

AGM 2014 – Amendments to Constitution

The following amendments to the Humanist Society (Singapore) constitution were passed by majority vote:

	Existing Clause/Section	Proposed changes	Vote Results
1	<u>OBJECTS</u> 3.1 Its objects are 3.2 In furtherance of the above objects ...	<u>OBJECTIVES</u> 3.1 The Society's objectives are 3.2 In furtherance of the above objectives...	18 for - passed
2	3.1.1 To encourage a rational approach to human problems, to promote the fullest possible use of science and the arts, for human welfare,	delete the comma between “the arts” and “for”	18 for - passed
3	3.1.4 To encourage respect for the universal human rights of men and women free from discrimination on the basis of race, class, disability, gender, sexual orientation, age, or nationality.	to insert: “religious or spiritual beliefs or lack thereof”	18 for - passed
4	<u>Definition of Humanism</u>	re-label this as 3.3 i.e. 3.3 Definition of Humanism	18 for - passed
5	<u>4.1</u> Membership is open to all who support the objectives of the society.	Membership is open to all who support <u>and agree with</u> the objectives of the society <u>as described in Clause 3</u> herein.	17 for, 1 against - passed
6	4.1 ... A member is defined as a person who has made an application for membership of the Society and has been approved by the Committee.	to add “and who has no outstanding arrears owed to the Society whether for membership fees or other amounts.”	18 for - passed
7	7.1 Membership is not transferable. A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason	change to: “Membership is not transferable. Unless stated otherwise in this Constitution, a right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason	18 for - passed

8	7.3 Resignation of membership is by way of written notice to the Secretary of the member's intention to resign and, upon the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.	Add at the end: "The required period of notice is two weeks. Membership fees already paid are not refundable upon resignation."	18 for - passed
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9	7.6.1 "brings the Society..."	change to "brought the Society"	18 for - passed
10	7.6.2 Persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these rules	change to "Persistently refused or neglected to comply with the whole or any part of this Constitution"	18 for - passed
11	7.6.3 Through his or her actions, or comments, no longer shares the objectives of the society as defined section 3 of the constitution	change to "Through his or her words or conduct, demonstrated that he or she no longer shares the Objectives as stated in clause 3 hereto"	16 for, 2 against, - passed
12	New addition	To add "9.1.1 Members shall only be eligible to stand for election upon satisfying a minimum membership period prior to the date of the AGM. The requisite periods are: For the posts of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer: At least one year. For the posts of Assistant Secretary and Committee Members: At least six months."	18 for - passed
13	Interchangeable use of "section" and "clause" in the existing constitution	All "Section(s)" in the constitution will be changed and referred to as "Clause(s)" for consistency.	18 for - passed