*Whereas,* the current set of electoral bylaws governing departmental associations (“Departmental Association Electoral Bylaws” last revised 2013-02-13) have become outdated and inconsistent, specifically as regards the obligations and freedoms of the departmental associations.

*Whereas,* the Chief Returning Officer of the AUS has expressed the view that these bylaws are not enforceable as they currently stand, which will create complications for the upcoming Winter 2015 Departmental Elections.

*Whereas,* the Constitutional and Bylaw Review Committee (CBRC), the Chief Returning Officer and the Deputy Returning Officers, after consulting with the departmental associations operating under the AUS, have composed a new set of departmental electoral bylaws.

*Whereas,* the proposed Departmental Electoral Bylaws mandate, as was intended by the current bylaws and Article 8.2 of the AUS Constitution (the “Elections Clause”), that AUS departmental associations hold annual elections for their executive committee.

*Whereas,* the proposed Departmental Electoral Bylaws require, by default, that Elections AUS administer departmental elections on behalf of the associations, so that polling is conducted online using the SimplyVoting platform.

*Whereas,* as provided in Article 2 (“Scope and Exemptions”) of the proposed Departmental Electoral Bylaws, departmental associations will be able to request an exemption from the Elections Clause or, should they choose to opt-out of online voting, an exemption from Article 5 (“Polling”) of these proposed bylaws.

*Whereas,* for the sake of consistency and clarity, the CBRC, the CRO and the DROs have also produced a new set of electoral bylaws for the AUS, which are similar in content to the current AUS Electoral Bylaws, although different in form.

*Whereas*, concurrently, the proposed General and Departmental Electoral Bylaws constitute the most comprehensive attempt in recent years at creating cohesive electoral rules.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AUS Electoral Bylaws (last revised 2014-10-29) and the Departmental Association Electoral Bylaws (last revised 2013-02-13) be rescinded; and that the General Electoral Bylaws and the Departmental Electoral Bylaws, as proposed by the Constitutional Bylaw and Review Committee on January 14, 2015, be enacted in their stead.

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