

Topic	2016	2020	Comment
Election of President	Elected by members for life in recognition of outstanding service	Elected by members for a 5 year term	Why now time limited?
Election of Vice Presidents	Elected by members for life in recognition of outstanding service	Elected by the membership in recognition of services to the MYA	For life or time limited and if so why?
Overseas member	An overseas member is a person who is permanently resident overseas. He/she need not be a member of a UK club. Such a person will receive the MYA Yearbook and three issues	No longer to exist	
Executive Officers	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary to Council, Treasurer, Racing Officer, Technical Officer, International Racing Officer, Promotions and	Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary to Council, Treasurer, Racing Officer, Technical Officer, International Officer, Digital Communications Officer	Promotions and Development Officer and Acquaint Editor no longer exist
Non -executive Officers	Publications Coordinator, Class Captains, IOM NCA Secretary, Class Registrars, Personal Numbers Secretary, League Secretary, Archivist, and two Trustees.	Two Trustees, elected annually at the AGM, District Councillors, appointed by their appropriate District Committee. IOM NCA Secretary, appointed by Council, President	Publications Coordinator, Class Captains, Class registrars, PSN secretary, League secretary and Archivist no longer Officers.
Election of Executive Officers and Trustees	Executive Officers and the Trustees shall be elected at the Annual	No change	
Executive Officers and Trustees length of service	They shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-nomination and re-election.	Executive and Non-executive Officers shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment for up to 5 consecutive terms in the same office; if at the 6th term there are no nominations for the role, the outgoing officer may be	Why a limit when it is hard enough to find volunteers?
Appointment of Non-executive Officers and length of service	Non-Executive officers, except Trustees, shall be appointed by Council and shall remain in office as long as they are willing to serve and	See above	See above
Publications Coordinator, Class Captains, Class registrars, PSN secretary, League secretary and Archivist no longer Officers.	See above	There appears to be no mechanism for appointing Class Captains, League secretary and Class registrars.	Publications coordinator and Archivist may no longer be required but the rest are.
Officers honorary only	Officers shall serve in an honorary capacity.	No mention	Is it intended to pay some of them?
Voting at a Council meeting	Only Executive Officers, Class captains on matters affecting their class and District Councillors may vote at Council meetings. Each Officer and Councillor may exercise one vote, but the Chairman shall exercise a casting vote only.	Only Voting Officers (an Executive Officer or a District Councillor ) shall have the right to vote at Council meetings, except for Class Captains who may vote on matters specific to their class	Much the same except that Chair now has no casting vote in the event of a tie but does have a vote in all matters
Quorum at Council Meeting	Half those entitled to attend and vote at Council meetings, as 10.1 (Executive Officers and Councillors), shall constitute a quorum.	The quorum required for Council meetings (physical or electronic) shall be at least 6 Voting Officers to include at least 4 Executive Officers. Voting shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast.	The previous definition, with the new reduced size of Council, would have given a quorum of 7 which is further reduced to 6 and includes the Chair's vote
Quorum at an AGM	No stipulation	The same as a Council meeting (see above)	Considering the potentially vastly different sizes of a Council meeting and a AGM, this seems odd.
Emergency Committee	At the first meeting after election, Council shall appoint an Emergency Committee, to which the Secretary to Council shall refer urgent business. This committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary to Council and any other two members of Council. The minutes of all meetings of this committee and decisions members of Council. The minutes of all meetings of this committee and decisions taken shall be subject to ratification by Council at its next meeting.	No longer to exist	With electronic communication now in use probably not needed provided that a quorum of 6 can be found. Previously only a majority of the 5 was needed

