

Any member of a Committee shall vacate his/her office if:

- (i) he/she gives notice of his intention to resign and his/her resignation is accepted.
- (ii) he/she fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee as may be convened unless the failure to attend was due to some reason approved by the Committee.

11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In the first quarter of each financial year the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Group. In the event that the date of the Annual General Meeting is later, in any year, than the notified last date for the submission of ordinary motions to Scottish Council, the power to submit such motions shall, for that year, be vested in the Committee.

Not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing to each member of the Group. All members of the Group shall be entitled to attend and vote. The meeting shall:

- (i) Consider the Annual Report of the Committee.
- (ii) Consider the Group income and expenditure accounts for the preceding Association financial year, a balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities at the end of that year and the independent examiner's statement.
- (iii) Appoint the Honorary Officers.
- (iv) Elect the Committee.
- (v) Appoint representatives to the governing body of the Area and to Scottish Council.
- (vi) Appoint an independent examiner or examiners.
- (vii) Discuss and consider motions, notice of which shall have been given in writing to the Secretary.
- (viii) Subject to the proviso contained in the preamble to this Rule, to consider motions for submission to the next Annual Meeting of the Scottish Council (if so desired);
- (ix) Vote on any proposals to amend this constitution in accordance with clause 14 hereof.

12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GROUP

The Chairman or the Secretary may at any time, and shall within 21 days of receiving a request to do so, signed by not less than one twentieth of the members of the Group with a minimum of ten members, and giving reasons for the request, call a Special General Meeting, of which fourteen days' notice shall be given. The notice of the meeting shall contain notice of the matters to be discussed and the terms of any motions which it is intended to move.