

Motions for AWIS AGM 2025

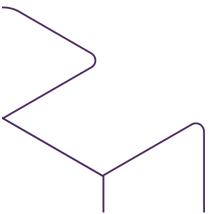
Motion: To approve the replacement the current AWIS constitution with the newly proposed AWIS 2025 constitution.

Rationale: The executive believes it is of value that AWIS remain an incorporated society. However, changes in 2022 to the Incorporated Societies Act means that we must re-register under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

This re-registration process has required us to significantly update our constitution and rules to bring them into compliance with the new Act. This newly proposed AWIS 20025 constitution was developed to be compliant with the new law.

Below is a summary table of the key differences between our existing rules and the proposed version. The newer constitution provides more detailed definitions, processes, and procedures, ensuring compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and enhancing clarity and governance.

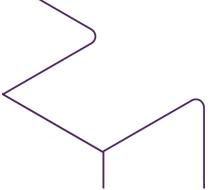
Section	2024 AWIS Rules	2025 AWIS Constitution
Name	The Association for Women in the Sciences Incorporated (AWIS)	The New Zealand Association for Women in the Sciences Incorporated (Society)
Charitable Status	Not specified	Explicitly states the Society is not registered as a charitable entity
Definitions	Basic definitions provided	Detailed definitions including terms like Act, Annual General Meeting, Chairperson, Committee, etc.



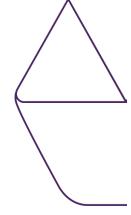




Purposes	Network, explore issues, social interaction, development, visibility	Similar purposes but with added emphasis on not operating for financial gain of members
Classes of Membership	Full, Student/Unwaged, Associate, Honorary, Corporate	Same classes but with detailed process for becoming a member and obligations
Subscriptions	Annual subscription set by General Meeting	Detailed process for setting subscriptions and consequences for non-payment
Resignation	Notice in writing to Executive	Detailed process including obligations once membership ceases
Office Holders	Convenor, Treasurer, Secretary	Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer
Executive/Committee	National Executive with officeholders and additional members	Committee with at least 3 Officers, detailed functions and powers
Formation of Branches	Defined regions and rules for branches	Not explicitly mentioned
General Meetings	Annual and Special General Meetings with specific procedures	Detailed procedures for General Meetings, including quorum and voting
Control of Funds	Vested in Executive, Treasurer oversees financial matters	Controlled by Committee, detailed financial management and accounting records
Alteration of Rules	Alterations at Annual or Special General Meeting	Amendments at General Meeting with detailed process
Liquidation	Process for dissolution and liquidation	Detailed process for liquidation and removal from register







Common Seal	Kept by Secretary, affixed by resolution	Kept by an Officer, affixed by resolution or other means
Dispute Resolution	Not explicitly detailed	Detailed process for resolving disputes and complaints

