

NAWG Constitution 2023 - Review

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General

In no particular order.

- Do we need the term "executive committee"? How is this different from simply "committee". Both terms are used in the document, seemingly at random.

As a suggestion, we could use the following terms:

- *Executive committee*: the honorary officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer;
- *Committee*: all committee members, including the above.
- We should be careful about the document's file name, especially if it's to be included in headers/footers (I recommend we don't). It should convey professionalism, rather than something sloppy/tautological/conflicting like "NAWG constitution Draft Edited FINAL (PDF).pdf".
- What is, or should be, the term of duration for presidents and other patrons? Is it fixed, indefinite, negotiable, or what? Perhaps this should be decided upon and made clear in the revised constitution.
- What are the rules, if any, about code of conduct, expected duties, etc. for patrons and presidents? Should these be part of the constitution?

Specific

- Section 4 "Powers": the enumeration (letters) has gone a bit haywire: a,b,c,d,c,e,f,e,h. The fact that there are duplicates means they're useless as references. Easily correctable.
- Section 5 "Membership": clause (e) refers to "associate members" but they are no longer called that. They're now called "individual members".
- Section 7 "Executive Committee": quirky enumeration again, and indentation gone weird, but still usable.
- Section 9 "Meeting of the Executive Committee": clause (e) states that the secretary should record the minutes in special books, but this is not in keeping with modern practise, e.g. Zoom recordings.
- Section 18 "Alterations to the Constitution": reference is made to "the commissioners" but it is not defined who they are. I assume the charity commissioners, but perhaps this should be spelled out more clearly.