Membership Committee	There shall be a Membership Committee to consider applications for membership from prospective clubs and overseas members and, if the applications are suitable, to elect them as members of the MYA. This Committee shall consist of the Treasurer together with the relevant District Councillor and their decisions shall be subject to ratification at the next Council Meeting.	No longer to exist	How is this topic handled now?
Role of the President	The President shall be entitled to attend and participate in the deliberations of all meetings of Council, but shall have no vote.	No mention	The President is no longer entitled to take part in Council meetings.
Subscriptions	Membership subscriptions for all classes of membership for the following year shall be proposed by Council in a Motion to the Annual General Meeting. Should Council fail to make such a proposal the membership subscriptions shall remain at the then current level.	Membership fees shall be set annually and determined by Council as set out in the MYA Rules and Regulations of Affiliation. Council may increase Membership fees in line with the published rate of inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) once per financial year. Increases above this amount shall be presented to the AGM as a motion from Council for approval in accordance with the MYA AGM Timeline Document (Appendix 4).	Circular reference in that the Rules and regulations refer back to the Constitution. Since the fees are paid once per year, usually by January 31st, how can a CPI increase be made that has any effect? If applied only at the start of a new year it might as well be put to the membership at the AGM as it is now.
Late joiners	The subscriptions of clubs elected between October 1st and December 31st in each year shall cover the period up to 31st December of the year following.	No discount for late joiners	Was probably applied to individuals rather than complete clubs?
Late subs	Council shall have authority to withhold all rights and privileges from affiliated clubs and their affiliated members whose subscriptions are not paid by 31st January of the current year. These privileges shall not be restored until arrears have been paid.	Affiliates who have not paid their annual subscription fee by the 1st February of the membership year will have their benefits and entitlements withdrawn.	No mention of reinstatement
Nationals entry fee	Council shall set the entry fees for National Championship events after agreement with the respective Class Captains and ACAs.	No mention	How are Nationals entry fees to be set?
Specific fund	Council may authorise the creation of a fund for any specific purpose. All monies credited to this fund shall be shown separately by the Treasurer in the MYA's accounts. The fund may not be directed to any other purpose until the need for such a fund has ceased. Any balance remaining shall be transferred to the general funds of the MYA.	No mention	Are there to be no specific funds?
AGM date	The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the last Saturday in November, or one of the first two Saturdays in December.	The date of the AGM will be advised to Members and Voting Officers no later than 12 weeks prior to the date of the AGM.	Can the AGM now be at any time of year? Why the change?
Timescale of AGM motions and amendments	AGM earliest 24th -31st November. Motions to Council 31st August Motions from Council 30st Septemeber Notification of Motions 30th September Amendments to Council 31st October Nofication of agenda, motions, amendments Nov 10th	AGM to be set Motions to Council 8 weeks before AGM Motions from Council 7 weeks before AGM Nofication of Motions 6 weeks before AGM Amendments to Council 5 weeks before AGM Nofication of agenda, motions, amendments 3 weeks before AGM	

Restriction on IRSA Exec Committee members	Members of the IRSA Executive Committee shall not serve on Council.	No mention	This could be included at any time in the various Terms of Reference of Officers and Councillors without reference to the membership
EGM timescale	Called by Council within 8 weeks of a request giving 6 weeks notice	Now same timescale as AGM but no obligation on Council to call one. 12 weeks notice of the date if called	By its nature an EGM is urgent but the new timescale could be extended to any degree.
Attendance at AGM	Open to all affiliated members. Chaired by Chairman, Vice Chairman or appointee from those present. The Chairman shall determine all questions of procedure not otherwise specifically catered for	No mention	This seems a glaring omission
Voting at an AGM			Exactly the same except that a club representative does not have to prove the right to vote on the club's behalf. This safeguard was introduced to deal with a foreseen problem.
District Committees	Each District shall elect annually one affiliated member to serve on Council. If the District Councillor is unable to attend a Council Meeting then every effort shall be made by the District Committee to provide an affiliated member of a club within the relevant district as a substitute who shall have the same rights as the elected Councillor at the meeting	If the District Councillor is unable to attend a Council meeting then the District Committee should nominate an Affiliate or a Member within the district as a substitute who shall have the same rights as the elected Councillor at the meeting	Generally the same except that the new rules permit a Member to act as substitute. Since a Member is a club that makes no sense.
Class Associations	Various rules	Nothing in constitution but now in separate documents most of which are not yet available	No obvious control of how members of Class associations may vote on MYA matters.
Appendices	None linked to Constitution	Many topics which have traditionally been handled by Council and its various specialist officers, for the day to day running of the association, are included in Appendices 5 & 6.	All listed below give Council the right to make changes that directly affect the membership without reference to them. Appendix 1 gives great control over the membership. Appendix 2 controls benefits and entitlements. Appendix 3 covers disciplinary procedures Appendix 4 covers the AGM time line. Appendix 7 lists affiliated class rules and COGS but most don't exist Appendix 8 list various policies and terms of reference for Officers and Vice Presidents. It is not yet clear whether the ToRs fit the new Constitution nor what is the intention of ToRs for VPs See panel below
Vice Presidents			Vice Presidents have been honoured for the work they have done for the MYA. At one time there was a tangible benefit as they received by post paper copies of all Council meeting minutes, the Acquaint and a copy of the Year Book at a time when all of those items were sent only to club secretaries. Currently the only benefit they have is the ability to vote differently to their club's block vote. They have no duties to perform but from time to time offer advice, as anyone can, based on their experience while serving on Council.