

Australasian Association for Digital Humanities

Special Business Items for 2022 Annual General Meeting

There are two areas where the rules of the association do not interact well with other requirements. I hope that the solutions are straightforward in both cases, details below.

1. Deadline for nominations in association elections

The rules of the association specify that nominations for committee positions can be made up to 7 days before the date of an election. Oxford University Press (who run the election) would prefer to have all nominations communicated to them earlier than this (at least 2 weeks ahead of the start of the election). The rules do not specify how much notice should be given of an election. I suggest that this situation can be made more workable by a) changing the deadline for nominations to 14 days rather than 7, and b) specifying the notice required for an election to some period (at least 3 weeks) which gives members adequate opportunity to consider nominations before the deadline for that process.

2. Annual report to Consumer Affairs Victoria

Under rule 11.5.4, part of the business of the AGM is "to receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with the Act". One item in the CAV pro forma is a question as to whether any resolutions were passed at the AGM concerning the financial statement. This results in a Catch-22 situation: the AGM considers the statement to CAV as part of its business, but the resolution regarding the financial statement is also part of the business of that meeting, and therefore it is not strictly possible to approve both simultaneously. I suggest that this can be resolved by changing 11.5.4 thus: "to receive and consider a draft of the statement to be submitted by the Association in accordance with the Act". The draft assumes that the financial statement will be accepted (and in practice this is what I have done previously), but it does not commit the meeting to approving a statement which is not technically complete until the meeting is concluded.

(Submitted by Simon Musgrave, Secretary)