SPECIAL RESOLUTION – PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF NPAQ RULES

NPAQ Rule 14(4) currently excludes a person elected as president from serving in that office for more than 6 consecutive years.

> *Membership of Council*
> *14(4) At every second annual general meeting of the Association, the members of the Council for the time being, except for one half of the number of councillors (see Rule 14 (5)), shall retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election, provided that a person elected as president shall be eligible to serve in that office for a maximum of 6 consecutive years, subject to standing for election to that office every second year.*

NPAQ's current president, Susanne Cooper, was elected President at the NPAQ AGMs in 2020, 2022 and 2024 and will have served 6 consecutive years as President at the NPAQ AGM in 2026. Under the current rules, Ms Cooper would not be eligible for renomination as President at the NPAQ AGM.

NPAQ Council considered this situation at its 24 March 2026 meeting and passed a motion to seek amendment of Rule 14(4) to enable a sitting president to continue in office for more than six years, subject to standing for election to that office every second year.

As per Rule 33(1), the proposed rule amendment requires a special resolution carried at an annual or special general meeting, which will be conducted at the NPAQ Special General Meeting on 21 July 2026.

If passed, the amendment would allow Ms Cooper to be eligible for renomination as President at the NPAQ AGM on 9 October 2026.

Proposed Resolution:
That Rule 14(4) be amended as follows:

14(4) At every second annual general meeting of the Association, the members of the Council for the time being, except for one half of the number of councillors (see Rule 14 (5)), shall retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election, ~~provided that a person elected as president shall be eligible to serve in that office for a maximum of 6 consecutive years~~, subject to standing for election to that office every second year.