



## New Zealand Society for Viticulture & Oenology

THE INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT 1908  
RULES OF NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR VITICULTURE AND OENOLOGY  
(INCORPORATED)

### Proposed changes to the constitution to be presented at the 2011 Annual General Meeting

A copy of the current constitution can be found at <http://www.nzsvo.org.nz/docs/constitution.pdf>

#### INTERPRETATION

*That Section (2) of the Constitution be changed to read*

***“The “Association” shall mean the New Zealand Society For Viticulture And Oenology (Incorporated).”***

Change - 2. The ~~association~~ “Association” shall mean the New Zealand Society For Viticulture And Oenology (Incorporated).

Change - The ~~committee~~ “Committee” shall mean the committee elected pursuant to these rules.

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

*That Section (3) of the Constitution be changed to read*

***“The registered office of the Association shall be at such place or places as the Committee shall from time to time determine.”***

Change – 3. The registered office of the ~~association~~ Association shall be at such place or places as the ~~committee~~ Committee shall from time to time determine.

#### OBJECTS

*That Section (4) of the Constitution be changed to read*

***“The objects of the Association shall be:”***

Change - 4. The objects of the ~~association~~ Association shall be:

***That Section (4a) of the Constitution be changed to read:***

***“To encourage, stimulate, support and promote the dissemination of research or technical information and in viticulture or oenology or other sciences directly applied to viticulture or oenology.”***

Change – 4A. To encourage, stimulate, support and promote the dissemination of research or technical information and in viticulture or oenology or other sciences directly applied to viticulture or oenology.

***That Section (4b) of the Constitution be changed to read***

***“To provide a forum for the presentation, discussion and publication of such research and technological developments for the advancement of science and promotion of common welfare.”***

Change – 4 B. To provide a forum for the presentation, discussion and publication of such research and technological developments for the advancement of science and promotion of common welfare.

***That section (4C) of the constitution be changed to read***

***“To promote education in viticulture or oenology and help to ensure and maintain the highest standards of quality for such educational objectives.”***

Change - 4C. To promote education and in viticulture or oenology and help to ensure and maintain the highest standards of quality for such educational objectives.

***That Section 4D of the constitution be changed to read***

***“To operate as a non-profit society Incorporated and to engage in no activities, except to an insubstantial degree, which are not in direct furtherance of its primary scientific, literary and educational objectives.”***

Change - 4D. To operate as a non-profit society Incorporated and shall to engage in no activities, except to an insubstantial degree, which are not in direct furtherance of its primary scientific, literary and educational objectives.

***That Section 4 E of the constitution be changed to read***

***“To provide the following functions which will support the objectives (A) to (D) inclusive and the furtherance of the Society:”***

Change - 4E. - To provide the following functions which will support the objectives (A) to (E) inclusive and the furtherance of the Society:

## MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION

*That Section (5b) of the Constitution be changed to read*

*“Every member shall pay such annual subscription as shall be fixed by the Association at its Annual General Meeting.*

*The subscription will be due and payable in the first two months of the financial year following the AGM.”*

**Change** - Change after the words “Every member shall pay such annual subscription as shall be fixed by the Association at its Annual General Meeting which subscription shall be due and payable two months after the date upon which the same is fixed. And replace with “*The subscription will be due and payable in the first two months of the financial year following the AGM.*”

**Justification** - This brings the subscription date into line with the proposed change to the financial year. See under Finance below.

## COMMITTEE

*That Section 8e) of the Constitution be changed to read*

*Nominations for the officers comprising the Committee shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than three clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place. Each nomination shall be signed by a member of the Association and by the person accepting nomination. In the event of insufficient nominations being received the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the resolution of the Annual General Meeting or by any subsequent General Meeting of the Association.*

**Change** - Delete after the words “Each nomination shall be signed by a member of the Association and by the person accepting nomination” the following “and shall specify the office for which the person is nominated.”

**Justification** – Following current convention.

## FINANCE

*That Section 12 d) of the Constitution be changed to read*

*“The financial year of the Association shall commence on the 1st day of April in each year and shall end on the 31st day of March in the year following.”*

**Change** – From “on the 1st day of July in each year and shall end on the 30th day of June in the year following” to “on the 1st day of April in each year and shall end on the 31st day of March in the year following”

**Justification** - This changes the financial year from 1 July to 30 June to 1 April to 31 March which agrees with the IRD records. Subscriptions and the financial year will be aligned.

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

*That Section 14 a) of the Constitution be changed to read*

*“At least seven clear days notice in writing of all Annual, Special or Ordinary General Meetings of the Association shall be given to each member by email addressed to his or her last known email address.”*

**Change** – From “by ordinary letter posted to his or its last known address.” to “by email sent to his or its last known address”.

**Justification** - Substitute email address for postal mail address as this is the main method of communicating with members currently used by NZSVO.