

Summary of changes to The Paddington Society Inc Constitution

Column 1 lists the clause numbers and headings from The Paddington Society (TPS) Constitution 2021.

Column 2 shows equivalent or updated provisions in the proposed TPS Constitution 2026 which is based on the most recent version of the Model Constitution 2022.

TPS Constitution 2021 (current)	TPS Constitution 2026 (proposed)
Objects are in a separate document	Objects are included in the Constitution.
CI 1 Definitions	CI 1 additional definitions.
CI 2 Membership generally	CI 2 rewritten but effect is similar. One change is that the clause now relates to an “individual” not “person”. Only “individuals” may be members.
CI 2A Household memberships	Same wording has been adopted (not in Model Constitution).
CI 3 Membership applications	CI 3 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 4 Cessation of membership	CI 12 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 5 Membership entitlements not transferable	CI 10 minor rewriting.
CI 6 Resignation of membership	CI 11 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 7 Register of members	CI 4 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 8 Fees and subscriptions	CI 5 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 9 Members' liabilities	CI 6 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 10 Resolution of disputes	CI 9 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 11 Disciplining of members	CI 7 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 12 Right of appeal of disciplined member	CI 8 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 13 Powers of committee	CI 13 Functions of committee. Rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 14 Composition and membership of committee. Membership of up to 14 with “at least 5 not more than 10 ordinary committee members”. No maximum number of terms for committee member.	CI 14 composition of committee – TPS has kept the same composition (varies from the Model Constitution). New CI 16: No limitation on number of terms for committee member.
CI 15: Election of committee members. Nominations must be received at least 7 days before the AGM. No nominations may be called for at the AGM.	CI 15: The substance of this clause has not been changed.
CI 16 Secretary	CI 18 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 17 Treasurer	CI 19 rewritten but similar meaning

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CI 18 Casual vacancies	CI 17 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 19 Removal of committee members	CI 17 removals relocated to cl 17
CI 20 committee meetings and quorum Quorum is 6 Presiding person	CI 21 committee meetings, CI 22 notice of committee meetings, CI 23 quorum is 6 New CI 24 Presiding committee member
CI 21 Appointment of assoc. members for quorum	CI 23 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 22 Use of technology at committee meetings. Can use “technology” approved by the committee.	CI 27 Transaction of business outside meetings or by telephone or by other means. Important new clause that also allows decisions by email etc.
CI 23 Delegation by committee to sub-committee	CI 20 rewritten more simply, but similar meaning
CI 24 Voting and decisions	CI 25 Voting CI 26 Acts valid despite vacancies or defects.
CI 25 Annual General meetings - holding of	CI 28 Annual general meetings.
CI 26 Annual general meetings - calling of and business at	CI 28 calling of and business at AGM.
CI 27 Special general meetings - calling of	CI 29 Special general meetings.
CI 28 Notice of general meeting	CI 30 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 29 Quorum for general meetings	CI 31 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 30 Presiding member at general meeting Covers situation of the President or VP being absent or unwilling to act	CI 33 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 31 Adjournment of meeting	CI 32 rewritten but similar meaning.
CI 32 Making of decisions	CI 34 Voting - slight changes to accommodate electronic or other means of decision making.
CI 33 Special resolutions – refers to a provision in the Associations Incorporation Act 2009	Not replicated as not in the Model Constitution.
CI 34 Voting	CI 34 Voting - slight changes to accommodate electronic or other means of decision making.
CI 35 Proxy votes not permitted	CI 34 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 36 Postal or electronic ballots	CI 35 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 37 Use of technology at general meetings	CI 36 Transaction of business outside meetings or by telephone or other means. This new clause is clearer in providing options for transaction of business without a physical meeting.

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CI 38 Insurance	CI 39 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 39 Funds - source	CI 38 Funds - source
CI 40 Funds - management	CI 38 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 41 Association is non-profit	CI 40 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 42 Distribution of property on winding up	CI 45 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 43 Change of name etc	CI 37 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 44 Custody of books	CI 42 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 45 Inspection of books etc	CI 43 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 46 Service of notices	CI 41 rewritten but similar meaning
CI 47 Financial Year	CI 44 rewritten but similar meaning
Total 47 clauses	45 clauses.