



## **By-Law: Policy**

This By-Law describes the process and procedures for Policy at the GSA.

### **1. Introduction**

#### **1.1. Interpretation**

This By-Law shall be subject at all times to the provisions of the Articles and shall be read in conjunction therewith.

#### **1.2. Alterations of the By-Law**

These By-Laws shall be amended from time to time by Association Council by a two-thirds majority.

### **2. Policy shall be set by:**

- 2.1. Association Council in accordance with the By-Law on Association Council
- 2.2. Referendum of the Members in accordance with the By-Law on Referendums. Any idea taken to referendum will become policy if it is quorum in line with the By-Law of Referendums and the majority of votes cast are in favour.

### **3. Policy shall exist unless overturned by:**

- 3.1. Referendum can overturn referendum
- 3.2. Referendum can overturn Association Council
- 3.3. Resolution at a General Meeting can overturn Referendum
- 3.4. All policy remains subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees and may override any decision or Policy made by Members by resolution in a general meeting, referendum or Association Council.

### **4. Sabbatical Officer Mandates from Manifesto**

- 4.1. The Sabbatical Officers receive their mandates from their manifesto pledges.

- 4.2. If Association Council receives a policy proposal that conflicts with the manifesto mandate of a Sabbatical Officer the policy shall be referred to the membership for decision.
- 4.3. The Sabbatical Officers are expected to inform Council if a policy contradicts with their manifesto mandates.

**5. Changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association or By-Laws**

If a policy requires a change to the articles or by-laws it must follow the process set out in the Articles.

**6. Reviewing Policy**

All policy must be reviewed at least every three years by Association Council.