

## **EXTRACT FROM THE SOMANZ CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1: The Council**

The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Council consisting of eight members (including the Office Bearers). No more than three members of Council shall come from any one State or Territory of Australia or from New Zealand. At least one member of Council shall be a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). At least one member of Council shall be a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG). At least one member of Council shall be a non-medically qualified scientist. At least one member of Council will be from Australia and at least one member of Council will be from New Zealand. At least one member of Council shall be appointed as the Trainee Representative and will either be currently undertaking training towards the SOMANZ certificate of Obstetric Medicine or will have completed this training within the last three(3) years. The Council shall be responsible for conducting the affairs and business of the Society. The Council may, at its discretion, delegate such duties as it may determine to a Sub-Committee of members of the Council or other members of the Society. The immediate past President shall remain on Council for one year ex-officio.

#### **Section 2: Office Bearers**

There shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Office Bearers shall be elected by Members of Council from within their own number.

#### **Section 3: Election of Officers**

Election of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Members of Council shall be made every two years. Nominations shall be made in writing by a Member of the Society. Each shall be seconded by a Member of the Society. The nominees shall signify consent to such a nomination in writing. The nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary one month before the Annual Meeting of the Society. A ballot shall be held for all positions and announced at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Section 4: Terms of Office**

The term of office for the President is two years. Thereafter he/she may not be re-elected as President until four years have elapsed since his/her previous term.

The terms of office for the Secretary, Treasurer and Members of Council are for two years. Each is eligible for re-election for a subsequent two terms, each of two years. Thereafter, each may not be re-elected until four years have elapsed since his/her previous term.

The term of office for the President-Elect is for one year commencing one year after the election of the President.

No Member shall serve on Council for longer than three consecutive two year terms.