

Operational Research Society of New Zealand (Inc)

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ORSNZ

Along with almost 20,000 other organisations, the ORSNZ recently applied to register as a charity under the new Charities Act 2005. This registration is currently on hold pending a change required by the Charities Commission to the ORSNZ constitution. The ORSNZ Council is using this opportunity to update and modernise the constitution. These changes must be approved by a 2/3 majority of a postal ballot. Please complete the enclosed voting form and return it in the enclosed envelope to the address shown by April 20, 2009.

A document showing all the proposed changes is enclosed. These changes include:

- Changing the name from Operational to the more modern Operations Research Society of NZ
- Adding “advancement of education” into our aims, being a term recognized by the Charities Commission as specifying a charitable activity
- Introducing a non-voting Associate Membership category, and introduced concept of a Full (ie voting) member
- Specifying that Council makes decisions by majority vote, allow remote attendance at meetings (eg via Skype) and allow Council to make decisions without meeting in person. (This generalizes an earlier modification made to permit email voting by Council.)
- Allowing formal communication with members using email, fax etc, not just posted documents
- Allowing members to be removed from the Society when their email or postal address goes out of date
- Updating the wording describing our non-profit charitable status, clarifying for example that members can be reimbursed for expenses. This new wording is based on that provided by the Charities Commission
- Specifying that upon dissolution, any assets go to a charity (as required by the Charities Commission)
- Formally allowing electronic banking
- Allowing the AGM to change the Society’s Financial Year
- Reducing the quorum to 10, not 12 members
- Specifying who chairs meetings, who can vote, that decisions are made by majority vote, and that the Chair has a casting vote
- Allowing for attendance at meetings using Skype etc with the agreement of the meeting attendees.
- Allowing the Constitution to be changed at an AGM (as well as via a written vote of members)

Please record your vote on the attached Voting Form and return it to us by post or fax to be received by April 20, 2009.

Andrew Mason
President
11 March 2009

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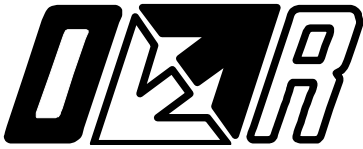
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POSTAL VOTING FORM

Adoption of the amended ORSNZ Constitution dated 10 March 2009

Closing Date: 20 April 2009

Proposal: That the ORSNZ constitution be amended as detailed in the ORSNZ newsletter dated March 2009.

I, (Name)
 of (Address)

hereby vote

- for the Proposal
- against the Proposal
- abstain

Date: Signature:

This completed voting form should be folded as indicated overleaf and taped shut for posting using the enclosed stamp.¹ (Please do not use staples as they can cause injuries.) It can also be faxed to:

President
 ORSNZ
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All votes should be received by 20 April 2009.

¹ The current constitution specifies that 'reply-paid ballot papers shall be posted to members' for voting on amendments.

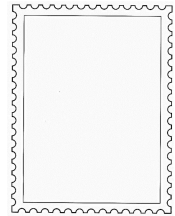
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