

## Proposed Amendments to the Regional Constitution

### Introduction

Since the new regional constitution was approved at the AGM in July 2012 it has emerged that in one aspect it is erroneous and misleading.

The procedures for the election of the Regional Trustee are specified by the Third Age Trust (TAT). Our constitution needs to say that explicitly and be consistent throughout in its wording. On the other hand, the Regional AGM is responsible for the election of the other regional officers.

The Regional Representative Council (RRC) has considered the proposed amendments which follow and recommends their adoption to the AGM. **The AGM is asked to adopt the Amendments indicated below.**

The numbering system used to identify the proposed changes refers to the appropriate paragraphs in the existing constitution, a copy of which is provided separately.

The most crucial paragraphs are 7.4 and 7.5 which need to be changed as indicated below and a new paragraph 7.6 inserted, thus:

### Amendments

***“7.4. Nominations for election of Chair and EDO must be made in writing and must be in the hands of the Secretary at least four (4) weeks before the AGM. Nominees shall be proposed by one and seconded by another member U3A. Candidates will attach to their nomination form, a personal statement of not more than two hundred (200) words.***

***7.5. Should nominations exceed vacancies, candidates will be permitted to address the meeting. Election of the Chair and EDO shall be conducted at the AGM by one vote per U3A present at the meeting.***

***7.6 Election of the Trustee will be as specified by the TAT. The candidate or candidates will be invited to present a short address to the appropriate Regional AGM and to answer questions from the floor by way of introducing themselves to U3As in the Region.”***

***(Re-number existing paras 7.6 to 7.10 accordingly.)***

Further minor amendments follow from 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6 above. In each case reference to the Trustee is omitted, so that the revised paragraphs will read as follows:

***2.3. A Regional Representative Council (RRC) will be set up to support and help U3As individually and collectively and to ensure communications are maintained between the Networks and the TAT. (See 3 and 5 below)***

***3.5. To administer the election processes for the Regional Chair and Educational and Development Officer (EDO).***

***6.1. A Chair and EDO shall be elected by the Association, each to serve for a term of three years. A retiring Chair and EDO may be re-elected after a lapse of one year. In the event of the Chair or EDO not completing their term of office, the RRC has the power to appoint a temporary post-holder until the next AGM.***

***7.2. Every AGM shall be called by the RRC. The Secretary shall give at least eight (8) weeks' written notice of the AGM to all member U3As in the Region, at the same time requesting nominations for Chair and EDO when required.***