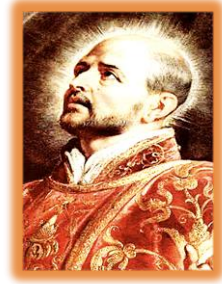




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Dear Companions,

I am writing to you on behalf of the national Committee of *Companions* about the revised Constitution which is now ready for adoption and submission to Consumer Affairs Victoria for approval.

This has been a long process which commenced at the *Companions* 2017 AGM where a motion was unanimously passed to replace 18th, 19th & 20th Annotation Membership to descriptors of membership categories and include a new membership category for Givers of the First Spiritual Exercises.

The Constitution also needed revision to meet requirements of the Victorian Consumer Affairs Victoria Associations Incorporation Reform Act (the AIR Act) 2012. An initial draft with revised categories of membership and amendments to rules was distributed to members prior to the AGM in 2018 with a request they prayerfully review the proposed amendments and provide written submissions for consideration.

Members feedback was considered, and further changes were made to some wording, numbering, and rules that no longer apply were removed. The final version of the Constitution has now been reviewed by a practising lawyer and will be presented to the Members for their endorsement prior to submission to Consumer Affairs, Victoria.

I enclose two copies of the Constitution, an original and final draft. I have highlighted in both where the amendments have been made and ask that you review them prior to the AGM when a motion to adopt the revised Constitution will be put to members.

The following are the sections and rules that have been changed.

Section A

2. 3. 5. 6. 7. 8.

9. New

10. (a), (b), (d) (i) (ii), (g) (iv)

10. (j) & (k) deleted.

Section B

New statement inserted under heading. Sections from 11 on have been renumbered.

11. (vi), (viii)

13. (b) (ii)

14. New – Use of Technology

15. (c) (i), (d) (ii)

20. Alteration of Rules

25. Interpretation (d), (c)(i)

In peace and gratitude

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