

**AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE DRAFT AMSA CONSTITUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 2017**

**SUBMITTED BY JOHN GREATREX - QMSA VICE PRESIDENT**

**I am in support of accepting the draft AMSA Constitution and By Laws presented for consideration in September 2017.** The current Constitution (Adopted July, 2013) no longer represents a viable document to sustain the growth and aims of the Australian Men's Shed movement as it exists in 2017. In September/October 2016 a draft Constitution was presented at a Special General Meeting seeking endorsement. The QMSA voted against adoption of this document.

It is now apparent in reading this 2017 draft that significant and meaningful progress has been made in listening and responding to the earlier issues. We cannot make a final judgement on this matter until all the final amendments are embedded in the final draft. However, in my opinion what has been released has considerable merit. **It is important the AMSA Directors maintain their integrity by ensuring that the agreement made to have our President replace Graeme Curnow on the AMSA Board in November is honoured.**

I offer the following suggestions for inclusion in the final draft to enhance the document:

- The intention to refresh the Board on a rotational basis in a sound one. I consider the initial rotation should be based on the longest serving Directors retiring at the first rotation. For the sake of clarity and visibility the Board should now determine and disclose the formula for the initial rotation. This will enable the effected States to determine their nomination and to arrange replacement at the local level.
- The proposed Detailed Position Statements that are to be prepared to assist in recruiting Skilled Based Directors should not only be provided to Employment Agencies and advertised nationally but circulated to all sheds to maximise visibility and opportunity.
- I consider that the Board Chairman should, except in extraordinary circumstances, be drawn from the State Based Directors.
- Referring to the NMSAC – Terms of Reference – Clause 3 – COMPOSITION – Sub Clause (b). For the sake of clarity, the Sub Clause should state that the State body will recommend their nominee and the Board will endorse the appointment.

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