

# Motion to allow joint candidacies for Executive positions

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## **This Caucus notes:**

1. This year the AHS has grown considerably (both in terms of membership, and its remit), and is likely to continue to do so, meaning it takes a greater amount of time and dedication to run.
2. Executive Roles are large ones, and as we have seen from past Executive Officers, arguably too large for a single individual to dedicate sufficient time to while still in education, or in full-time employment.
3. That only permitting individuals to run for larger positions (particularly President) means that the potential pool of applicants able to commit sufficient time may be limited to those with the financial means to dedicate a year solely to the role.
4. That permitting co- Executive Officers allows individuals to play a role in the AHS who may otherwise be unable to or unwilling to, meaning that all good candidates are able to run

## **This Caucus believes:**

1. It is unfair, and detrimental to the AHS, to have a structure that prevents individuals from being involved in larger roles due to their personal circumstances.
2. The potential for co-Executive Officers means that a more diverse range of skill-sets and interest areas are present in the team running the AHS.
3. It is simple to solve any practical problems by the co-Executive Officers sharing the single vote of their office, and having clear structures in place to resolve disputes meaning that the balance of power remains the same.
4. That the potential for co-Executive Officers does not negatively affect candidates standing alone, there being advantages to both options, and some roles, either by their nature or size, being better suited to a single Executive Officer. It is for the Caucus to choose what is best for the AHS in each individual case.

## **This Caucus resolves:**

1. To permit joint candidacies for Executive positions, that is, two individuals running together with the intention of sharing the role.
2. That at the first meeting of the Executive, areas of responsibility for each of the co-Executive Officers will be noted by the secretary, any further changes throughout the year will not be deemed valid unless the secretary is informed via email with three days' notice.

## **The following Constitutional amendments shall therefore be made:**

*5.1.1. The President, who shall be chief executive officer of the AHS and shall chair the Executive and the Caucus.*

Shall now read

*5.1.1. The President(s), who shall be chief executive officer of the AHS and shall chair the Executive and the Caucus.*

*5.1.2. The Treasurer, who shall be the chief financial officer of the AHS and shall be responsible for presenting the financial situation of the AHS to any Member Society and at meetings of the Executive or the Caucus.*

Shall now read

*5.1.2. The Treasurer(s), who shall be the chief financial officer of the AHS and shall be responsible for*

*presenting the financial situation of the AHS to any Member Society and at meetings of the Executive or the Caucus.*

*5.1.3. The Secretary, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the AHS and be responsible for recording the happenings at any meeting of the Executive or the Caucus.*

Shall now read

*5.1.3. The Secretary (or Secretaries), who shall be the chief administrative officer of the AHS and be responsible for recording the happenings at any meeting of the Executive or the Caucus.*

Insert new clause in Section 5 after 5.4:

*5.5 Where there are Co-Executive Officers, they shall share the single vote of their office, and function as one Executive member for all purposes*

*6.1.3. The President of the AHS*

Shall now read

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