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## Changes to the Constitution

The Executive Committee is in the final stages of redrawing the existing ABSC Constitution. The New Constitution will be sent to the Affiliated Members shortly ahead of its formal acceptance at the next AGM in October this year.

In February this year By-laws were passed which had the effect of making every member of every Affiliate association an "Ordinary Member" of the ABSC.

The new by-laws included by-law 11 which provides that Ordinary Members are:

- not entitled to vote at any General Meeting;
- entitled to notice, via the Affiliate that they are a member of, of any General Meeting;
- entitled to attend at any General Meeting;
- entitled to seek permission to speak on any motion to be considered at a General Meeting. Permission to speak will not be unreasonably withheld. The Chairman may limit the time allowed for Ordinary Members to speak to any motion to a reasonable time having regard to the circumstances of the meeting;
- shall be subject to any policies and by-laws imposed from time to time by the Executive;

These by-laws reflected the desire of the Executive to engage with the members directly and to enhance the governance and future of snooker and billiards in Australia.

The status of Ordinary Members will be reinforced in the new Constitution.

In addition, as part of the Executive's ongoing commitment to the improvement, one of the important changes that will be implemented in the New Constitution is the introduction of "Appointed Executive Members" which will comprise two Players' Advocates on the Executive Committee to be elected by the Ordinary Members and the election (as opposed to appointment) of a Women's Delegate on the Executive Committee.

The three elected positions are all "full executive committee" positions with the successful candidates being actively involved in the Executive Committee and entitled to propose motions, vote etc etc. An overview of the role and responsibilities for the Appointed Executive Members is provided with this announcement. Similar overviews will be published for all positions on the Executive.

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## Details of the process

1. There will be three Appointed Executive Members – two Player Delegates and a Women’s Delegate. None of the positions are gender specific.
2. The Appointed Executive Members will be elected by the ABSC’s Ordinary Members.
3. The Appointment is for a period of one “year” from one AGM to the next.
4. Appointed Executive Members can re-elected from year to year.
5. The Appointed Executive Members will have full voting rights and will have the same rights, roles and general responsibilities of the other Executive Members.
6. The Appointed Executive Members will be elected by the ABSC’s ordinary members in a secret electronic ballot to be concluded prior to the AGM.
7. The Appointed Executive Members will be elected by votes received from Ordinary Members who are adult financial members of a State/Territory Association and who’s membership has not been suspended.
8. In respect of the two Player Delegates, there can only be one Players’ Delegate elected from any State/Territory.
9. An Ordinary Member can nominate a person for election from any State/Territory and is not limited to their own State/Territory.
10. Only Ordinary Members who are adult financial members of a State/Territory Association may be elected or may nominate a person for election.
11. Written nominations signed by the nominee and the nominator shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the ABSC by 5 September 2018 by email at [secretary@absc.com.au](mailto:secretary@absc.com.au) in the form provided. No seconder is necessary.
12. The nomination must also include a one-page biography of the nominee to be included in the announcement of the nominations by the ABSC on 6 September 2018.
13. If there is only one nominee for the Women’s Delegate position that person will be elected unopposed. If there are no nominees, then the position may be filled as a casual vacancy by the Executive Committee after the next AGM is concluded.
14. If there is more than one nominee for the Women’s Delegate position that person will be elected on a cumulative voting system where Ordinary Members will only be able to select one candidate.
15. If there are only 2 nominees for the Players’ Delegate positions, they will be elected unopposed. If there are less than two nominees, the position/s may be filled as a

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casual vacancy/vacancies by the Executive Committee after the next AGM is concluded.

16. If there are more than two nominees for the Players' Delegate positions those persons will be elected on a cumulative voting system where Ordinary Members will only be able to select two candidates.
17. In the event of a tied vote, the Executive Committee will invite the tied candidates to confer to determine if any candidate wishes to withdraw their nomination. If the conferral process does not resolve the tie, then the successful candidate will be selected by drawing lots.
18. Voting by email will be open from 7 September 2018 to midnight AWST 21 September 2018.
19. Only one vote is permitted for each Ordinary Member. You must vote from the email you have nominated to your relevant Association as all email votes will be verified. A vote received from an email address that differs from that recorded with your Association will not be recognised.
20. The Appointments takes effect at the end of the 2018 AGM.
21. The ballot will be secret ballot and the votes will be scrutinised by the President, the Vice President and the Secretary.
22. Results will be announced by 28 September 2018

The nomination forms are provided with this notice.

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