

13. NATIONAL COUNCIL

Standing Orders

13.1 The Standing Orders of National Council shall form part of these By-laws and are set out at Schedule One.

13.2 Where there are any inconsistencies between RNZRSA's Constitution and/or these Bylaws and the Standing Orders, the Constitution and the By-laws shall take precedence.

Method of Voting

13.3 Every question submitted to National Council or to any meeting of the Board or Forum shall be decided as set out in this Rule:

(a) on the voices (either in person or by teleconference or other equivalent technology); or

(b) by a show of hands; or

(i) by postal poll; or

(ii) by email or equivalent technology.

(c) When voting on the voices or by show of hands, every member present shall have one vote.

(d) In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to any votes to which he may otherwise be entitled.

(e) Unless a poll is demanded by the Chairman of the meeting or by at least three members present, a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or lost and an entry to that effect in the Minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

(f) If a poll is demanded it shall be taken in such a manner and at such a time as the Chairman of the meeting may direct and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.

13.4 The Chairman of any meeting of the Council may with the consent of the meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

Proxy Voting

13.5 Proxy voting shall be permitted under these By-Laws. Proxy voting must be undertaken in accordance with the appropriate Proxy Representative Form, determined by whether the Proxy Vote is to be undertaken at National Council or at some other meeting as permitted under the Constitution or these By-Laws.

Exercising a Proxy Vote

13.6 For votes by poll, delegates will be issued with voting papers in one colour for their personal vote, and in a different colour for any proxies carried. For votes by show of hands, delegates will be issued with one card in a colour for their personal vote, and in a different colour for any proxy votes carried. Proxy votes "on the voices" or "by acclaim" will not generally be possible.

Quorum

- 13.9 No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Council unless a quorum is present.
- 13.10 If within half an hour from the time appointed for any meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if an extraordinary general meeting of the Council convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the next day at the same time and place, and the members present at the adjourned meeting may transact any business as if they constituted a full quorum.

Adjournments

- 13.11 The Chairman of any meeting of the National Council may with the consent of the meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.