



Association for Women in the Sciences

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



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



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