



Changes to our constitution



This info sheet is about changes we would like to make to our **constitution**.

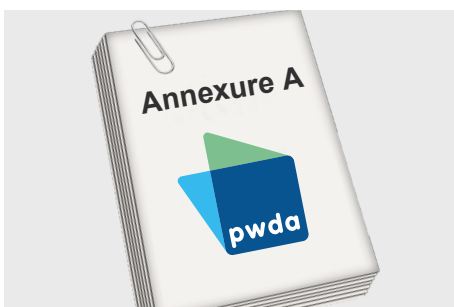
The **constitution** talks about the rules for PWDA.



The constitution is a legal document.

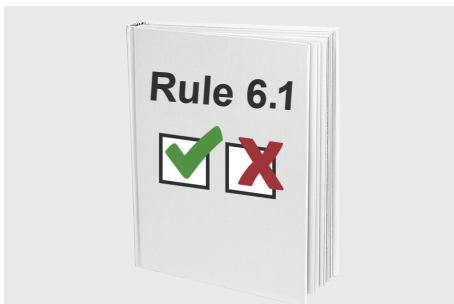


This means PWDA must follow the rules in the constitution.



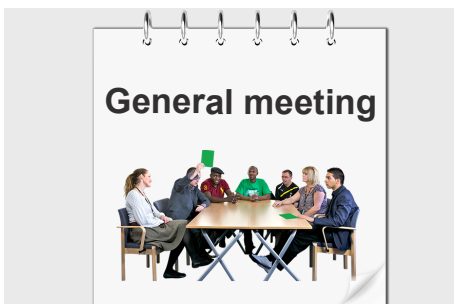
This info sheet is a summary of a big document called **Annexure A**.

Change to Rule 6.1



We want to change **Rule 6.1**.

This rule is about how **general meetings** are run.

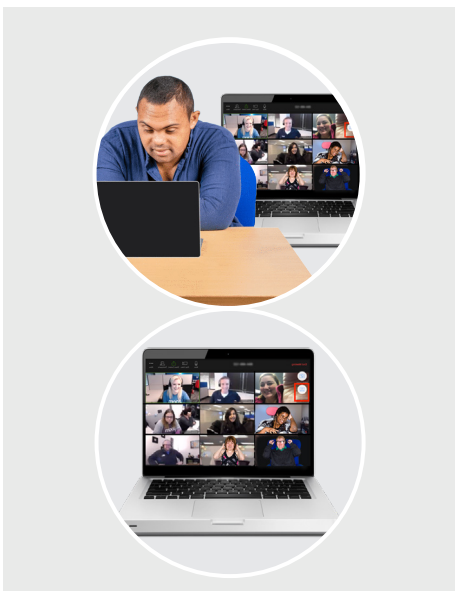


A **general meeting** is where all members of PWDA are invited.

General meetings include the Annual General Meeting.



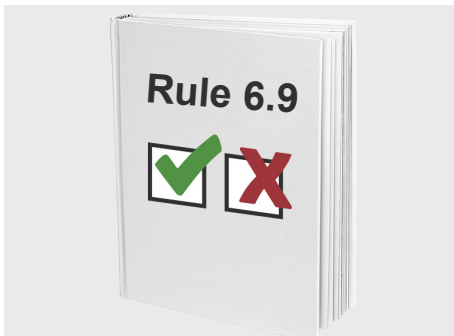
We want it to say that meetings with our members can run in different ways.



These could be

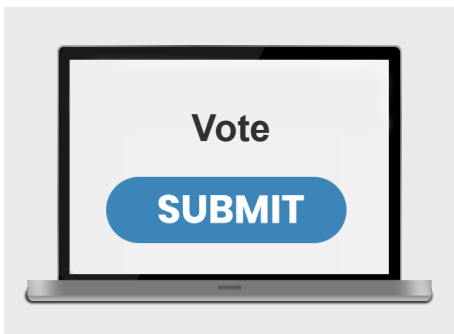
- In person at different places but have the choice for people to join online
- Only online.

