

CONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE SOS FRACTURE ALLIANCE

1. The Governing Committee will have a maximum of eleven (11) Members.
2. Six (6) Members will be **elected** by Member Organisations of the SOS Fracture Alliance (hereafter referred to as the Alliance). While serving on the Governing Committee, each Elected Member must be a financial or honorary life member of an Alliance Member Organisation, or of a financial member organisation of an Alliance Member Organisation.
3. Up to five (5) Members may be **appointed** by resolution of the six (6) Elected Members of the Governing Committee. Appointed Members will be selected for the skills and experience they would bring to the Governing Committee and need not be associated with any of the Alliance Member Organisations.
4. Elected Members of the Governing Committee will serve three-year terms, after which they will retire. Retiring Members may be re-nominated and re-elected for up to three consecutive terms without any gap in their period of service. Having served three consecutive terms, such Members may not be re-nominated for election or appointed onto the Governing Committee until at least one year after the end of their third term.
5. Appointed Members of the Governing Committee will serve one year terms and may be reappointed by a further resolution of the Governing Committee without any gap in their period of service.
6. The Governing Committee will fill a casual vacancy in a Governing Committee Elected Member position by way of appointment of a person qualified as in Section 2 for the remainder of the vacating Member's term. A Member appointed to fill a casual vacancy will be deemed to have served a full three-year term on the end date of the vacating Member's term.
7. The Governing Committee will call in writing not less than three months before any retirement will occur, and by way of two different communication channels, for *nominations* of candidates for *election* as Elected Members.
8. Only the governance bodies of Alliance Member Organisations' will have the power to nominate candidates for election as Elected Members. If they choose to do so, they must do so in writing to the Alliance Executive Officer within one month of receiving a call for nominations.

9. The governing body of each Member Organisations may nominate only one candidate for election in any election for Elected Members

10. Elections for Elected Members will be held, and the results declared, not more than three months after the applicable call for nominations was made.

11. Election of Elected members will be by way of preferential voting based on the system used for elections to the Australian Senate. Only the governing bodies of Member Organisations may vote in such elections and each has one vote.

12. Election of Elected Members will be organised by the Alliance's Executive Officer and overseen by two scrutineers, each of whom is a retiring Member of the Governing Committee who has not been renominated. If there are less than two retiring Members, the Committee will select additional scrutineers by resolution.

13. The Governing Committee will elect from its members a Chair, a Deputy Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These Officers will constitute the Governing Committee Executive.

14 Election of Governing Committee Officers will be by way of a secret ballot organised by the Alliance's Executive Officer and overseen by two Governing Committee member scrutineers who are not candidates for election to a Governing Committee Officer position.

15 At any time that half or more Governing Committee member positions have been filled or refilled during a period of four consecutive calendar months, the Governing Committee will declare the Governing Committee Officer positions vacant and proceed immediately to re-elect its Officers.

16. There will not be less than four Governing Committee meetings a year. A quorum for a meeting constitutes of 50%+1 of the Governing Committee Membership.

16. Governing Committee resolutions will usually be made by consensus. Where a consensus seems not possible a vote will be taken. The resolution will be determined by a simple majority of Members present and choosing to vote.

17. The Governing Committee Chair will have the power to cast an additional vote in the event of a tied vote of the Governing Committee.

18. The position of any Governing Committee Member will be declared vacant after they have been absent from three consecutive Governing Committee meetings and an appointment made to fill the vacancy as specified in Section 6.

19. Governing Committee meetings may be held entirely by teleconference or face to-face, or by a combination of the two. Governing Committee meetings expected to last one hour or less will usually be held by teleconference.

20. Governing Committee members will not be remunerated. Reasonable expenses Governing Committee members incur for attendance at Governing Committee meetings will be reimbursed.

21. This Constitution may be amended by way of a resolution of the Governing Committee supported in writing by 75% or more of its Members.

Document Version Management

Version	Date	Log of changes
1.0	25 March 2017	N/A
1.1	01 October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the SOSFA Membership options for organisations to abolish Financial Membership and only have Ordinary Members. Then correspondingly renamed “Nominated GC Members” as “Elected GC Members” • The process for calling for election candidates clarified to be in writing and by way of “official” email addresses provided when Members join/joined. • The process for nominating candidates for election clarified to be in writing to the SOSFA Executive Officer. • The requirement for a direct relationship between Elected GC Members and SOSFA Member Organisations clarified: the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If Member Organisation is an ‘individual person membership’ organisation, Elected GC Member must be a financial member or honorary life member of the Member Organisation. o If Member Organisation is a ‘corporate membership only’ organisation, elected member must be a financial member or honorary life member of a financial corporate member of the Member Organisation. • The voting method amended to not require postal voting and allow for an online electronic election process • The method of counting ballot papers needs to be clarified to adopt the preferential voting and vote counting process used by the Australian Senate.
1.2	20 October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Governing Committee to have maximum of 11 Members with increase of up to 5 Appointed Members • Update of contact details in header