

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Association of Postgraduate Students Inc.

Date: 10 July 2026

Proposed Amendments to the APS Rules

The following amendments will be considered at the Special General Meeting on 10 July 2026.

Proxies Must Be Members

Purpose

To ensure voting rights are exercised only through eligible members of the Association.

Current Rule 40.3

A proxy may be a member of the Association or another person.

Proposed Rule 40.3

A proxy must be a member of the Association.

Elections and Governance Removal of Floor Nominations

Purpose

To require all candidates to be nominated through the formal nomination process prior to the meeting.

Current Rule 17.1(d)

(d) if, at the start of the meeting, there are no candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

Proposed Amendment

Delete Rule 17.1(d).

Cap on Proxies

Purpose

To prevent the overloading of proxies with a single individual.

Current Rules

No provision.

Proposed Rule 40.3A

A person may hold no more than two (2) proxies for any general meeting.

Proxies Not Counted for Quorum

Purpose

To ensure quorum is based on members attending or participating in the meeting.

Current Rule 36.3

A proxy will be counted for the purposes of determining if a quorum is present.

Proposed Rule 36.3

A proxy shall not be counted for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.



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Filling Board Vacancies at a Special General Meeting

Purpose

To provide a clear election process where the Board chooses to fill a casual vacancy through a Special General Meeting.

Current Rules

No provision.

Proposed New Rule 19.4

Where the Board resolves to fill a vacancy at a Special General Meeting, the nomination, eligibility, notice and voting rules applicable to an Annual General Meeting election shall apply.

Executive Committee Composition

Purpose

To simplify the Executive Committee structure and align executive positions with the operational needs of the Association. The amendments to Rule 31.3 shall take effect at the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting.

Current Rule 31.3

31.3 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following positions, which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting:

- (a) President HDR;
- (b) President Coursework;
- (c) Deputy President;
- (d) Secretary; and
- (e) Treasurer.

Proposed Rule 31.3

31.3 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following positions, which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting:

- (a) President HDR;
- (b) President Coursework;
- (c) Deputy President; and
- (d) General Secretary.

Typographical and Formatting Corrections

Purpose

To improve the readability, consistency and accuracy of the Rules without altering their substantive effect.

That the Rules be amended to correct typographical, grammatical, formatting, numbering, cross-reference and other minor drafting errors, provided that no substantive change to the meaning or operation of the Rules is made.