16th March 2019

Dear Members,

We hereby give notice of a proposed change to the Constitution of the PESGB. Constitutional changes must receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting. A vote will, therefore, take place at the AGM on Saturday 30th March 2019.

Please contact me if you have concerns or questions.

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Secretary

Proposed Constitutional Change

At the March 2018 meeting of the Executive Committee an issue was raised concerning the timing of the external review of accounts and the reporting of accounts to the AGM. The constitution required us to make audited accounts available at least 28 days before the AGM. Consultation with the previous treasurer, Richard Davies, clarifies the issue as follows:

- The time it now takes for the accounts to be reviewed means we miss the requirement to have the accounts reviewed and signed off 28 days before the AGM
- The Constitution states that the accounts shall be ‘audited’ when in fact they are ‘reviewed’ as required by the Charity Commission

Therefore, we proposed the following constitutional change to the Executive Committee meeting in November:

From:
Article VII
(a) The accounts shall be audited not less than twenty-eight days before the Annual General Meeting by a professional accountant who shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting and who shall not be a member of the Society.
(b) Full accounts of the financial affairs of the Society duly audited by the auditors shall be delivered to every member with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

To:
Article VII
(a) The accounts shall be independently reviewed as required by the authority having charitable jurisdiction (i.e. Charity Commission) and made available to the membership seven days before the Annual General Meeting.
(b) Independently reviewed and complete accounts of the financial affairs of the Society shall be delivered to every member with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

This change brings the Constitution in line with the actual requirements of the Charity Commission and our current practice. It was formally approved by the Executive Committee and the Constitution has been updated accordingly.