

## SVA of UK – Approved Amendments to the Adopted Constitution and all subsequent amendments

The following are amendments to our Constitution, that were **approved** by members at the **Adjourned Annual General Meeting (AAGM)** of **SVA of UK (Reg. Charity No. 287416)** on Saturday 30th April 2022.

Voting details for each change is as listed below.

### **Clause 6. (a), Clause 6. (b) Clause 6. (c), and Clause 6. (d):**

The **current** "HOLDING TRUSTEES" clause 6 (a) to 6 (d) was originally defined as:

6. HOLDING TRUSTEES
- (a) **There shall be five trustees who shall be full/life members of the Association.**
  - (b) **The Trustees shall be ex-officio and must be persons suitable to act as trustees.**
  - (c) **The five Trustees shall be the Holding Trustees of the Association.**
  - (d) **The Trustees shall be designated as first, second, third, fourth and fifth trustee, and shall be elected at the bi-annual General meeting. The first and second trustee shall be the senior trustees and each second year of the term, the senior most, shall retire in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Third and fourth Trustee shall now become the Senior Trustees and the fifth trustee shall take the position of the third Trustee. Two new Trustees shall be elected to take the position as fourth and fifth Trustees. The Trustees term shall be as follows :  
First and Second - Two Years,  
Third and Fourth - Four Years  
Fifth - Six Years.  
The terms of each Trustee shall be determined according to their position as First, second, third, fourth and fifth after rotation.**

Clause 6(b) was amended at the 2016 AAGM:

- 6(b) The Five Trustees shall be ex-officio or an EC member who has served at least two consecutive terms within the Committee, and must be persons suitable to act as trustees.

Clause 6(d) was amended at the 2006 AGM:

(d) The Trustees shall be designated as first, second, third, fourth and fifth trustees, and shall be elected at the bi-annual General meeting. The first and second trustees shall be the senior trustees and each second year of the term, both shall retire in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. The third and the fourth shall now become the Senior Trustees and the fifth shall take position of the third trustee. Two new Trustees shall be elected to take the position as forth and fifth Trustees. The Trustees term shall be as follows: First and Second - Two years. Third and Fourth - Four Years. Fifth - Six Years.

### **New 2022 APPROVED change:**

- 6. (a) There shall be **four** Holding Trustees who shall be Full/Life members of the Association.
- 6. (b) The **four** Trustees shall be ex-officio or an EC member who has served at least two consecutive terms within the Committee, and must be persons suitable to act as trustees.
- 6. (c) REMOVE THIS CLAUSE as it is nullified and covered in 6. (a) and 6. (b).
- 6. (d) The trustees shall be designated as first, second, third and fourth trustees, and shall be elected at the main EC Elections every three years. They shall retire in rotation but shall be eligible for re-election. At election, the trustee(s) whose term was three years shall retire. The new trustee(s) shall be elected to take the positions of third and fourth trustees. Therefore there shall be at least two trustees covering two EC Terms.  
  
The trustees terms shall be as follows:  
First and Second Trustees – three years.  
Third and Fourth Trustees – six years.

**As 6. (c) is removed, clause 6 will be reordered to be 6. (a) to 6. (g).**

**Voting: For: 40 Against: 2 Abstained/not voted: 11**

### Clause 7. (c):

The current "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" clause 7 (c) (i) and (ii) was originally defined as:

#### 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(c) The Executive Committee Trustees shall comprise of :

(i) 4 Office Bearers :

- . President
- . Vice-President
- . General Secretary
- . Treasurer

(ii) 7 Committee members

(iii) one representatives from each branch or sub-committee , nominated by that branch or sub-committee.

(iv) Other posts/duties such as the Asst. Secretary, Asst. Treasurer shall be appointed and agreed by the EC from the 7 elected committee members as in 7(c)(ii) of this constitution .

#### New 2022 APPROVED change:

7. (c) The Executive Committee Trustees shall comprise of:

(i) 3 Office Bearers:

- President
- General Secretary
- Treasurer

(ii) 4 Committee Members

(iii) 4 Holding Trustees

(iv) Representatives from any branch or sub-committee or Co-opted members.

The original sub clause (iv) is redundant and not required anymore.

**Voting: For: 47 Against: 2 Abstained/not voted: 4**

### Clause 7. (d):

Clause 7 (d) as amended at the 2016 AAGM:

#### 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(d) The quorum of the Executive Committee meetings shall consist of six members of the Executive Committee.

#### New 2022 APPROVED change:

7. (d) The quorum of the Executive Committee meetings shall consist of six members of the Executive Committee, two of whom must be Office Bearers and one Holding Trustee (sub-clause 7. (c) (i), (ii) and (iii) above), Representatives or Co-opted members (sub-clause 7. (c) (iv) above) shall not form part of the quorum.

**Voting: For: 49 Against: 2 Abstained/not voted: 2**

### Clause 7. (i):

Clause 7 (i) as amended at the 2016 AAGM:

#### 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(i) The President shall be chairperson of any Executive Committee meeting at which he is present OR shall appoint a Committee member/Trustee present, to chair the meeting. In his absence, the Vice-President shall be chairperson and if the Vice-President is not present, the Executive Committee shall appoint a chairperson. The chairperson shall have the casting vote.

#### New 2022 APPROVED change:

7. (i) The President shall be the chairperson of any EC Meeting at which he/she is present OR shall appoint a Committee Member/Trustee present to chair the meeting. In his/her absence, the members present shall appoint a chairperson. The chairperson shall have the casting vote.

