

5 March 2024

Dear Members,

The Copyright Society of Australia will hold its 2024 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 26 March, 2024 at 5:30PM in person at the Sydney office of Minter Ellison. The meeting will also be streamed online. Notice of Meeting is attached here.

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, a Special General Meeting will be convened at which members will be asked to vote on a proposed amendment to the CSA Constitution, discussed further below.

Constitutional Amendment

The CSA Management Committee has resolved to seek approval from CSA Members to amend the CSA Constitution to introduce a rolling 12-month membership period commencing at the date you join or renew your CSA membership, which shall replace membership based on the calendar year. This means that your membership will continue for the full 12 months from the date of renewal, rather than terminate on 31 December of each year. You will receive a membership renewal notice prior to the expiration of your membership.

Proposed Resolution

That the following Rules of the Copyright Society of Australia Constitution be amended as follows:

Sub-rule 29(3) and (4) currently provide:

(3) The annual subscription of a member is due and payable on or before the first day of the financial year of the Society.

(4) The committee may, if it thinks fit, prescribe a reduction in the first subscription payment for members joining after thirtieth June in any year.

Sub-rule 29(3) and (4) to be replaced as follows:

(3) The annual subscription payment of a member is due and payable on or before the first day of the member's subscription. A member's subscription may commence on any day of the year and be renewed on an annual basis thereafter.

(4) Intentionally omitted.

What you need to do

The CSA Constitution may be amended by resolution passed by a two thirds majority of financial members voting at a Special General Meeting (Rule 35). If you are unable to attend the Special General Meeting and you support the resolution, please complete the attached Proxy Form at your earliest convenience by signing and scanning a copy back to us, or filling out the form and signing it electronically.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@copyright.asn.au if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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President