

Motion 1

Re-wording of constitution clause 6.6f

In communication to the AARE Executive committee (Friday 28 October 2022), the leaders of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher SIG highlighted that:

All senior Indigenous members of AARE...were under the impression that there should be two identified Indigenous positions on the AARE executive (Indigenous Researcher and Indigenous co-opted member), yet the constitution (and drafted constitution) only refers to one Indigenous member. Somewhere, something has been lost in translation (see AARE website for the discrepancy – <https://www.aare.edu.au/about-us/executive/> as opposed to 6.2 of the AARE constitution – See Also Associate Professor Melitta Hogarth's analysis).

Motion to change clause 6.6f of the AARE Constitution

The AARE Executive Committee propose that to remedy the above identified ambiguity, a motion be put to members at the 2022 AGM to change constitution wording to clarify clause 6.6f.

CURRENT WORDING – Clause 6.6f

The Executive Committee may co-opt the chairpersons of any standing committees for a defined period. The Executive Committee may also co-opt up to two other members with expertise in relation to particular issues or activities for a defined period. Co-opted members will have all the powers and functions of elected members.

A further note re clause 6.4f:

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher position will be filled by one of the Convenors of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Special Interest Group (SIG) or, with the approval of the SIG membership, the Convenor's representative.

- The AARE Executive Committee notes that the current Executive portfolio role is referred to as the Indigenous Researcher Liaison.
- The existing wording emphasises the ability for the portfolio holder to access support through 'the Convenor's representative'.

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That clause 6.6f of the AARE Constitution be changed as follows:

REVISED WORDING – Clause 6.6f

The Executive Committee may co-opt the chairpersons of any standing committees for a defined period. The Executive Committee may also co-opt up to two other members. One of these co-opted positions will be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander SIG member, identified by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander SIG. The other co-opted member will have expertise in relation to particular issues or activities as required. Co-opted members will serve for a defined period and will have all the powers and functions of elected members.

The Executive strongly support this motion.