**Voting: For: 45 Against: 2 Abstained/not voted: 6**

### Clause 7. (k):

Clause 7 (k) as amended at the 2006 AGM:

#### 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (k) Members under paragraph c (i) and (ii) shall be elected in the Bi-Annual General Meeting for a term of two years, whereas those under paragraph (iii) shall hold office for one year. Election of the Holding Trustees shall be in accordance with the provision made in this constitution.

#### **New 2022 APPROVED change:**

7. (k) Members under paragraph c (i) and (ii) shall be elected at the three-yearly General Meeting for a term of three years. Election of the Holding Trustees shall also be held at the same time, and in accordance with any provisions made in this constitution.

**Voting: For: 47 Against: 0 Abstained/not voted: 6**

### Clause 7. (m) and 7. (n):

The current "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" clause 7 (m) and 7 (n) were originally defined as:

#### 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (m) The Executive Committee shall at least meet once a month.  
(n) Holding Trustees may attend the Meetings of the Executive Committee but shall have no voting rights .

#### **New 2022 APPROVED change:**

7. (m) The Executive Committee shall meet at least every quarter (three months).  
(n) Holding Trustees shall attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and assist in any decision making processes and have voting rights for the betterment of the Association and its members.

**Voting: For: 48 Against: 0 Abstained/not voted: 5**

### Clause 7. (w):

The current "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" clause 7 (w) was originally defined as:

#### 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (w) All the members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of their term . An Election shall be held at the Bi-Annual General Meeting next after the date on which they came into office, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.

#### **New 2022 APPROVED change:**

7. (w) All the members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of their term. An Election shall be held at the three-yearly General Meeting next after the date on which they came into office, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.

**Voting: For: 45 Against: 0 Abstained/not voted: 8**

### Clause 9. (a):

The current "ELECTIONS" clause 9 (a) as amended at the 2006 AGM:

#### 9. ELECTIONS

Regard (a) to (h) as sub-clause ( I )

#### 9. ELECTIONS

- (I) The position of Trustees for the Association , shall be by election at the General meeting every second year or completion of the Term of the Executive Committee Trustees.

#### **New 2022 APPROVED change:**

9. (I) The positions of the Trustees for the Association, shall be by election at the General Meeting every third year or completion of the Term of the Executive Committee Trustees.

**Voting: For: 48 Against: 0 Abstained/not voted: 5**

### Clause 10. (c):

The current "ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING" clause 10 (c) was originally defined as:

#### 10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (c) To elect office bearers and committee members of the Executive Committee who shall manage the Association for the next two years.

### New 2022 APPROVED change:

10. (c) To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members of the Executive Committee who shall manage the Association for the next three years.

**Voting: For: 53 Against: 0 Abstained/not voted: 0**

### Clause 15. (b) and 15. (c):

The current "ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION" clause 15 (b) and 15 (c) were originally defined as:

#### 15. ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

- (b) The Executive Committee may amend the Constitution from time to time as necessary. Such amendments shall be with a request from at least Nine Executive Committee members giving notice in writing to the General Secretary of the Association not less than 28 days before the date of the AGM or SGM where it shall be approved.
- (c) The alterations shall require the approval of two-third majority of the members of the Association present at the meeting and entitled to vote at the SGM or AGM.

### New 2022 APPROVED change:

15. (b) The Executive Committee may amend the Constitution from time to time as necessary. Such amendments shall be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting and agreed by a majority vote of the Committee. All such amendments shall be communicated in writing (either electronically or by post) to the Members of the Association giving notice of not less than 14 days before the date of the AGM or SGM where it shall be put to vote for approval or rejection.
15. (c) The alterations shall require the approval by a majority vote of the Members present and entitled to vote at the AGM or SGM.

**Voting: For: 53 Against: 0 Abstained/not voted: 0**

The above changes have been fully approved by the Charities Commission, and the Charities Register has been duly updated as of 10 Sept 2022.

## UPDATE on past changes to the SVA of UK Amended Constitution.

Following our previous communication, regarding the administrative oversights whereby the past changes to our Constitution were not updated on the Charities Commission website.

We are pleased to inform all our members that the SVA's Governing Document (i.e. our Constitution) has now been fully updated and uploaded on the Charity Commission website, with all the changes to our constitution since 1997

The screenshot shows the Charity Commission website for the Shree Vishwakarma Association of United Kingdom. The page header includes the Charity Commission logo and text: "CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES" and language options "English" and "Cymraeg". A navigation bar contains "Log in to digital service" and a search icon. The main content area features the charity name "SHREE VISHWAKARMA ASSOCIATION OF UNITED KINGDOM" and its charity number "287416". A green checkmark icon indicates "Charity reporting is up to date (on time)". A sidebar on the left lists navigation options: "Charity overview", "What, who, how, where", "Governance", "Trustees", "Financial history", and "Accounts". The main content area is titled "Governing document" and includes a "Less" button. The text describes the governing document and provides a list of amendments: "CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 26TH JUNE 1983 AS AMENDED ON 26TH OCTOBER 1997 as amended on 31 Oct 2009 as amended on 29 May 2016 as amended on 15 Aug 2022 as amended on 26 Jun 2016 as amended on 08 Nov 2020 as amended on 30 Apr 2022".