



NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION - 2019

Wednesday, 31 July 2019

Dear Members of State Council,

The following proposed changes are designed to update the wording throughout the constitution and to bring it into line with current procedures.

The proposed changes to the current Constitution are as follows:

	<p>“A youth member of Girl Guides Victoria is a female aged five to seventeen years of age inclusive who satisfies the requirements of membership listed in <i>Guide Lines, the Policies, Organisation and Rules of Girl Guides Australia.</i> “</p>
1.1	<p>The State Council shall, subject to this Constitution and the Act, manage and control the affairs of Girl Guides Victoria in such areas <i>as described by the Girl Guides Victoria Constitution, By-laws and the Memorandum of Understanding between Girl Guides Victoria and Girl Guides Australia.</i></p> <p>The members are bound by this Constitution and any Bylaws duly made under this Constitution. They accept the principles and methods as conceived by the Founder, Robert, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.</p>
3.1	<p>There shall be a State Commissioner of Girl Guides Victoria elected by <i>the State Council of Girl Guides Victoria on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.</i></p>
6.1	<p><i>The State Council shall meet at least annually and on such other occasions as its Executive Committee shall deem necessary.</i></p>
6.2	<p><i>The State Council shall meet annually, called the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM shall be held in every calendar year as determined by the Executive Committee, provided that the period between Annual Meetings shall not exceed fifteen (15) months. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be sent to all members of the State Council by the Chief Executive Officer at least nineteen (19) days prior to the meeting.</i></p>
6.4	<p><i>In addition to the AGM State Council will meet at a face to face meeting at least once a year and on such other occasions as its Executive Committee shall deem necessary. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be sent to all members of the State Council by the Chief Executive Officer at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.</i></p>
10.1	<p>A member of the State Council shall cease to be a member:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) <i>if she ceases to be an adult financial member of Girl Guides Victoria or ceases to hold Life Membership; or</i></p>



	b) if she dies.
ARTICLE 13	APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINEE OF GIRL GUIDES VICTORIA AS A DIRECTOR OF GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA INC
13.5	Executive Committee may decide to appoint the same person to 2 or 3 of the positions of Governance Chair, GGA nominee and State Commissioner.
17.5	The election of members to the Executive Committee shall be conducted electronically. Where a State Council member does not have access to electronic voting, they may request a postal vote. All electronic and postal votes must be received by the Returning Officer twenty-four (24) hours before the Annual Meeting. Proxy votes will not be accepted. State Council members may not vote on the day of the AGM.
17.7	If the number of Nominees is equal to or less than the number of vacancies for elected members of the Executive Committee, then each Nominee must receive at least 20% of the votes cast to be elected to the Executive Committee.
24.2	If a vacancy arises in the office of Treasurer, the Executive Committee may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

In summary the proposed changes will be:

1. Membership of State Council (Article 1.1)
2. The election of a State Commissioner (Article 3.1)
3. To update the when and how often State Council shall meet. (Articles 6.1, 6.2, 6.4)
4. The cessation of membership of State Council (Article 10.1)
5. The appointment of member of Girl Guides Victoria as a Director of Girl Guides Australia, (Article 13.5)
6. The voting for and election of members of the Executive Council by members of State Council. (Articles 17.5, 17.7)

At its June 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee endorsed these proposed changes to the Constitution.

The amended Constitution will be presented for adoption by State Council on Saturday 12th October 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or comments about these changes. I am best contacted by email at acook@guidesvic.org.au.

Regards,

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