New Rule 6.9



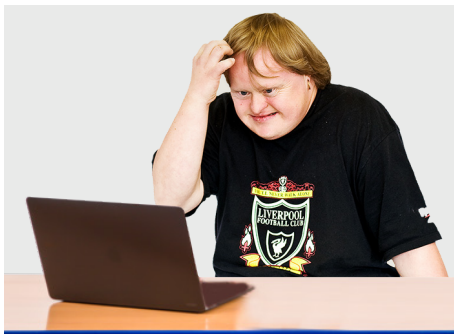
We want to make a new rule.

This will be **Rule 6.9**.

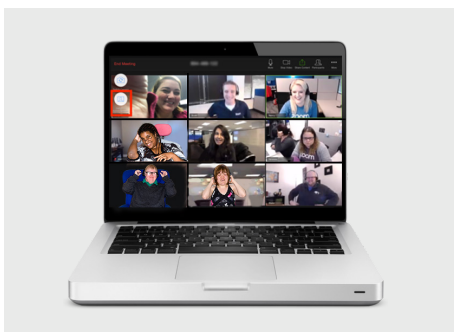


The rule will say that if someone joins a meeting online it is the same as joining in person.

They can vote in the meeting.



Sometimes things go wrong when members join online.



This could be things like members

- Cannot join the meeting
- Drop out from online
- Cannot take part during the meeting.



When these problems happen the chair of the meeting can either

- Stop the meeting
- Keep the meeting going.



The meeting can only keep going if there is a **quorum**.

Quorum is when we have enough people to run the meeting.



At PWDA quorum is 30 people.



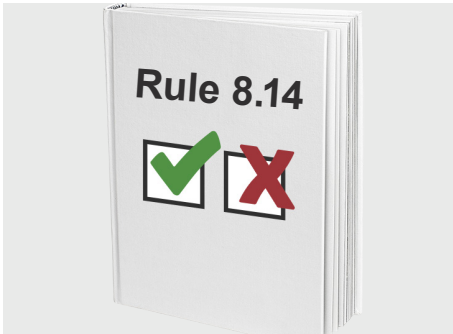
PWDA Directors can make **policies** and **procedures** about how to do online meetings.



Policies are a set of rules that PWDA follows.

Procedures say how to do the things in the rules.

Change to Rule 8.14



We want to change **Rule 8.14**.



This rule talks about the number of presidents and vice-presidents that PWDA has.

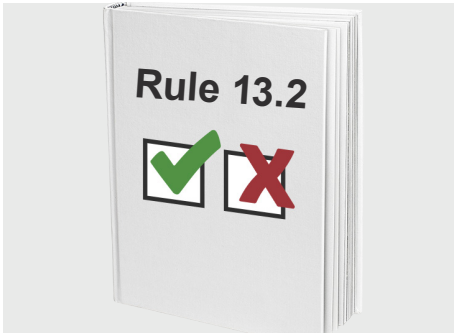


At the moment there is only 1 vice-president.

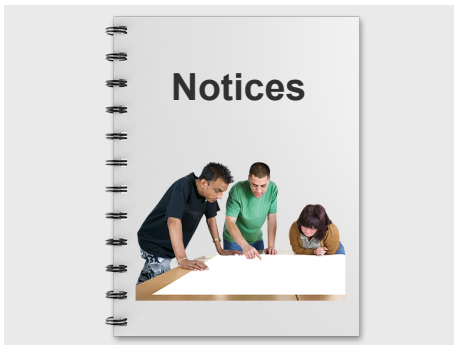


We want to change it so that there can be 1 or 2 vice-presidents.

New Rule 13.2



We want to make a new **Rule 13.2**.



This rule will be about notices we send you.



A **notice** is an important message about PWDA.

