

PROPOSED MOTION TO FEDERATION 2023 AGM

Moved by Bream Bay:

That the Federation adopts a policy that sets a Receipt of Motions closing date that is at least 12 weeks (84 days) prior to any relevant Annual General Meeting, and that the Federation shall notify Society members of any Motions received at least 8 weeks (56 days) prior to the relevant General or Annual General Meeting.

RATIONALE:

There should be adequate opportunity before any Federation General Meeting (GM) for

1. the Federation to receive Motions, negotiate with Proposers (if necessary), accept or reject a Motion, and notify Society Members;
2. for Society Members to discuss Motions **internally** at a regular monthly meeting; and
3. for Society Members to discuss Motions **externally** at Regional level.

This policy would allow the following timeframe –

- 4 weeks for the Federation to receive Motions, negotiate with Movers of Motions (if required) and notify Society Members.
- 4 weeks for Society Members to discuss Motions at a regular monthly meeting.
- 4 weeks to hold a Regional Meeting to discuss Motions before the relevant General Meeting or AGM.

Currently, the Federation Constitution provides as follows:-

1. Member Societies must notify the Federation Secretary of Motions (Remits) **at least 28 days** before a Federation General Meeting. (Clause 24.1)
2. The Federation Committee has absolute discretion to decide whether or not the Federation will vote on the motion (Clause 24.1)
3. The Secretary must notify Member Societies of those Motions **at least 14 days** before a Federation General Meeting. (Clause 24.1(b)).

The minimum 14 day window prior to a Federation GM is an extremely tight time frame for Society Members to consider proposed motions either internally or at regional level without having to resort to special meetings or decisions made on the opinions of a select few.

If this Motion succeeds, it could become an adopted policy that should not require a rule change to the current Constitution as “28 days” and “14 days” are specified as minimum deadlines.