

Constitutional Review - status update 24th April 2008

The table below outlines some proposed changes and the accompanying rationale. The Board welcomes comments about the proposed - and any other possible - changes. Please direct comments to president@bicyclensw.org.au no later than the 31st of May, to allow the Board to consider at the June 4th Board meeting. As required by the current constitution, a draft of the proposed constitution along with a proposed agenda for the 2008 AGM (scheduled for Saturday 1 November 2008) will posted on the Bicycle NSW website no later than Friday 10 October 2008, in advance of formal consideration and voting by members on the floor of the 2008 AGM.

Change	Reason	Comments/Concerns
a) Include an index/contents section	For ease of reference	
b) Changes to allow on line and telephone voting at (or immediately before) AGMs (ie no requirement to attend AGMs in person)	To increase access to all members	
c) Changes to allow use of technology to allow Board and General Meetings to simultaneously take place at more than one place (phone/video conferencing)	To increase access to all members	
d) Include the Bicycle NSW purpose "More People Cycling More Often"	Reflect our updated purpose	
<i>Changes e) – i) intended to make the nomination and voting process more accessible, transparent, equitable and allow greater consideration by nominees</i>		
e) Appoint a Returning officer at least 16 weeks before the AGM.		
f) Call for nominations to the Board at least 12 weeks before the AGM		
g) Nominations to close at least 8 weeks before the AGM		
h) Nominations to require 5 other members to sign		
i) Nominees may include a written supporting statement to appear on line with no restrictions as to length		
<i>Changes j) – o) to allow the Board composition to be crafted to improve stability and better suit the purpose of the organization, while preserving the ultimate control of the organization by its members</i>		
j) The number of elected members of the Board to be reduced from 9 to 6, with the elected Board members to appoint the remaining 3 members of the Board at their discretion		Should Directors be entitled to nominate an alternate
k) Board member terms to be changed to 3 years		
l) Office bearers to be elected by the Board		
m) The Board may appoint the CEO to the Board, with this giving rise to the situation where a member of the Board may be receive a salary from Bicycle NSW (see n) below)		
n) The payment of salary, fees or similar to Directors (see m) above)		
o) At least 6 board meetings per annum		