



Annual General Meeting, 1 April 2020

Item 3.1

Special Resolution to change the Fund's Constitution

The Committee has undertaken a full review of the Fund's Constitution and submits to this meeting a Special Resolution to amend the Constitution.

Existing Constitution V1.3

A full review of CMFN's Constitution has been underway for more than eighteen months. The Constitution was last amended in 2018, as Version 1.3, specifically to include corporate membership. The Committee of Management was conscious that these 2018 amendments did not address some of the wider concerns about the Constitution.

The Review

In giving considerable thought to the Fund's practices and how we report to members, the Review Sub-Committee aimed to ensure three things: that CMFN complies with the relevant legislation, that modern administrative arrangements are embedded in our governance, and that the Constitution reflects usage of contemporary language.

The Review Committee consulted relevant QLD legislation, including the Office of Fair Trading's Model Rules, and sought advice from a lawyer. The preamble, CMFN's mission, objectives and other specific elements have all been updated. Some Rules have been added, to comply with legislation pertaining to incorporated bodies. These will improve our governance. A significant amendment to note is that the CMFN has returned to the broad principals of its 1948 beginnings: to support all members of the nursing and midwifery profession in QLD. The class of life membership has been removed. The language has been updated to contemporary standards.

Constitution V1.3 Rule 25. Alteration of Constitution

"This Constitution may be amended from time to time by a resolution carried at any annual or general meeting where due notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the Secretary for circulation to the members with the Notice of Meeting".

With the Notice of Meeting for today's AGM, copies of the Fund's current Constitution (Version 1.3 2018) and the proposed new version (V1.4 2020 in draft) have been circulated to members. We welcome members' views on the proposed new Constitution.

Proposed

The Committee of Management proposes a Special Resolution that:

all amendments proposed in the draft Constitution Version 1.4, be accepted as the Fund's new Constitution.