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2018 Special General Meeting Proposed Constitutional Amendments, Resolutions and Discussion Points

The proposed amendment to the Constitution of The New Zealand Inline Hockey Association (NZIHA), to be considered at the 2018 Special General Meeting (SGM) of the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association on October 4th 2018 in New Plymouth are outlined below.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

1. **Item 9.2(e) (The Board)** “A minimum of two independent persons who will be appointed to each serve for a two year term, after such time each person must retire and may not stand for re-appointment again within two years of removal.”

Remit: Amend Item 9.2(e) (a) by removing “after such time each person must retire and may not stand for re-appointment again within two years of removal”.

Reason: This remit will allow Independent Board Members to be re-elected for a second term. The current rules preclude Independent Board Members from serving more than a two year term. It is felt this does create issue around the stability of the Board, as well as the ability for an Independent Board Member to bring about positive change over a relatively short time frame in a long-term, meaningful fashion.

Discussion Points

NZIHA also welcome the opportunity to discuss the following with their Member Clubs:

1. **Appointment of a new auditor.**

The Board decided at the start of the year that a change of auditors was required due to big increases in costs, and a perception of a lack of independence. This ultimately proved to be the right decision with the current auditors stepping down after the latest audit.

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As such, NZIHA have actively been seeking proposals from new auditors to undertake the annual financial audit of NZIHA in line with Item 12.1.5 of the Constitution of The New Zealand Inline Hockey Association.

A shortlist of proposed auditors has been drafted based on cost and suitability to the Association and the NZIHA seek approval to appoint one of the following organisations to conduct NZIHA's annual audit:

- UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants
- BDO Audit
- RSM New Zealand

2. Region changes.

NZIHA has identified that the current regional format is currently not providing weekly competitive games and is ultimately causing players to leave the game.

This SGM therefore is an opportunity for an open discussion that delegates can then take pros and cons back to their Member Clubs and make a decision based on a discussion on how to improve the league game for all players, with respect to the construction of the regions.

No voting will be taking place around the discussion on the regions at this meeting. The SGM merely presents an opportunity to discuss and propose change for the improvement of the league.

3. Board Appointments Panel

NZIHA are proposing to change The Board Appointments Panel. As per Item 7 of the Constitution of the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association: "the Appointments Panel shall comprise between two (2) to four (4) independent persons, selected by the Independent Appointor every four (4) years.", with the current Board Appointments Panel having now reached the end of their term as per the this Constitutional Item.

NZIHA, in line with its current philosophy to continually improve the professionalism and integrity of the sport, feels it is important to retain independent and experienced advice on Board appointments.