



NSW Bridge Association

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NOTICE OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE NSW BRIDGE ASSOCIATION LTD

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2018 @ 5.30PM

Ground floor "Rush Espresso Bar" terrace, 162 GOULBURN STREET, SYDNEY

1. Opening
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 20 December 2017
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Annual Report and Financial Statements
7. Special Business
 - 7.1. Special Resolution - Motion to amend constitution
Notice had been given of a motion by Agnes Levine, seconded by Rob Ward, to amend the Constitution in relation to a proposed addition to the Constitution of a new clause headed "17a." as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Constitution, it is expressly declared and acknowledged that if the Council shall delegate any of its powers to a committee entitled "NSWBA Congress Disciplinary & Ethics Committee" where such committee is charged with the supervision and enforcement of an authorised "Code of Conduct" and / or "Ethics" pursuant to relevant New South Wales Bridge Association Limited Tournament Regulations, it will not be necessary for such committee's chairman or its acting chairman or any member of such committee, to be a member of Council."
 - 7.2. In accordance with clause 12(4) of the NSWBA Constitution, the Council recommends that Julian Foster be voted a Life Member at this meeting.
8. Election of Council Chairman, Treasurer and Councillors
 - 8.1. Chairman
 - 8.2. Treasurer
 - 8.3. Six Ordinary Councillors
 - 8.4. Zonal Councillors
Nominations were received as follows:

Southern & Western Zone	Kaye Hart
Metropolitan Zone	Carol Sheldrake
Outer Metropolitan Zone	Alan Bustany
9. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. General Business
12. Close

Agnes Levine
Company Secretary

21 November 2018



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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The current Constitution only contains disciplinary provisions pertaining to members of the NSWBA. Therefore, there was no mechanism to address disciplinary issues arising at congresses across NSW for those not members of the NSWBA. Council agreed to adopt the Victorian model of a separate congress disciplinary and ethics committee.

Accordingly, the Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations were approved by Council in December 2017 to take effect from January 2018. The Congress Disciplinary and Ethics Committee (CDEC) was subsequently established to administer the regulations and thereby address complaints in respect of player conduct at congresses New South Wales wide.

The Constitution states at Clause 15(17) "A committee may elect a chairman of its meetings who shall be a member of the Council. If no such chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the chairman is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number being a member of the Council to be chairman of the meeting."

To assist the Council in addressing such complaints by drawing upon the greatest expertise, impartiality and resource it is proposed that the Council can appoint a chairman of this committee from outside Council.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution thus enables Council, if required, to elect a chairman of this Committee who is not a member of the Council.

NOMINATIONS

Positions on Council, including that of Chairman, Treasurer and six Ordinary Councillors fall vacant at the Annual General Meeting each year.

Council invites nominations from members of the NSWBA to be elected to the above positions.

Nominations should be completed on the attached Nomination Form and returned to the Secretary NSWBA by 5.30 pm on Wednesday 5 December 2018 by mail or hand delivery to NSWBA, 162 Goulburn Street, East Sydney 2010 or scanned and sent by email to secretary@nswba.com.au

PROXY VOTING

Pursuant to 14.14 of the Constitution of the New South Wales Bridge Association Limited a member present at the AGM may hold no more than one proxy.

14. (14) Each member entitled to vote may vote in person or by proxy or by attorney. Except for the demanding of a poll, only members present in person shall vote on a show of hands and every such member shall have one vote. Upon a poll every member present in person and every member represented by proxy or attorney shall have one vote. No person present as the representative of a member, whether himself a member or not, shall be entitled to represent more than one member, whether by proxy or by attorney.

Proxy forms must be returned to the NSWBA Office, 162 Goulburn St, East Sydney. 2010, by 5.30pm Monday 10 December 2018 or by email to secretary@nswba.com.au