



### **Motion Regarding Constitutional Amendments**

WHEREAS, the Constitution in its current form does not reflect the needs of the Society;

WHEREAS, there are several outstanding errors in the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the correction of these errors would not substantially alter the substance of the provisions contained therein;

WHEREAS, constitutional amendments are required from time to time to maintain consistency in language and syntax among the governance documents;

WHEREAS, the Constitution in its current form contains provisions which are patently false or outdated;

WHEREAS, several redundancies exist in the current text and ought to be removed to improve the readability of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Society has had difficulty in the past in recruiting a sufficient number of Judicial Board members because of the restrictions on who can serve in that position;

WHEREAS, the text of the Constitution as amended is appended hereto as Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, a version showing the changes be included as Appendix B.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the following question be posed on the Winter 2016 Referendum ballot:

**Do you agree to adopt the revised Constitution appended hereto as Appendix A?**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the whereas clauses above be included on the referendum ballot.

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BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the following question be posed on the Winter 2016 Referendum ballot as above:

**Do you agree to amend the revised Constitution to include a revision of Article 13.2 and the addition of a new Article 13.3, the changes as outlined in Appendix C?**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the below preamble be included on the ballot with the question regarding the amendment of Article 13.2 and 13.3 of the Constitution:



WHEREAS, following the result of the Winter 2016 General Assembly, Members of the Society have communicated concern about the divisive nature of positions adopted by the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, Members of the Society have expressed concern with the SSMU taking stances on both issues external to the Society and issues of a political nature;

WHEREAS, the SSMU respects the right of its members to adopt political stances as afforded in the Society's Constitution;

WHEREAS, the requirement that positions on external political issues be adopted by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote would ensure that the adoption of external positions comes with the support of a significant portion of the Membership,

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would reserve the right of the General Assembly to adopt political stances while ensuring that positions that are not supported by a significant portion of the membership cannot be adopted;

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