

Update on Motions Passed at AGM 2016

Motion 1:

This Annual General Meeting agrees to replace SO.7(ii) with:

SO.7(ii) Motions to alter the Standing Orders will be accepted every third year.
Motions to alter the Articles of Association and the Aims, Principles and Programme will be accepted every year

This Annual General Meeting agrees to remove SO.8(i) and renumber.

Rationale:

SO.7 (ii) in its current form is incompatible with company law and therefore potentially confusing to people unfamiliar with Woodcraft's governing documents

SO.8(i) is incompatible with company law and therefore pointless.

Update: SOC have updated the Standing Orders document and put them on the website.

Motion 2:

This Annual General Meeting agrees to insert a new SO.8 into the Standing Orders and renumber accordingly:

SO.8 Annual Policy Meeting

An Annual Policy Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting

- i. The Annual Policy Meeting shall not be a General Meeting for the purposes of the Companies Act
- ii. The Annual Policy Meeting shall observe the Standing Orders for an Annual General Meeting except as follows:
 - a. No delegate shall hold more than one voting card.
 - b. Motions and Amendments to the Annual Policy Meeting may be proposed by General Council, District Associations, Groups, District Fellows Althing, Venturer Committee, District Fellows Committee, Regional Conferences, Annual General Meetings and Annual Policy Meetings.

Rationale:

There are currently no written rules governing the non-company meeting. Adding this new Standing Order formalises the existence of the non-company meeting in part (i) and lays out the rules for that meeting in (ii): (a) is the ban on proxies, (b) copies the proposal rights for such a meeting from the Governing Documents of the old organisation but changes some names as appropriate and adds Venturer Committee to the list in accordance with Motion 1 from 2014.

Update: SOC have updated the Standing Orders document and put them on the website.

Motion 3:

This Annual General Meeting agrees to replace SO.2 with the following:

SO.2 Standing Orders Committee

- (i) There shall be a Standing Orders Committee, which shall apply these rules as necessary. Members of this committee may not be General Meeting delegates.

- (ii) The Standing Orders Committee shall be composed of 6 members, 3 elected each Annual Conference for a period of two years. The General Secretary or representative of the General Secretary shall act as ex-officio secretary to the Committee. The Standing Orders Committee shall be elected in the same manner that General Council Members are elected.

Rationale:

The current SO.2 references a non-existent part of the Governing Documents with regards to the election of Standing Orders Committee Members. This motion removes the erroneous reference and adds the rules from the old organisation into the current Governing Documents.

Update: SOC have updated the Standing Orders document and put them on the website.

Motion 6:

This Annual General Meeting agrees that future Annual General Meetings will, if possible, allow participation without physical attendance. Appropriate systems will be put in place to ensure all groups are able to engage without necessarily travelling to the meeting.

Update: There will be a trial of live-streaming the 2017 AGM. Proposals to facilitate remote participation are on the agenda as Motion 1 for discussion at AGM 2017.

Motion 7:

This Annual General Meeting agrees that Woodcraft Folk will proactively support vulnerable communities by targeting children from these communities for recruitment. This contributes to our commitment in our Bigger and Better plan to "reach out to new communities".

We will set up a working group reporting to General Council for this purpose.

This group will collate and create resources for groups to tackle discrimination and build inclusive groups.

This group will host an on-line forum for members to share challenges and successes, support each other and develop good practice.

Each group and district will be required to plan how they will increase engagement from vulnerable communities.

Update: The working group are creating and sharing resources online and held a session at Folk Assembly.