in the NZ Grassland Trust. The Association may be wound up voluntarily by passing a Resolution, at a General Meeting, that the Association be wound up and that this resolution is confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting held for that purpose not earlier than 30 days after the date on which the resolution to be confirmed was passed.*

Note to resolution. This is self-explanatory. Included are rules to allow voluntary winding up.

### **Resolution 3**

#### Electronic AGM

*11 a. The Annual General Meeting shall be held once every year no later than five months after the Society's balance date. The Committee shall determine when and where (physical venue or online) the Society shall meet within those dates.*

Notes to resolution. The current rule reads “*11(a) The annual general meeting shall be held each year at a time and place decided by the Executive Committee*”. These changes are to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act.

### **Resolution 4**

Add to voting at Annual General and Special General Meetings section (b) after last sentence. *If the meeting is held on-line and a count is required then voting will be by a show of hands, which can be indicated by individuals in-camera.*

Notes to resolution. Current rule reads.

## 15. Voting at Annual General and Special General Meetings

(a) At every annual general and special general meeting every member and every honorary life member present in person shall have one vote, and in the event of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a casting vote.

(b) The voting shall be on the voices and a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or lost on the voices, and an entry in the Association's minute-book to that effect, shall be conclusive evidence that such a resolution has been carried or lost, as the case may be, provided always that before the meeting passes to the next business any person who has voted on the resolution may demand a count, and the chairman shall thereupon call on those wishing to vote for the motion or resolution to stand while he counts them, after which he shall call on those who wish to vote against the motion or resolution to stand while he counts them, and shall declare the motion or resolution to have been carried or lost in accordance with the votes cast in this last-named manner.