

## Proposed changes to the Rules of the Association

NB It is not proposed to change the name or aims of the Association.

It is proposed to amend the following rules (changes are highlighted in red):

### Existing Rule

#### *Rule 3 [Membership]*

Members shall belong to one of the following classes and shall be admitted in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) Ordinary members, who shall be practising teachers of Earth science or allied subjects, in schools, colleges or universities, or persons actively interested in Earth science education.  
**Ordinary members may also be bodies, organisations or institutions concerned with Earth science education, who shall be entitled to send one voting representative to meetings and to receive the publications of the Association.**
- (b) Student members, who shall be persons preparing to become teachers of Earth science or allied subjects, or other students in higher or further education who are actively interested in Earth science education, and who shall have the same privileges as Ordinary members, except the powers of voting and nominations to Council.
- (c) Senior members, who shall be at least 65 years of age, and who shall have the same privileges as Ordinary members, including the powers of voting and nomination to Council.
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### *Rule 3 [Membership] (continued)*

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- (e) Group members, which may be schools, colleges or other bodies involved in Earth science education. They shall be entitled to send one voting representative to meetings and to receive the publications of the Association. They may also receive additional benefits as determined by Council.
- (f) Corporate affiliates, which may be commercial or other organisations with an interest in supporting the aims of the Association and, specifically, in helping to develop the skills of the next generation of earth scientists and earth science educators. They shall be entitled to send one voting representative to meetings and to receive the publications of the Association. Corporate affiliates will receive a package of additional benefits, as determined by Council.
- (g) Publications-only subscribers, who may be individuals, libraries, and other organisations who wish to receive copies of Teaching Earth Sciences and other publications distributed to members, but do not wish to participate actively in the Association. Publications-only subscribers have no powers of voting or nomination to Council and limited access to the Association's website.
- (h) Other classes of membership established by Council with the agreement of a General meeting.

### *Rule 5 [Membership]*

Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all General meetings and to receive all publications and circulars of the Association, except for the special provisions of Rule 3(b).

*[If these changes are adopted it is proposed that Rule 5 be deleted as its terms would be covered by the revisions to Rule 3]*

### *Rule 7 [Subscriptions and Donations]*

Members shall pay such subscriptions as may from time to time be prescribed by Council with the agreement of a General meeting. **Student members and Senior members shall pay half the Ordinary member's annual subscription.**

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### *Rule 24 [Council]*

The Treasurer shall receive and pay, as authorised by Council, or by any General or Special Meeting of the Association, all monies of the Association. The Membership Secretary may be delegated to receive subscriptions on behalf of the Treasurer and shall also be responsible for maintaining the membership database. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of income and expenditure, and this account shall be balanced as on 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year, independently examined by two competent persons who shall not be members of Council at the time, **and submitted to the Annual General Meeting in September.**

### *Rule 27 [Meetings]*

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