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To: NICSSA Members
Subject: Proposed Changes to the Association's Constitution
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Find attached the proposed changes to the Association's Constitution together with two papers (**paper A and B**) covering earlier versions of the rules considered by the Association's Council.

In summary the changes fall into two categories-reordering of rules and substantive changes to the rules.

Category one

The vast majority of the proposed changes to the constitution (highlighted in the document) fall into **category one**- the re-ordering of the rules to provide for a more logical flow, to simplify and modernise some of the language to make it easier to read, and to ensure that the rules meet current legislative and regulatory requirements.

Category two

There are 4 substantive changes in **category two** –

1. **Membership** (now simplified to ordinary and honorary membership);
2. **Governance and management structures** (to reflect changes in the relationship with the Department of Finance);
3. **Suspension/expulsion** (to provide a right of appeal); and
4. **Disputes** (to provide a more modern way to deal with them if they ever arise).

The Council of the Association have considered the proposed changes and agreed at its meeting on 28th February 2020 that these changes should be put before the Association's AGM on 12th March 2020 for formal approval.

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