



Institute of Public Administration New Zealand

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF IPANZ TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 27 JULY 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Background

At the 28 July 2020 IPANZ AGM, the meeting agreed to replace Section 3. COMMON SEAL, of the Constitution with a new Section 3 to effect changes the Companies Office had advised IPANZ it needed to make to include the control and use of the common seal.

Details of the Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Following the AGM, the amended constitution was lodged with the Companies Office who administer the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The Companies Office have advised IPANZ that they had rejected the amended constitution because “The control and use of the common seal is still a requirement under section 6 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The term ‘may have’ in the society’s rules (sub-clause 3.1) indicates it is optional.”

Consequently, at the 27 July 2021 Annual General Meeting the IPANZ Board is proposing a small amendment to sub-clause 3.1 to indicate that IPANZ does have a common seal.

Details of the Proposed Change to the Constitution

The IPANZ Board is recommending the following change, to sub-clause 3.1 of Section 3, COMMON SEAL of the Constitution, be adopted by IPANZ members at the 27 July 2021 Annual General Meeting:

- In Section 3. COMMON SEAL, sub-clause 3.1 on page 1 of the Constitution, delete the words “may have’ and replace these with the word “has”. If the amendment is adopted sub-clause 3.1 will read “3.1 The Board has a common seal for the Institute and may from time to time replace it with a new one”.

Attached is a copy of the current IPANZ Constitution with the proposed amendment to Clause 3.1 noted.