

Proposed changes to The Constitution

Note. Top part of each section is the existing Constitution. The lower part **highlighted in yellow** shows the proposed changes.

2) OBJECTIVE

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2. Use of social media such as the internet (e.g. web sites and Facebook) to provide information and discussion.
3. Distribution of seeds and plant materials.
4. Organisation of events such as lectures, visits and plant shows.
5. Other services as chosen by the Committee.

The *Haworthia* Society is totally opposed to the illegal collection and trading of seeds and plants from the wild and supports conservation efforts to help protect these plants in habitat.

3) MEMBERSHIP

A Life President, who pays no subscription, shall be elected at a General Meeting in recognition of outstanding services to the Society.

Life Vice Presidents, who shall pay no subscription, may be elected at a General Meeting in recognition of exceptional service to the Society or to the study of the Genera. Such individuals, duly proposed and seconded, shall be nominated to or by the Committee at least two months prior to the next General Meeting. If the nomination(s) is/are approved by the Committee, the proposal(s) may then be put to the General Meeting without prior notification to the Membership or the nominated individual(s).

In addition, Honorary Members, who also pay no subscription, but benefit the Society in other ways during a year, shall be elected by the Committee each year.

A President, who pays no subscription, shall be elected at a General Meeting in recognition of outstanding services to the Society, and will be elected for a mutually agreed term e.g. 2 or 4 years..

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In addition, other members who have greatly benefited the Society, may be appointed as Life Members, who also pay no subscription. Furthermore, Local Representatives who support a significant number of members may also pay no subscriptions during their tenure. These additional persons are agreed by the Committee.

7) MANAGEMENT

Minutes shall be kept of all Meetings by the Secretary and a copy shall be sent to each Official before the next Committee Meeting. These minutes shall be approved at the next Committee Meeting and signed by the Chairperson. Concise accounts of the General Meetings shall be published by the Secretary in Haworthiad.

Minutes shall be kept of all Meetings by the Secretary which will be posted to the Haworthia Society web site prior to the next Committee Meeting. These minutes shall be approved at the next Committee Meeting.