

MGS 2015 AGM  
Notices of Motion - CHANGES TO MGS CONSTITUTION

When reading the following Notices of Motion, please refer to the corresponding Articles in the current constitution (revised October 18, 2014).

**Article 4: Membership in the Society**

Section 4.2.2

**Motion 1:** To delete the section of 4.2.2 which reads “provided the member is a resident of Manitoba. Resident shall be defined as a member residing in Manitoba at least 9 months of each year”.

4.2.2 will now read: Individual members are entitled: “to stand for and hold any elective or appointed office in the Society”.

Section 4.2.6

**Motion 2:** Change Section 4.2.6 to read “ There shall be no refund of membership fees for any reason once the annual fee has been paid.”

**Article 5**

5.3 (a). Present wording: Upon petition of the majority of Council, the President must call a Special Meeting within 60 days of date of the petition

**Motion 3:** That the time requirement be changed to read “Upon petition by a majority of Council, the President must call a Special Meeting within 30 days of the date the petition is received by the President.”  
**Rationale:** Special meetings are usually called to discuss a matter of great importance. Sixty days is a long time to wait.

5.3 (b) Present wording: The first Council meeting of the year must be held within 60 days of the AGM---

**Motion 4:** That 5.3 be changed to read “must be held within 90 days of the AGM”

**Rationale:** Because of the change in our AGM dates, this would mean that the first Council meeting would have to be held in the summer months.

**Article 6**

6.3 Present wording: “The Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall serve no more than four consecutive years in those positions”.

**Motion 5:** delete the time limits for the Secretary and Treasurer

**Rationale:** These are appointed positions, similar to those of committee chairs, which have no time limit for length of service

**Motion 6:** Add 6.4.3 “In the absence of the President, the Vice President Administration or his/her designate will represent the Society.”

**Motion 7:** Add 6.4.4 Elected and appointed members of both the Executive and Council shall be entitled to one vote per motion at Executive or Council meetings

### **Article 7**

**Motion 8:** That the last sentence of section 7.3 be deleted “All officers, however, may be nominated for another position for the year following the expiration of their final term in one position, or may be nominated again for their former offices after a one-year period” and replaced with “If an executive position is left vacant after the AGM, the Executive can appoint a person for that position”.

### **Article 8**

**Motion 9:** That section 8.2 be reworded to read “In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Executive shall appoint a new President from among the Vice Presidents”.

**Motion 10:** In section 8.4 that the phrase “if they cease to be residents of Manitoba” be deleted.

### **Article 9: Committees of the Society**

**Motion 11:** 9.1.8 That the Publications Committee be deleted from the list of committees.

**Motion 12:** 9.2 That a Financial Review Committee be added to the list of committees.

### **Article 11**

11.7 Currently, this section says “The Society may choose to establish a trust or endowment fund.”

**Motion 13:** Change to read “The Society may establish special funds as required.”

### **Article 12**

**Motion 14:** That the section 12.2 will now read, ...“the Society may (instead of shall) approve a start up assistance grant”

**Motion 15:** To delete the words “annually” and “alternate” so that section 12.5 now reads, “Each Branch shall choose a member to serve as representative on the Council of the Society”.

### **Article 15**

**Motion 16:** To delete section 15.4 which reads, “All amendments to this constitution take effect seven days following the meeting at which they were approved.”