

Discussion Paper 1: Proposed Changes to the ATLAANZ Constitution



**Annual General Meeting of the Association of Tertiary Learning Advisors
Aotearoa New Zealand (ATLAANZ)
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Purpose

To update the ATLAANZ Constitution to align the Rules with current precedents and practices regarding “Ordinary” membership, “Affiliate” membership, and “Officer” roles.

Background

The ATLAANZ Constitution was last updated at the 2013 AGM. At that time greater recognition was given to Te Tiriti or Waitangi, and the MATLAANZ representative was made an “Officer” of the Executive, while still remaining a position appointed by the MATLAANZ caucus. At present, the PATLAANZ representative, who is appointed by the PATLAANZ caucus, does not have “Officer” status.

The current constitution only recognises the *Association of Academic Language and Learning, Australia* (AALL) as a sister organisation. Both ATLAANZ and AALL are active members of the *International Consortium of Academic Language and Learning Developers* (ICALLD), so it is now considered more appropriate to extend the opportunity for “Affiliate” membership to all members of ICALLD affiliated organisations, rather than only those who are financial members of AALL.

At present ICALLD comprises ATLAANZ, AALL and:

- *Association for Learning Development in Higher Education* (ALDinHE), *United Kingdom*;
- *Learning Specialists Association of Canada* (LSAC); and
- *Scottish Higher Education Learning Developers* (ScotHELD).

There is also an intention to extend and diversify the existing membership in the future by approaching learning advisor networks in other nations, including in Europe, Africa, the South Pacific and Latin America.

In recent years, the Executive has received several inquiries from larger institutions regarding opportunities for intuitional membership, including requests to transfer membership from one staff member to another when there is staff turnover. Greater clarity is therefore needed on the Rules for “Ordinary” membership.

A further discussion paper on membership fees and institutional membership has been prepared for consideration at this AGM:

Discussion_Paper_2_Proposed_Fees_Changes.docx

Please refer to the following attachment to see the proposed constitutional amendments in context:
2021_AGM_ATLAANZ_CONSTITUTION_with_proposed_changes.docx

Proposed changes

1. **Proposed change to 4.0 MEMBERS IN: Addition of Rule 4.3.3 to make explicit that membership is attached to individuals not institutions and is therefore non-transferable.**

Note: This rule reflects our current practice whereby when a member leaves one institution to join another, they remain a member for that calendar year. Their replacement at the former institution is required to join as a new member and pay a new membership fee.

2. **Proposed change to 4.0 MEMBERS IN: Amendment at Rule 4.5 to permit members of all ICALLD affiliated organisations to join ATLAANZ, rather than only members of AALL.**

Note: The proposed wording would not require a further Rule change, should additional sister organisations join ICALLD.

3. **Proposed change to 4.0 MEMBERS IN: Addition of Rule 4.5.2 to remove the ability of “Affiliate” members to vote at AGMs or SGMs, or propose amendments to the Constitution.**

Note: This change aligns the rights of “Affiliate” members with “Associate” members (refer to Rule 4.4.1).

4. **Proposed change to 8.0 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Amendments at 8.2 and 8.3 to recognise the PATLAANZ representative as an “Officer” of the Executive.**

Note: These changes give the holder of this position the same status as the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and MATLAANZ representative.

Recommendations

1. THAT the proposed addition of Rule 4.3.3 to make explicit that membership is attached to individuals not institutions and is therefore non-transferable be approved.
2. THAT the proposed amendment to Rule 4.5. to permit members of all ICALLD affiliated organisations to join ATLAANZ as “Affiliate” members be approved.
3. THAT the proposed change to Rule 4.5.2 to remove the ability of “Affiliate” members to vote at AGMs or SGMs, or propose amendments to the Constitution be approved.
4. THAT the proposed change to Rules 8.2 and 8.3 to recognise the PATLAANZ representative as an “Officer” of the Executive be approved.

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