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Notice of Annual General Meeting

(to be held at the Verdun Hall, Verdun (between hotel and church) on Sunday 17th July at 2pm)

Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Convenors Report (including financial report)
- 3 Committee Members Reports
- 4 Auditor's Report
- 5 Election of Committee
(Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and five Committee members).

- 6 Appointment of auditor
- 7 Setting of subscriptions
- 8 Change to constitution

Special Resolutions to be put

Special Resolution 1

That the constitution of SPGN be changed by deleting the present Section 3A and replacing all the wording in Section 3 with the following:-

“Objects of the association

The first object of the association is to use all fair and legal means to reduce the rate of Australia's population growth to zero, as a matter of urgency.

The second object of the association is endorsement and promotion of the election of a candidate or candidates endorsed by it; to all or any of:-

The House of Representatives and/or the Senate of Australia.
The Legislative Assembly and/or Legislative Council of New South Wales
The House of Assembly and/or Legislative Council of South Australia
The Legislative Assembly and/or Legislative Council of Victoria
The House of Assembly and/or Legislative Council of Tasmania
The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
The Legislative Assembly and/or Legislative Council of Western Australia
The Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory
The Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island
The Legislative Assembly of Queensland”

Special Resolution 2

That Section 5.6 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all words after “(or vice versa)”.

- 9 Any other business

Close

Discussion re above agenda

Special Resolution 1

Your committee believes we need to change our constitution to allow us to run candidates in state elections. We did not realise it, but the SA Electoral Office requires that our constitution has to specifically allow that. Most other Australian Parliaments have the same requirement. We can register as a SA political party with 150 members. I believe we should allow for this possibility.

Special Resolution 2

The present wording of 5.6 is as follows:-

“5.6 Change of membership category

The committee of management may change the category of a member from associate to ordinary, (or vice versa) after giving existing members one months notice of its intention to do so. It will give proper consideration to the views of any member on the matter, before making a final decision.”

We think this is unnecessarily bureaucratic. It was inserted at a time we were concerned about infiltration of hostile members. We now think this can be left to the committee. Also, some members wish to keep their membership confidential. If we require to consult the members, this confidentiality is lost. Also, it is silly to have to consult members if a member is changing from Ordinary to Associate.

Note - the only difference between the membership categories relevant to this matter is that Ordinary Members can vote at meetings ; Associate Members cannot.

Election of new committee

Our constitution requires half of the present committee (2 out of 4) to retire and submit to reelection . The particular persons are selected by ballot.

Other members are encouraged to nominate for election to the committee. Nominations need to be signed by the nominee and a proposer. A committee member has to be an Ordinary Member. Nominations need to be sent to Box 134, Brighton SA 5048, by the 19th June,2011. Their names have to be advised to members at least 14 days before the AGM.

Showing of State of Seige

We had a very successful showing of the film "State of Seige" in Mount Barker on Tuesday evening. A total of 114 persons attended. John Coulter opened the proceedings with a short address, followed by the film. The film was very well received. Some attendees then adjourned to the restaurant next door for coffee and socialising.

I wish to thank all those who supported this event, and assisted with administration, particularly, Paul and Dorothy Staska, and Phyllis Coulter. I also wish to thank Ben Huxtable and his staff from Wallis Theatres for their very professional and friendly services.

We are investigating the possibility of showing this film in the metropolitan area .

Renewal of Subscriptions

Thank you to those who have renewed. Receipts are not being forwarded unless specifically requested, or unless the payments are being made in cash. This is to save paper and postage, of course.

Bob Couch