



## **AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE ASSOCIATION**

### **PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

You are hereby advised of the following proposed amendment to be made under section 2.4 of the Constitution:

#### 2.4 Membership

- (1) Clause 2.4.2 be re-titled "Emeritus Members";
- (2) Clause 2.4.2 be amended to read: "Emeritus membership may be conferred on any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Association or who has made a significant or meritorious contribution to military or veterans' medicine or health in the Australia-Pacific region. There will be no annual subscriptions payable by these members. Nominations shall be sought by the council and confirmed by a two-thirds majority of members voting at a duly convened annual general meeting. The number of Emeritus Members shall at no time exceed five nor shall more than one such member be elected in the one financial year."
- (3) Existing clause 2.4.6 - Honorary Membership - be deleted in full; and
- (4) Existing clause 2.4.7 be re-numbered to 2.4.6.

**Members are advised that voting on this amendment will be taken at the 2008 AGM to be held on Saturday 18 October at 4.15pm at the Wrest Point Convention Centre, Sandy Bay Road, Hobart, Tasmania and by proxy vote to be submitted to the AMMA Secretariat no later than 26 September 2008.**

## **Amendment to Clause 2.4 — Statement of Reasons**

The Association's Constitution currently provides for two categories of members who are not required to pay fees: Life Members (Clause 2.4.2) and Honorary Members (clause 2.4.6).

Since its inception, the Association has had a number of distinguished members who have been known as "Honorary Life Members". These individuals have all performed outstanding service to military medicine and thus meet the criteria for Honorary Membership rather than Life Membership.

To this point in the Association's existence, no individual has been elected as a Life Member.

It now seems appropriate to refine these two categories in a way that better reflects the contributions of individuals to military medicine or veterans' health and recognises the importance of the Association in promoting these disciplines. It is also appropriate that those who are elected as Honorary Members by reason of having made significant contributions to military medicine and veterans' health are elected for life rather than for a specified term as set out in the current Constitution.

To achieve this, it is proposed that the criteria for Life Membership and Honorary Membership be combined under a single category of Emeritus Membership. The process for election would be as exists for Life Members but the category will include both those who have made significant contributions to military medicine and veterans' health as well as those who have made significant contributions to the Association.