

Friends of Brockwell Park – Constitutional Change



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We are in the fortunate position of having more members prepared to serve on the Executive Committee than are allowed under the current constitution. We are therefore proposing small limited changes to allow the maximum size of the Committee to increase from sixteen to nineteen. For the sake of simplicity the changes are presented in three resolutions below but the AGM may prefer to have a single vote on all three:

RESOLUTION 1	
Current clause G1	Proposed new clause G1
<p>G. Executive Committee.</p> <p>1 The Executive Committee shall consist of no fewer than eight members and not more than sixteen members being:</p> <p>(a) the following elected officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary</p> <p>(b) no fewer than three and not more than five ordinary members elected at the annual general meeting</p> <p>(c) one nominated member appointed as follows: one to represent Brockwell Park Management Advisory Committee (MAC) or any organisation that succeeds it.</p> <p>(d) the executive committee shall agree by majority vote, standing orders for the conduct of their business meetings, based on accepted practice for the conduct such of committee meetings (e.g. as defined by Citrine)</p> <p>(e) the executive committee shall draw up and agree by majority the job description of each of the honorary officers.</p> <p>(f) The executive committee shall agree by majority a procedure for settling disputes among the committee members should these arise</p>	<p>G. Executive Committee.</p> <p>1 The Executive Committee shall consist of no fewer than eight members and not more than nineteen members being:</p> <p>(a) UNCHANGED</p> <p>(b) no fewer than three and not more than seven ordinary members elected at the annual general meeting</p> <p>(c) (d) (e) (f) UNCHANGED</p>

RESOLUTION 2	
Current clause G2	Proposed new clause G2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 The Executive Committee may in addition appoint not more than five voting co-opted members from among the membership of the Friends but so that no-one may be appointed as a co-opted member if, as a result, more than one third of the members of the Executive Committee would be co-opted members. Each appointment of a co-opted member shall be made at a special meeting of the Executive Committee called under clause J (1) and shall take effect from the end of that meeting unless the appointment is to fill a place which has not then been vacated in which case the appointment shall run from the date when the post becomes vacant. 	<p>2 The Executive Committee may in addition appoint not more than six voting co-opted members from among the membership of the Friends but so that no-one may be appointed as a co-opted member if, as a result, more than one third of the members of the Executive Committee would be co-opted members. Each appointment of a co-opted member shall be made at a special meeting of the Executive Committee called under clause J (1) and shall take effect from the end of that meeting unless the appointment is to fill a place which has not then been vacated in which case the appointment shall run from the date when the post becomes vacant.</p>

There is at the moment no provision for filling a vacancy among the Committee members elected at the AGM – these vacancies, either from resignations or otherwise, will affect the number of possible co-options to the Committee because of the one-third provision in clause G2 above. We therefore propose a new clause G3. If adopted current clauses 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be re-numbered 4, 5, 6, and 7 respectively.

RESOLUTION 3	
Proposed new clause G3	
<p>3 If a vacancy arises among the officers or elected Committee members the Committee may fill the vacancy either from existing Committee members or from the membership of the Friends. The appointment of a member who is not already on the Committee must have at least ten days' notice.</p>	
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