

Notice of Motion

To: The Secretary NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

From: The Executive Committee NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Title: Amendments to Clause 15 of the CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (INCORPORATED)

We the undersigned do hereby request that pursuant to Clause 16.2 of the Constitution of the NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, the Secretary place this **Notice of Motion** on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of the association to be held on Wednesday 4 November 2009 in Waitangi.

We move:

That Clause 15 of the CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (INCORPORATED) is amended as follows:

Clause 15.3 is amended as follows:

'The annual fee is payable from 1 April of each year and must be paid before the end of the financial year by 30 September of that year.'

So that it reads:

'The annual fee is payable from 1 April of each year and must be paid by 30 September of that year.'

and

Clause 15.6 is amended as follows:

'Where any member is more than two consecutive years in arrears in respect of annual fees, and has been notified twice to that effect, the member may cease to be a member of the Association in accordance with Clause 11.2. Termination of membership under this clause is not any bar to that person or corporation reapplying for membership, except that arrears of fees must be repaid before the Committee may consider the election of the applicant.'

So that it reads:

'Where any member is more than two consecutive years in arrears in respect of annual fees, and has been notified twice to that effect, the member may cease to be a member of the Association in accordance with Clause 11.2. Termination of membership under this clause is not any bar to that person or corporation reapplying for membership.'

Background to Motion:

- 1 The amendment to Clause 15.3 is designed to clarify the date by which a member is obliged to pay their NZARM membership fee.

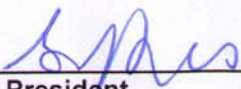
There is a potential confusion between Clause 15.3 and 15.4. Clause 15.3 says that 'The annual fee is payable from 1 April of each year and must be paid before the end of the financial year.' Clause 15.1 says 'The financial year for the Association begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of the same year.' However Clause 15.4 says that 'Any member who fails to pay the annual fee before 30 September of each year is deemed to be in arrears and shall cease to have or receive any of the rights and benefits of membership as provided by Clause 8.0 until such time as all due payments are made.'

This means that even though a member has until 31 December to pay under Clause 15.3, they are deemed to be in fee arrears from 30 September in any year. The time between fees coming due on 1 April and fees being in arrears on 30 September is 6 months, this is enough time to send and receive NZARM membership accounts, send the required notification under Clause 15.5 and for a member to pay.


- 2 The amendment to Clause 15.6 is designed to remove the need for non-financial members to pay previous years fee arrears because:

- a) Equity; a non-financial member would not be entitled any of the member privileges described in Clause 8, in particular would be moved off the secretariat circulation list and not receive any information, publication (including Broadsheet), and other material benefits that membership of the Association may bring, and
- b) Unforeseen circumstance; the member may be non-financial due to circumstances beyond their control such as illness, administration error etc., and
- c) Impediment to member retention; faced with the requirement to pay arrears a non-financial member may opt to resign, and
- d) Executive Decision; if the Executive Committee decides to terminate a membership under Clause 11.2 of the NZARM Constitution, that should be the end of any fee payment liability against an ex-member. The current requirement to pay arrears is an impediment for ex-members to rejoin NZARM at a later time should their circumstances change.

Signed:


_____ Dated: 1/10/09
S Stokes - NZARM President

and


_____ Dated: 1/10/09
N Ngapo - NZARM Executive Committee Member

Being two financial members who have rights of membership in accordance with Clause 16.2 of the NZARM Constitution.