

## The Board proposes the following changes to the Constitution by Special Resolution at the Annual General Meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023:

Amend Section 19 and Section 41.4 to clarify process for electronic voting:

- 19.2 The election of Board members, except for Regional Coordinators (Rule 14.4), shall be achieved by ~~postal~~ ballot with voting counted and announced at the Annual General Meeting.
- 19.5 If there is more than one nomination for each of the Board member positions to be determined at an Annual General Meeting, the Secretary General shall cause a ballot ~~papers form~~ to be prepared, setting out the names in ~~a~~ alphabetical order of the candidates for each position. The ballot ~~papers form or link to the electronic voting ballot~~, together with the background notes on candidates, shall be sent to each financial member of Fencing NZ with voting rights at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. The ballot ~~paper~~ will be conducted printed in such form that scrutineers shall be able to confirm that each member has voted no more than once.
- 19.6 ~~All ballot replies shall be returned to the Secretary General in a sealed envelope, at a time to be determined by the Board.~~ The closing date for ballots must be clearly stated on the ballot ~~papers~~ notification and form. The President, with the consent of the meeting, shall appoint two scrutineers ~~from among those present at the Annual General Meeting and~~ who are not themselves candidates for election. The scrutineers shall ~~be the persons to open the ballot envelopes~~ be given access to the ballot returns form and shall announce the result of the ballot.
- 41.4 **AGM Agenda:** An agenda containing the business to be discussed at an AGM (Rule 41.3) together with the ~~Postal voting~~ voting form shall be sent by the Secretary General to the Board and Individual, Associate and Life Members with voting rights by no later than twenty-one (21) days before the AGM. No additional items of business not on the agenda can be voted on but may be discussed by agreement of the meeting.