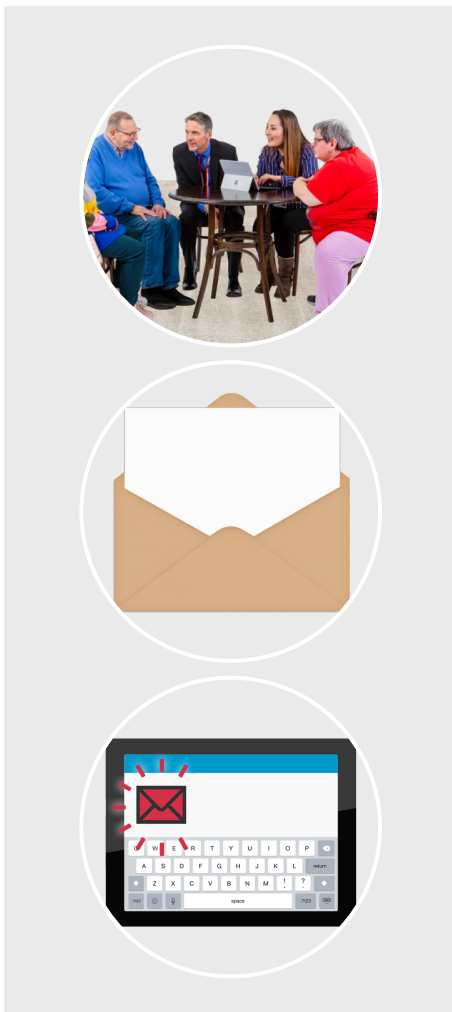


These could be things like a notice that

- Our Annual General Meeting is coming up
- The Board wants to have a general meeting to talk about something important.



There are different ways that you will get a notice.



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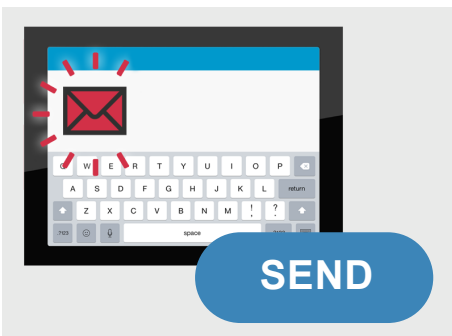
- In person
- A letter in the post
- In an email.



If you get a notice in person we say you got it on the date the person gave it to you.



If you get a notice in the post we say you got it the date after it was posted.



If you get a notice by email we say you got it on the date it was sent.



If PWDA gives you a notice any other way then we say you got it the date after we told you about it.

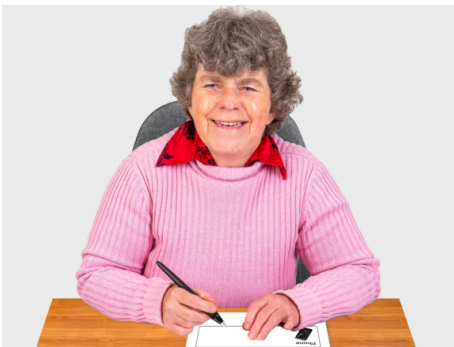
Other changes to the constitution



There are some other changes we would like to make to the constitution.



We would like to fix up some spelling mistakes.



We want to make some small changes to the words in parts of the constitution.



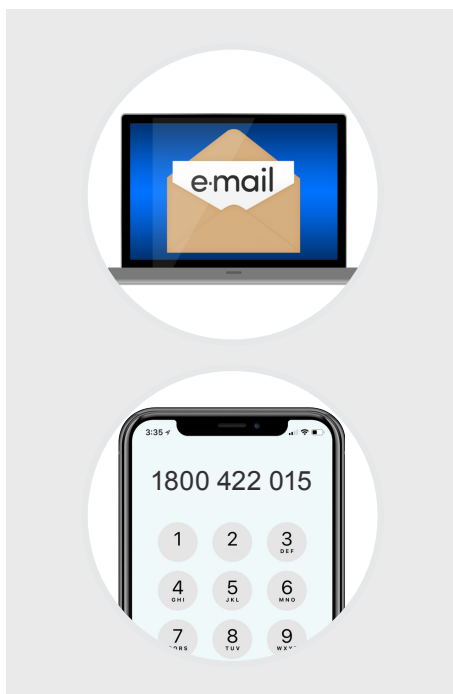
This is so that it sounds ok with the other changes we make to the rules.

For more info



For more information you can look at the bigger document called Annexure A.

It is not in Easy Read.



If you want to talk to PWDA about this info sheet you can

- Email Samantha Connor at **president@pwd.org.au**

- Call her on **1800 422 015**

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