

Summary of proposed NRF Constitution Changes 23rd September NRF AGM

2/ Definitions:

2.2 Council has been replaced with Board and updated throughout the document.

3/ Objective and Mission: Changes have been made to the Objective and Mission to modernise terminology and reflect that there are now more than one NRF Chairs and institutions supported.

The object of the Foundation is directed towards research into the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases or injuries or malfunctions of the brain, spine, spinal cord and the nervous system.

The Mission shall include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- 3.1 To promote, foster, develop and assist the study of all matters related to neurosurgery.
- 3.2 To encourage, stimulate and aid research and investigation into such matters and to stimulate public interest in neurosurgery.
- 3.3 To cooperate with other organisations in neurosurgical work and research.
- 3.4 To encourage Post-Graduate study in neurosurgery.
- 3.5 To assist the NRF Chairs of Research that have been established at various research institutions, universities and hospitals.
- 3.6 To raise funds for the above purposes.

4/ Powers:

4.18 Neurosurgical Research Foundation Research Fund has been renamed research funds and replaced throughout the document.

9/Meeting of Members: Wording has been simplified.

9.1 A general meeting of the members shall be held within 6 months after the end of the financial year of the Foundation and shall be known as the annual general meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be given to every member at least 14 days beforehand.

9.3 Have changed wording Deputy President to Vice President.

10/ Management: Changes have been made to the Board office terms, simplifying the language and procedure which necessitated a change of order of item 10 making it flow better. Terminology has been updated with Chairman now Chair and Deputy President now Vice President.

10.5 Executive Officers role on the Board has been defined: The NRF Executive Officer will be an ex-officio member of the Board and will act as Secretary of the Foundation.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) requirements are incorporated:

- 10.3 Board Eligibility expanded
- 10.12 Board Duties introduced
- 10.13 Conflict of Interest introduced.

10.10 Have changed wording Chair to President.

13/ Research Funds: Changes have been made around the research funds wording.

21/ Winding Up and Revocation Clause: This has been updated at the request of the ATO to comply with Charity tax concession status.