

## **GAMMA.CON 2016 Annual General Meeting- Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

- 1) To insert in the 'definitions' a clause that defines the membership year as a 12 month period that coincides with the financial year

Rationale: to clarify the period of the membership year which is currently undefined, to allow for annual memberships to be renewed effectively by the Secretary.

- 2) To alter the 'definitions' section to replace the definition *convention* with *festival* and replace the word 'convention' with 'festival' throughout the rest of the Constitution as needed

Rationale: feedback from funding bodies and other events has been that 'Convention' has an industry/profit connotation while 'Festival' has a community/non-profit connotation.

- 3) To delete from the 'definitions' section the definitions for *student*, *GAC*, *ANUSA* and *PARSA*

- 4) To retitle section 3 'Non profit status'

- 5) To delete subsections 1, 2 and 5 from section 3 and retire subsequent subsections

- 6) Delete Section 41, subsection 2

Rationale: these four amendments are to remove ANU specific clauses as we establish The GAMMA.CON Society as a separate, independent, incorporated association.

- 7) To alter Section 3, subsection 4 to read:

3) (4) *The association can be dissolved by decision of the current membership at a general meeting or when the association ceases to operate due to no members being elected to the committee and the association ceasing to function through natural attrition. In the case of the association being dissolved any excess assets, property, funds or money remaining after all debts and liabilities are paid shall not be given to members but shall be given or transferred to the ANUAGS. If the ANUAGS is no longer functioning any excess assets, property, funds or money remaining are to be transferred to an organisation that pursues similar goals to the association.*

Rationale: this amendment also removes ANU specific regulations as with the previous four amendments. In addition it continues to specify an exact organisation (The ANU Anime and Gaming Society or 'ANUAGS') that will take possession of equipment/funds in the event of The GAMMA.CON Society dissolving as required to incorporate and provides scope for another organisation to take possession of funds/equipment in the event The ANUAGS dissolves before The GAMMA.CON Society dissolves.

- 8) Insert in Section 14 subsection 8:

14) 8) *a nominated candidate is not required to attend the annual general meeting and can be elected if absent from the annual general meeting.*

Rationale: to clarify that a nomination can be made by an individual for a position on the GAMMA.CON Committee even if they are unable to physically attend the AGM.



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9) To delete from Section 35 subsection 3, “vice-convenor”

Rationale: The credit card should be maintained with the treasurer and convenor only.

10) To add to Section 35, under subsection 5, to read:

*All outstanding reimbursements and payments between the association and its members should be resolved by the end of the financial year*

Rationale: To ensure proper balancing of accounts before handing over to the new committee; to ensure that the association is accountable for all funds during audits.