



## **Explanatory notes for the 2020 proposed amendments to the Rules of Association of the ANZFSS**

For ease of reference the current Rules are the '2019 Rules' and the proposed version are the '2020 Rules'.

Updates to Rule and Subrule numbering, as well as minor grammatical or typographical corrections, have been made as required. All additions and changes have been marked with yellow highlighting in the 2020 Rules. A tracked change version of the 2020 Rules is available upon request.

### **PART 1 – PRELIMINARY**

The definition of *the Branch* has been changed from 'state- and territory-based' to 'region-based' to better encompass our New Zealand and International Branches.

### **PART 3 – MEMBERS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND MEETINGS, Division 4 - Meetings**

Changes in the 2020 Rules to the method of voting at general meetings and on special resolutions have been proposed. The rationale for this is to allow ANZFSS members easier engagement with voting on matters of substance to the ANZFSS.

Rule 36 relates to voting in person or by proxy at a general meeting. Subrule 36(1)(b) has been expanded to allow voting at a general meeting by the functional equivalent of a show of hands via electronic or other communication facility. Subrule 36(4) states that the Rule does not apply to votes on special resolutions, as a new process for online voting for special resolutions has been added at Rule 37.

### **PART 4 – THE COUNCIL, Division 3 - Election of Executive members and tenure of office**

Rule 47 has two additional eligibility criteria in the 2020 Rules, to reflect the responsibility of the positions, and ensure nominees have a working knowledge of Society processes.

Rules 48 to 51 have been amended to provide a process for online voting. Reference in Rules 48, 49, 51 and 52 to election timing and tenure in relation to Symposium years has also been removed since the timing of Symposia may be affected by other factors (such as a global pandemic).

### **Part 6 – GENERAL MATTERS**

A new Rule 73 has been inserted into the 2020 Rules to outline a process for suspension of a Branch from Council and from claiming affiliation with the Society, if that Branch has a vacant Executive for 6 months. The suspension removes the Branch's voting rights in the ANZFSS Council but allows the Branch to continue its business under its own Rules.