

# Auckland Guild of Winemakers and Brewers

## Summary of Changes made to the AGWB constitution.

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### Scope

This document is intended to provide a summary of the changes to the existing AGWB constitution that the vice president and committee have agreed upon.

- Spelling and scanning errors corrected.
- Incorporate 2006 amendments into body of constitution text to make into 1 document.
- Split the constitution into two documents.
  - A) The constitution itself. This deals with the running of the guild, its rules aims and objectives.
  - B) Separate committee reference document. This suggests the roles and responsibilities for those on the committee.
- Constitution rewritten to such that it satisfies the banks requirements for a non-profit society and would also be acceptable if we later wanted to become an incorporated society.
  - Added clause stating that the guild shall not borrow money unless it is approved at an AGM.
  - No guild member may derive personal gain from guild activities.
  - Clarified the dissolution clause so any money or assets are not distributed to guild members.
- Simplified membership classes. – We now have normal, life or expelled members only.
  - Removed exemption that allowed committee members to avoid paying fees!
  - Removed country membership category.
  - Removed suspended members category.
  - There are now no such thing as co-opted committee members.
  - You are either on the committee as a full member with full voting rights or not.
- Constitution is now an electronic document only that can be downloaded from the website. Paper copies are now no longer distributed to guild members on joining.
- Updated the process of becoming a new member.
  - Any person that will abide by the rules of the guild and pays the membership fee can now join. You no longer need to be invited to join the guild, by a proposer and seconder.
  - New member subs are now calculated on a pro rata basis.
- Finance. Updated text to include the use of internet banking.
- Committee
  - We now must elect a minimum of 4 positions for the committee. President, Secretary, Treasurer & one other.
  - Reworded the clause for so that now only the president secretary and treasurer are expressly forbidden from holding the same post for 4 consecutive years.
  - Now a minimum of 5 committee meetings a year as opposed to 6.
  - Added webmaster position and suggested roles and responsibilities.