

# **Report of SOBLOC for YP96, 2017 AGM**

## **Amendments to By-Laws**

### **1. Removing the definition of Impeachment Meeting**

*Justification: YPM Inc. does not partake in “Impeachment Meetings”, only Impeachment Motions and By-Election meetings occur therefore this definition is unnecessary.*

Changes:

- Change Article 1 to remove the definition of Impeachment Meeting

### **2. Proxy qualifications**

*Justification: All current members can be a proxy for a member unable to be present at a vote. As a member is defined in Article 1 and “good standing” is not, it is best to clear up any confusion and change the qualification for being a proxy to simply “current member”.*

Changes:

- Article 12:7 to read: Members may proxy their vote to another Member via a declaration that reads: “I, (name of member surrendering their vote), a member in current member of YPM Inc., do hereby proxy my vote to (name of member receiving the proxy), who is a current member of YPM Inc.”

### **3. Annual General Meeting Notification**

*Justification: It is at times difficult to work with the one month notice and to make all policy the same it shall be changed to two weeks’ notice. A notification two-weeks prior is a fair and attainable notice for the Annual General Meeting.*

Changes:

- Article 13:2 to read: A minimum of fourteen days’ notification must be given to the general membership as to the date, time, and location of the AGM.

### **4. Election Meeting**

*Justification: To keep the election fair and open, it is best to minimize chances of obvious endorsement by candidates thus the seconder nor the nominator may not run in the election for any position.*

Changes:

- Article 14:9b to read: During the nomination, neither the candidate’s nominator nor seconder may run in the election.

## **5. Involvement in WCYP: Budget**

*Justification: As YPM Inc. will be using the membership's funds to put on WCYP it is only justified to ask that a provisional budget be presented and approved. There is also a need for clear guidelines for YPM member funding to WCYP.*

Changes:

- Clause 4 addition to Article 17 to read: A provisional budget for WCYP must be approved at the AGM one year prior to the year YPM hosts WCYP.
- Clause 5 addition to Article 17 to read: The waived or sponsored amount provided for financial costs of WCYP for members attending from YPM will be at the discretion of the board.

### **No amendments were made to the Standing orders**

### **Amendments to Code of Conduct**

#### **1. Clause 2 correction to grammar**

*Justification: For the sake of grammar we shall remove the word "are" from sub-clause 5..*

Changes:

- Clause 2:5 to read: Members shall be present for debate and are expect4ed to notify those designated if they cannot be present.

#### **2. Clause 3 shoe clarification**

*Justification: To clarify on the type of open toed shoe as not all are unprofessional.*

Changes:

- Clause 3:1 to read: Members shall not wear denim, hats, open-toed sandals, sneakers, wallet chains, or low tops.

#### **3. Clause 4 correction to grammar**

*Justification: For the sake of proper grammar we shall add semicolons to the sub-clauses of clause 4.*

Changes:

- Clause 4 to read: The following behaviors shall not be tolerated by members of, or at events hosted or sponsored by, YPM Inc.:
  1. Acts of violence;
  2. Sexual harassment or sexual violence;
  3. Bullying, harassment or discrimination, for reasons including but not limited to race ethnicity, gender, sex, sexual orientation, ability status, financial status, religion or ideological beliefs;

4. Slander and libel.

**General Comments**

- In years to come WCYP should have more guidelines in terms of budget and planning in By-laws.
- Future edits should also add Critic guidelines to the Standing Orders.
- Future edits should have the decision of an in-house elder in the By-Laws.