

Proposed Amendments to SIP's Constitution and Bye-Laws

To address the afore-mentioned matters arising and the positive developments within SIP in the past year and the half, the Council proposed the following necessary amendments to be made to SIP's Constitution and Bye-Laws:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS' CONSTITUTION			
CLAUSE	EXISTING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	ENDORSED BY SIP COUNCIL
7.2	For a candidate possessing formal recognized planning qualifications, at least two years relevant practical experience in Town Planning; or	For a candidate possessing formal recognized planning qualifications and at least two years relevant practical experience in Town Planning in Singapore.	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 In response to Matters Arising from 2015 EGM
7.3	For a candidate who has undertaken a one-year post graduate study in Town Planning and has also obtained a recognised degree in a related field of study such as Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Estate Management, Land Valuation, Economics, Sociology or in Urban Geography, four years relevant practical experience in Town Planning with the provision that at least two of the four years' experience is obtained after the post-graduate study.	Various paths to attaining "Full Member" status can be found in Bye-Laws 17.1.1, 17.1.2 and 49.6	To avoid confusion, Council proposed to delete the existing Clause 7.3 as the requisites to acceptance of applicants to "Full Member" status are already outlined in Appendix A "VARIOUS PATHS TO ATTAINING FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS WITH SIP" chart. Council proposed that the various paths to attaining "Full Member" status to be stipulated in the Bye-Laws instead of in the Main Constitution. Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 in response to Matters Arising from 2015 EGM
10. & 10.1	Every Affiliate shall: - Have the privilege of being present at and taking part at all meetings of the Institute, but he shall have no right of voting except in sub-committees where he is co-opted.	Every Affiliate shall: - Have the privilege of being present at and taking part at all meetings of the Institute, but he shall have no right to nominate candidates for election or of voting except in sub-committees where he is co-opted.	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 In response to Matters Arising from 2016 AGM

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS' BYE-LAWS

CLAUSE	EXISTING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	ENDORSED BY SIP COUNCIL
11.4	Every Student member shall have the privilege of being present at and taking part at all meetings of the Institute but he shall have no right of voting	Every Student member shall have the privilege of being present at and taking part at all meetings of the Institute but he shall have no right to nominate candidates for election or of voting	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 In response to Matters Arising from 2016 AGM
Bye-Laws # 4	All members of the Voting Council must be Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents. A minimum of 50% of the Voting Council shall be Singapore Citizens.	All members of the Voting Council must be Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents. The President shall be a Singapore Citizen, and a minimum of 50% of the Voting Council shall be Singapore Citizens.	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 In response to Matters Arising from 2015 EGM
Bye-Laws # 6.1.1	None	Only Fellows and Full Members have the right to nominate Fellows or Full Members as Nominees for election to the Council	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 In response to Matters Arising from 2016 AGM
Bye-Laws # 17.1.1	None	To accept applicants as "Full Member", the Council can consider planning degrees accredited and recognized by the Royal Town Planning Institute, US Planning Accreditation Board, Canadian Institute of Planners, Planning Institute of Australia and the New Zealand Planning Institute. In addition, applicants must demonstrate that they have fulfilled the required number of years of planning work experience in Singapore. (see Path 1 in Appendix A "VARIOUS PATHS TO ATTAINING FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS WITH SIP" chart)	Requisites to acceptance of applicants to "Full Member" status is mentioned here in the Bye-Laws as proposed & endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 in response to Matters Arising from 2015 EGM
Bye-Laws # 17.1.2	None	To accept applicants as "Full Member", the Council may also consider other planning degrees not accredited by the institutions named above, provided the applicant attends the SIP's Foundation Course and passes its examination, fulfil the required number of years of planning work experience, including the number of years of planning work experience in Singapore, as well as, fulfil the minimum number of CPD points (Continuing Professional Development points) recognised by SIP Council for admission to "Full Member" status.	Requisites to acceptance of applicants to "Full Member" status is mentioned here in the Bye-Laws as proposed & endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 in response to Matters Arising from 2015 EGM

		(see Paths 2 & 3 in Appendix A “VARIOUS PATHS TO ATTAINING FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS WITH SIP” chart and Appendix B-1 “SIP CPD POINTS ALLOCATION GUIDE” attached)	
Bye-Laws # 19.1.4	Ex-members that have their membership cancelled for late payment may apply for re-instatement in writing, with payment of a reinstatement fee equivalent in amount to entrance fees for new members. Payment of arrears incurred prior to cancellation will not be required.	Ex-members that have their membership cancelled for late payment may apply for re-instatement in writing, with payment of all arrears in full plus a reinstatement fee equivalent in amount to entrance fees for new members, within 3 months of issue of notification of cancellation of membership.	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 to address the current “loophole” in membership reinstatement
Bye-Laws # 19.1.5	None	After the lapse of the grace period for reinstatement, any ex-member who wishes to apply for membership will be subject to the current prevailing admission criteria and policies.	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 to address the current “loophole” in membership application for ex-members
Bye-Laws # 49	The Institute shall encourage all members to continuously enhance their professional skills and knowledge and keep up with new trends, issues and techniques that emerge and impact the profession and the community.	The Institute shall encourage all members to continuously enhance their professional skills and knowledge and keep up with new trends, issues and techniques that emerge and impact the profession and the community. (see Appendices B-1 & B-2 “SIP CPD POINTS ALLOCATION GUIDE” and “SIP CPD POINTS REQUIREMENT” attached))	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017
Bye-Laws # 49.6	From time to time, the Institute may arrange conversion courses and Examinations for Affiliates that will enable them to be transferred to the class of Full Members. Non-members will be allowed to attend these conversion courses and sit for these Examinations.	From time to time, the Institute may arrange conversion courses and Examinations for Affiliates that will enable them to be transferred to the class of Full Members. Non-members will be allowed to attend these conversion courses and sit for these Examinations. (see Path 4 in Appendix A “VARIOUS PATHS TO ATTAINING FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS WITH SIP” chart and Appendix B-1 “SIP CPD POINTS ALLOCATION GUIDE” attached))	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017 In response to Matters Arising from 2015 EGM
Bye-Laws # 49.7	Upon passing these Examinations, non-members will also be eligible to apply for planner certification.	Upon passing these Examinations, members will also be eligible to apply for planner certification.	Endorsed by Council on 23 May 2017