



SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION

(CAPE TOWN BRANCH)

PBO 93000796

17 July 2020

Branch Byelaws

At the 2019 Annual General Meeting the chairman mentioned that byelaws would be developed for the branch to formalise the historical practices of the branch. The proposed branch byelaws follow below for the consideration of members.

The byelaws are specific to the Cape Town Branch and have been approved by the National Executive of the Legion. These would usually be voted on at a Special General Meeting but given the lockdown and the restrictions on meetings together with the age and vulnerability of many of our members this is not practical. It is also important that all branch members are given the opportunity to vote and it has therefore been decided that members should cast their vote by ballot in accordance with the following rules:

- Each paid up member has a single vote
- Members must vote either for or against each proposed byelaw by placing an "X" in the applicable block
- Write your full name clearly and sign and date the form in the spaces provided
- Completed voting forms can either be posted back to the Branch at PO Box 368 Rondebosch 7701, placed in the letter box outside the Service Centre Office or scanned and emailed back to admin@salegion.co.za

OR

- For those members who have email but don't have printing or scanning facilities, send an email to admin@salegion.co.za indicating your vote in favour or against each of the proposed byelaws from 1 to 4. The email must reflect your name and current address as per the Legion records.

The closing date for voting is Friday 21 August 2020

You are required to vote on each of the following proposed byelaws:

Byelaw 1

Item	
7A (iii)	Branch Office Bearers (c) Branch Secretary – the position of Branch Secretary will be filled by a member co-opted by the Branch Committee and may be an employee of the Branch

Motivation:

The constitution allows for an elected branch secretary. The majority of Legion branches have small memberships and do not employ staff. Historically, the position of secretary of the Cape Town Branch has been filled by a paid employee and this is considered necessary given that the secretary has access to confidential information relating to members and the residents of Rosedale in particular.

Byelaw 2

Item	
7A (iv)	Branch Committee (c) Sub-committee chairmen - Facilities, Fundraising, Welfare, Parades and Discipline, Membership/ Recruitment, Legal, Rosedale Residents and Rosedale Service Centre. The Chairman of the Rosedale Residents Committee and The Chairman of the Rosedale Service Centre represent their respective committees. No other Rosedale resident may serve of the Branch Committee and the Chairman of the Rosedale Service Centre must be a member of the Legion. The committee may co-opt any other Branch member onto the committee as it deems fit.

Motivation

The Legion Constitution does not provide for those branches that have accommodation and consequently there is no allowance for residents to be represented. Further, the Cape Town Branch is the only branch to operate a Service Centre.

The proposed byelaw allows for both the residents of Rosedale and the members of the Service Centre to be represented on the Committee.

Byelaw 3

7A (v)	Branch Meetings (b) Quorums – a quorum at a Branch Meeting shall be 20% of the membership of the branch. (i) Branch Committee Meetings – a quorum at a Branch Committee meeting shall be 50% of the voting members of the committee
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Motivation

- (b) The Legion Constitution sets a quorum at a branch meeting at 10% of the membership. It is felt that having 10% of the membership decide on important matters is too low and that 20% is appropriate.
- (i) The Constitution sets a quorum at a branch committee meeting at 25% of the elected members of the committee. Again, this is considered too low and that 50% is appropriate

Byelaw 4

8B(i)	Members aged 80 and older will be given the option of not paying capitation fee. Should they elect not to pay, the branch will pay the capitation fee due to National Headquarters on their behalf.
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Motivation

All branches are required to pay an annual capitation fee per member to the National Headquarters. Many of our older members have been loyal members of the Legion for many years and some also face financial challenges in paying the annual capitation fee.

Waiving the need for members over age 80 to pay the capitation fee will both recognise their service and provide some financial relief.

Voting

Please indicate your support or otherwise by placing an "X" in the applicable box below:

Byelaw	For	Against
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Name	Signature
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Date
