

Motion to change AGM timing in LCANZ Constitution



LCANZ Rules

Clause 18.1 of the [LCANZ Rules](#) state:

“The AGM shall be held in June or July in each year at a time and at a place to be fixed by the Committee.”

The annual accounts are presented to members at the AGM and circulated 5 days in advance. LCANZ’s financial year closes at the end of May. This results in a short timeline to finalise the accounts and creates undue time pressure. We propose to loosen the timings slightly to remove this pressure.

As you are aware, the 2020 AGM was held virtually using an online meeting platform. This was a sensible approach during the planning stage given the uncertainty around COVID restrictions. The 2021 AGM will be held as a mixed in-person and virtual event, providing a contingency in the case of COVID alert levels and also flexibility for members around the country who do not wish to travel to an in-person event. It would be logical to allow for virtual and mixed AGMs in the future and to include this in the current rules change, although the preference would generally be to include an in-person option where possible.

I therefore move that clause 18.1 of the LCANZ Rules be amended to:

“The AGM shall be held annually within 3 months of the close of the financial year at a time and at a place to be fixed by the Committee. The AGM may be held virtually using a suitable online meeting platform.”

I request that LCANZ members vote on this motion at the 2021 AGM.

Emily Townsend, President