



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul (National Council of Singapore)

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### Notice of Society Of St. Vincent De Paul Singapore Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) 2023

- Date : Saturday, 28 Oct 2023
- Time : 10am – 10.30am
- Venue : 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh,  
Agape Village, Multi Purpose Hall, Level 1,  
Singapore 319264
- Registration : Please register your attendance by Saturday, 21 Oct 2023, 12noon  
via online registration at <https://tinyurl.com/ssvptownhall23>
- Requirements : All members are welcome to attend the EGM. Please note that only full  
members have voting rights, with one vote each and may vote in person  
only.

**Time (AM)**  
10:00 – 10:30

#### **AGENDA**

Proposal to make constitutional changes pertaining to:

- (1) Conduct of National Council Meetings;
- (2) General Meetings of the Society; and
- (3) Governance and Organisation of Particular Councils.

For and on behalf of the National Council,  
Lisa Lim  
NC Honorary General Secretary  
Dated: 18 Oct 2023

**Proposed Changes to SSVP Constitution – Annexure to Notice of EGM**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
(National Council of Singapore)  
Proposed Amendments to Constitution**

To approve the proposed amendments to the constitution as per the consultation and approval of Council General International –  
SSVP Global (CGI), Commissioner of Charities (COC) and Registry of Societies (ROS)

| Article No.  | Proposed Amendments (in blue)   | Reasons for the Amendments   |
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| PART I – THE SOCIETY AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL                                      |   |  |
| 6. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL AND ITS ExCO |   |  |
| 6.8 Conduct of National Council Meetings   |   |  |
| 6.8(b)   | No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the National Council unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum for a meeting of the National Council is at least <del>one-third</del> half (½) of the total number of National Council members. Proxies shall not be constituted as part of the quorum. | The amendment is to ensure that the quorum is in line with the latest recommendation of the COC. |
| 6.9(b)   | The quorum necessary for the transaction of the National Council ExCO shall be at least <del>one-third</del> half (½) of the total number of the ExCO members.  | The amendment is to ensure that the quorum is in line with the latest recommendation of the COC. |
| 7. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY   |   |  |
| 7.2  | <del>An</del> Annual General Meeting shall be held in <del>May</del> June each year.  | To align with the time-line prescribed under the Charities Act.                                  |
| PART II-GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATION OF PARTICULAR COUNCILS                         |   |  |
| 2.3  | Particular Council ExCo : The management and administration of a Particular Council shall be vested in the ExCo of the Particular   |  |

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| (a)         | <p>Council. The ExCo members meet when required. The ExCo of each Particular Council shall comprise the following:</p> <p>The President of the Particular Council who shall be nominated from amongst (i) the incumbent, <del>Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Conferences</del> or previous members of any Conference ExCO of the Particular Council and (ii) any persons who were previously members of any other Conference ExCO and elected through majority of the secret votes cast by members of the Particular Council.</p> | <p>To open up the pool of candidates that are available for election as Presidents of Particular Councils so as to broaden the participation of talented and passionate individuals who can lead to more effective, equitable, and inclusive decision-making, which can benefit all members of the Society.</p> <p>Allowing a broader group of people beyond just incumbent Presidents and Vice Presidents would help build a pipeline of future leaders for the Society. By identifying and nurturing talent from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, the Society can develop a strong bench of leaders who are then able to take on more responsibilities in the future.</p> |
| 2.3(b)      | <p><del>(b) — The Treasurer who shall be elected through majority of the secret votes cast by members of the Particular Council.</del></p>   | <p>To simplify the appointment of the Particular Council Treasurer. We propose that the Particular Council Treasurer shall also be appointed by the President under the re-numbered sub-clause (b).</p>  |
| 2.3(c)      | <p><del>(c) The Treasurer, Vice President and Secretary and such other office bearers who shall be nominated by the Particular Council President and notified in writing to the National Council elected by majority votes cast by members of the Particular Council.</del></p>  | <p>To renumber (c) as paragraph “(b)” as paragraph (b) is deleted.</p> <p>To simplify the appointment of other Particular Council office holders. It is proposed that the</p>  |

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|             |   | President nominates his/her ExCO members i.e., the Treasurer, the Vice President, Secretary and other office bearers. |
| 2.3(d)      | (dc) The President, Secretary, Treasurer and their deputies of a Particular Council shall be Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents. ..” | To re-number (d) as “(c)” as sub-paragraph (b) is deleted and paragraph (c) is re-numbered as “(b)”.                  |