

# ANZEA CONSTITUTION UPDATE

## - AT A GLANCE -

### WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME

- ✓ ANZEA's purpose and values – promoting high-quality evaluation practice in Aotearoa New Zealand
- ✓ Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi – continued commitment to work with Mā Te Rae plus additional scope to work with others
- ✓ Member-led governance – members elect the Board and vote on key decisions at AGMs
- ✓ Charitable status – ANZEA remains a registered charity focused on advancing evaluation
- ✓ Financial year and membership entitlements – core membership benefits continue

### WHAT'S CHANGING AND WHY

#### Governance structure (Clauses 8.6–8.14)

**Change:** Board of 5–9 members (4 Officers + general members), shorter/staggered terms

**Why:** More sustainable and easier to recruit; supports continuity

#### Membership settings (Clauses 4.1–4.9, 5.1–5.2).

**Change:** Rolling annual subscriptions, clearer membership categories, updated Register requirements

**Why:** Fairer, more transparent, and aligned with the new Act

#### Regional and special interest groups (Clause 8.5(a), Board policies)

**Change:** Moving from formal branches to flexible regional/special interest arrangements

**Why:** Reflects how ANZEA works in practice; less administration, more supportive/enabling of member-led activity

#### Te Tiriti and diversity (Clauses 2.2(a)–(b))

**Change:** Strengthened wording on Te Tiriti, explicit and broader recognition of diverse communities (Māori, Pasifika, others)

**Why:** Aligns our Constitution with ANZEA's values and practice

#### Legal compliance (Clauses 8.8, 8.15–8.18, Section 12)

**Change:** New clauses on officer duties, conflicts of interest, dispute resolution, records

**Why:** Required by the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

#### Language and structure (Throughout)

**Change:** Plainer language, clearer layout, operational detail moved to policies/Board Charter

**Why:** Easier to read, understand and use

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### WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU AS A MEMBER

Your rights remain unchanged. You can still:

- Vote at AGMs and on constitutional changes
- Stand for election to the Board
- Access financial reports and governance information
- Participate in regional and special interest activities
- Your experience will improve:
- Some improved processes for membership, meetings and decision-making
- More sustainable, effective Board governance
- Greater flexibility for member-led initiatives
- Stronger alignment between ANZEA's values and its governing document

### HOW TO ENGAGE

- Read the full draft Constitution and summary of changes
- Ask questions at online Q&A sessions (27 Feb and 13 March, 12–1pm NZDT) or via the online portal.
- Review the final draft and Q&A summary (circulated by 20 March)
- Vote at the Special General Meeting (27 March, 12pm NZDT)

Questions? Visit [www.anzea.org.nz](http://www.anzea.org.nz) or contact [info@anzea.org.nz](mailto:info@anzea.org.nz)

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