



# ILGA OCEANIA

## **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**



### **PROPOSAL NAME: DISABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR ADDITION**

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**ILGA Member Organisation:** NSW LGBTI Law Forum

**Document Changed:** ILGA Oceania Constitution

This form is for submitting a proposal at the ILGA Oceania Annual General Meeting (AGM).

#### **1) DEADLINES**

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** 1 month prior to the AGM [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(10)], so that they can be sent out 21 days prior to the AGM [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(5)].

**AMENDMENT DEADLINE:** 15 days prior to the AGM. [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(6)]

#### **2) MAJORITY REQUIRED (MEMBER VOTES CAST)**

**GENERAL PROPOSALS:** 50%

**CONSTITUTION CHANGES:** 75% (Special Resolution) [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s35]

**SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUTION:** 50%+1 [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s3(2)]

**STANDING ORDER CHANGES:** 50%+1 [ILGA Oceania Standing Orders, s1.2]

**LODGEMENT:** 28 days after the resolution. [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s42]

No change to the ILGA Oceania constitution, or the ILGA Oceania Standing Orders, may conflict with the provisions, aims and objectives of the ILGA World constitution or ILGA World Standing Orders [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s42], or any relevant legal requirements [Association Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) & Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016 (NSW)].

#### **A) PREAMBLE – A brief procedural history of the proposal itself. (optional)**

An election of a “Disability Sub-committee Chair” was attempted at the ILGA Oceania Caucus [Tuesday, 19 March 2019 (Wellington New Zealand)] during the last ILGA World conference [Monday, 18 March 2019 - Friday, 22 March 2019 (New Zealand, Wellington)], but this failed due to a lack of constitutional recognition of the position.

#### **B) PURPOSE – A short summary of what the proposal intends.**

This proposal adds into the ILGA Oceania constitution a “Disability” Sub-committee chair position, in a similar manner as the other Sub-committee chair positions.

#### **C) BACKGROUND – A background of the issues surrounding the proposal itself.**

The report on the last 2019 ILGA World Conference [Monday, 18 March 2019 – Friday, 22 March 2019 (Wellington, New Zealand)] stated that 8.3% of attendees had a disability [https://ilga.org/downloads/COMPARE\_ILGA\_World\_Constitution\_pre\_post\_Wellington\_2019.pdf]. This was the first time such a statistic was recorded for an ILGA World conference. The idea for an “Disability” sub-committee chair was spontaneously discussed at the ILGA Oceania caucus [Tuesday, 19 March 2019 (Wellington, New Zealand)] of that prior ILGA World conference and an election was conducted for the position at that ILGA Oceania caucus’ AGM, in spite of its non-recognition in the ILGA Oceania constitution.

This proposed “Disability” sub-committee Chair” will be unique to the ILGA Oceania region, like the “Elder” sub-committee chair, in that there is no corresponding portfolio committee chair position on the ILGA World board. Nevertheless, discussions have been progressing about the potential addition of this “Disability” position with representatives of the ILGA

World, in consultation with the current interim ILGA Oceania “Disability” Sub-committee chair (Margherita Coppolino).

This proposal satisfies the need for a disability subcommittee chair in the ILGA Oceania region, backed up with the constitutional recognition to provide that position with some authority, a move in advance such a position being implemented throughout ILGA.

## **D) CHANGES – State the change you are desiring to make.**

**Documentary changes:** **Green** for any additions and **Red** for any deletions.

### **16. Composition and Membership of the Board**

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(8) *The portfolio sub-committee chairs are as follows:-*

- (a) *Women’s Sub-committee Chair;*
- (b) *Trans Sub-committee Chair;*
- (c) *Bisexual Sub-committee Chair;*
- (d) *Disability Sub-committee Chair;*
- (e) *Youth Sub-committee Chair;*
- (f) *Indigenous Elder Sub-committee chair;*
- (g) *Disability Sub-committee Chair***

(9) *No more than ~~3~~ **4** portfolio sub-committee chairs can come from the same region [see clause 16(3) for the 3 regions].*

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### **16. Composition and Membership of the Board**

(1) *The total number of Board members is to be ~~12~~ **13**, consisting of the following positions:*

- (a) *office bearers; and*
- (b) *portfolio sub-committee chairs; and*
- (c) *ordinary Board members*

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### **20H Disability Sub-committee Chair**

#### **Disability Sub-committee Chair**

**(1) Prerequisites - The Disability Sub-committee Chair requires any applicant and holder of the position to:-**

- (a) identify themselves as having a disability;**
- (b) be endorsed by an ILGA member organisation as their representative.**
- (c) be a Board member.**

**(2) The Disability Sub-committee Chair shall contribute to the Co-Convenors’ reports, on the developments on disability issues and progress in their disability portfolio, in time for those Co-Convenors to present this report at each and every ILGA board meeting during that board member’s term.**

**(3) The Disability Sub-committee Chair shall convene at least 2 meetings of the ILGA Oceania Disability Sub-committee**

#### **Disability Sub-committee**

**(4) The sub-committee is a body made up of delegates nominated by members as their representative.**

**(5) The restriction on the ILGA Oceania board composition do not apply to the Disability Sub-committee.**

**(6) Each member may only nominate one delegate to sit on the Disability Sub-committee.**

**(7) Each delegate of the Disability Sub-committee must identify themselves as having a disability.**