The Renal Association

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Location: The Pickering Rosenheim Room of the Jerwood Centre, 5 St Andrews Place, London NW1

Date: Thursday, 24th June 2010

Present: Peter Mathieson – Chair (PM), Donal O’Donoghue, Mark Dockrell, John Feehally, Jill Norman, Robert Unwin, Phil Mason, Patrick Maxwell, Jeremy Levy, Fiona Karet, John Reynolds, Simon Davies, Claire Sharpe, Charlie Tomson

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting (Meeting) of The Renal Association (Association) will be held at the Pickering Rosenheim Room of the Jerwood Centre, 5 St Andrews Place, London NW1 (adjacent to the Royal College of Physicians) on Thursday 24th June 2010 at 5.30pm to transact the following business:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION
1. THAT the Rules of the Association (“Rules”) be amended as follows:
   (i) by the deletion in the first sentence of Rule 12 of the word “three” and the substitution thereof with the word “two”;
   (ii) by the deletion of Rule 23;
   (iii) by the deletion of Rule 28;
   (iv) by the renumbering of Rules 24 to 27 accordingly pursuant to the amendments referred to in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above; and
   (v) by the deletion in the first and second sentences of the first paragraph entitled “President” on page 21 of Appendix 1 of the Rules of the word “three” and the substitution thereof with the word “two”.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS
2. THAT the regulations produced to the meeting and initialled by the Chairman for the purposes of identification be adopted as the Articles of Association in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Articles of Association.
3. THAT Dr Charles Tomson be appointed as President of the Association with effect from the conclusion of the General Meeting to be held on 24 June 2010 for a period of two years, which appointment shall determine at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held in 2012.

1. (PM) welcomed the group and highlighted the following:
2. That it was unusual for a small charity to be in the situation where approval to rule changes has to be given by the general members. PM had been informed by employment lawyers that the vast majority of other charities allow the trustees to make the rules. Deletion of rule 28 would achieve this purpose.
3. Ordinary Resolutions. PM confirmed the proposed changes to the Ordinary Resolution and highlighted that by deleting the two rules (23 and 28), points 24 to 27 would not need to be renumbered.
4. PM confirmed that 45 proxy votes had been received. Of these, 43 supported all of the proposed changes or nominated PM as proxy; one nominated John Feehally as proxy; one agreed with all changes other than the deletion of rule 28.
5. PM requested approval of meeting to make the rule changes and indicated that his own vote and those of the proxies delegating authority to him was in favour of all changes.

6. Approval was given by all in attendance.

7. Special Resolutions. PM confirmed that the proposed new set of articles had been circulated to all members with the notice of the meeting. He requested approval of the document for it to be accepted as the articles of the association, replacing the existing articles. PM also confirmed that the existing articles had been circulated with the notice of the meeting. PM confirmed that the new articles had been simplified and if they were to be adopted they will be more conventional. PM Requested approval. Approval was unanimous by all in attendance.

8. PM confirmed the final special resolution was that Dr Charles Richard Vernon Tomson be appointed as President of the Renal Association taking effect immediately with conclusion of the meeting. PM confirmed that the post was for a 2 year period and that the appointment would terminate at the end of the AGM in 2012. PM requested approval from the group. Approval was unanimous by all in attendance. All congratulated Dr Tomson.

9. PM declared the meeting closed.