

12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear SRR Members

As we previously communicated we need to update our Constitution, mostly minor corrections of inconsistencies between numbered sections or adding clarifications. In addition we propose some more significant changes to the Constitution (e.g. F below). Due to the Constitution's current wording we cannot make any changes at a business meeting/AGM without the physical presence of an unfeasibly large number of full members (20% = approximately 70 full members, we typically have less than half that number physically present) and have to ballot all members.

We are therefore asking you to vote on the following amendments (A to F) to the Constitution and confirm your level of membership. It should only take you a couple of minutes to do so.

To save money we are sending this by email rather than snail mail but please let us know if you would prefer a postal copy. Please vote in advance of the February meeting and reply by 31<sup>st</sup> January. The current (2014) constitution is attached for reference only.

### **Special Resolution**

It is proposed that the following amendments be approved as Special Resolutions to the Society for Research in Rehabilitation 'CONSTITUTION' ADOPTED 1979, REVISED 1991, 2004, 2006, 2014.

Please respond YES/NO to each of the following amendments:

(A) Insert the charity number '280260' after the sub title - The SRR is a registered charity.

**I approve amendment (A) YES /NO (please select one option)**

(B) Insert the wording 'The Trustees are the SRR honorary officers' in section 1 after the name of the Society to clarify who are the Trustees of the charity.

**I approve amendment (B) YES /NO (please select one option)**

(C) Insert the wording 'Public Relations Officer' to section 6i to make it consistent with section 7i (for wording 6i see D below)

**I approve amendment (C) YES /NO (please select one option)**

(D) Insert the wording 'including the BSRM representative' to section 6i so it is clear how many members should serve on council.

[If C and D are accepted section 6i will read 'The Council shall consist of the President, President-elect, immediate past President, Honorary Treasurer, Senior and Junior Honorary Secretaries,

immediate past Secretary, Public Relations Officer and six ordinary members including the BSRM representative.]

**I approve amendment (D) YES /NO (please select one option)**

(E) Remove the restriction that Ordinary Members of Council cannot stand for immediate re-election as Ordinary Members at the end of their three year term by deleting from section 6ii the current wording 'Up to expiration of such term, a Member shall not be eligible to serve as an Ordinary Member of the Council for one year.'

**I approve amendment (E) YES /NO (please select one option)**

(F) Reduce the numbers required to be quorate to make future changes to the Constitution at a business meeting/AGM [currently section 10ii requires 20% of full members to be physically present] so that this is consistent with the numbers required to be quorate to hold a business meeting/AGM [section 5v requires 25 full members – not 25% - to be physically present]. The final sentence of section 10ii would read "The quorum for amendments to the Constitution shall be 25 Full Members present in person, and the proposed amendment shall require the support of two thirds of the Full Members present to be passed.

**I approve amendment (F) YES /NO (please select one option)**

**I confirm that I am a current SRR member FULL / ASSOCIATE (please select one option – or if unsure add your name and ask Patricia to check)**

Please email your responses to [patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk](mailto:patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk) by 31 January

**Thank you**