



The SLVYA Constitution

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Purpose of the Presentation

- To acquaint new members on the key elements of the Constitution
- To make recommendations regarding the practice of electing Representatives and Officers



The Objectives of the Association shall be:

- To encourage yacht racing, yacht designing and yacht building.
- To hold regattas.
- To sponsor inter-club and inter-lake racing events.
- To establish and enforce uniform rules for the government of races in which yachts of two or more yachts compete.
- To promoted good fellowship among yachtsmen.



Types of Memberships:

- Club Membership: Open to all clubs in the SLV.
- Associate Membership: A club not in the SLV (entitled to one rep but no voting rights).
- Individual Membership: A member in good standing of Club or Associate Club (no voting rights)
- Life Membership: Anybody the Council chooses (no voting rights).
- Honorary Members: Past President (no voting rights unless still on the Executive).



The Council

The Association is run by a Council which comprises:

- Two representatives from each dues-paying club (each rep with one vote).
- The Executive (each member of which has one vote).



The Executive Committee

Six positions (none of whom shall be Representatives):

- The Honorary President (i.e. the past president)
- The President
- Two Vice Presidents
- The Treasurer
- The Secretary



Committees:

- As many as are needed.
- Headed by a Committee Chair who can also be a member of the Executive Committee.



Current Status:

- Clubs have drifted away from the system of appointing reps.
- The Executive has been chosen from among the Volunteers who have stepped into the vacuum.



Initiatives for 2021:

- Get the clubs who are SLVYRA members re-engaged in appointing Representatives to the Council.
 - *My recommendation is the Club Measurer and the Club Racing Chair be the normally appointed Representatives.*
- Change the Constitution to allow club Representatives to serve on the SLVYRA executive.



Next Steps:

- The SLVYRA president will write to each dues-paying club encouraging their participation in the election of Representatives to the Council.
- Having received such appointees, put forward the recommendation to change the constitution to allow representatives to serve as Executives.
- Use the new process for the election of 2022 executive officers.