

Explanatory note to the revised Constitution.

A number of significant changes are proposed in the revised Constitution:

- 1) The office of Chairman will be deleted. This is to bring the NIBU into line with other 'home' unions which have only one 'senior' position i.e. the President.
- 2) A formal Management Committee will be set up to carry out the day to day work of the Union. This committee will be comprised of the officers and the President.
- 3) The practice of nominating official delegates to the Annual General Meeting will cease.
- 4) Members will be permitted to attend Council meetings as observers and may seek permission to address Council.
- 5) The simplified revised text reduces the level of prescriptive detail in the current Constitution and removes the appendices.

The Council will be comprised of the nominated club members and the officers of the Management Committee. It will be chaired by the President.

The Management Committee will meet as business demands. It will co-opt other members with functional responsibility according to business need.

The business transactions of other sub-committees will be reported directly to Council through the Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary will act as Secretary to all sub-committees including the Selection Committee.

Transition Period.

The current President has a further three years of right in office. However he has indicated a willingness to stand down a year early to facilitate a smooth changeover. The transition sequence therefore will be:

June 2014 – Chairman begins two year period in office. President continues in office.

June 2015 – Chairman and President continue in office. President-Elect assumes office

June 2016 – President-Elect becomes President. President becomes Immediate Past-President.

June 2017 – President continues in office. President-Elect assumes office.

June 2018 – As 2016

June 2019 – As 2017

This revision was requested by the NIBU Council at its meeting on September 12th 2013. Members of the Review Group were C. Burns, M.McFaul (Chair), I. Lindsay, D. Cannell, G. Mackenzie and A. Hill.