

## Remit from the Board

To replace the Constitution with the circulated document minus the strikethrough references.

### Background:

At NZDJA AGM 2017 the meeting requested the Board review the current Regional Structure. Due to other matters taking priority this didn't happen that year but at the AGM 2018 the Board undertook to complete this for the 2019 AGM.

### Rationale

The Regional Structure was included when NZDJA was established. It was anticipated that each Region would have an active committee consisting of an elected Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer plus the chairperson of each branch. This has proved to not come to fruition with only a couple of regions having filled positions other than the Chairperson. The Regional Chairperson sits on the Board and acts as a conduit to the Branches so any changes in our constitution need to fulfil the requirement to elect board members.

The proposed constitution amendments retain Regional demarcations allowing members to elect a representative from their region to the Board. It removes any requirements for a regional secretary, treasurer or committee. The majority of the changes, and there are many, are those required to change the Regional Committee structure to that of a single Regional Representative. Other proposed changes are:

1. Changing the Registered office of the Association from the actual address of the Secretary. This will remove the requirement for a constitution amendment every time we have a change of Board Secretary.
2. Changing the demarcation line of Region 4 & Region 5. Currently North Canterbury branch is in Region 4. It makes more sense for this branch to be included in Region 5 which is Canterbury, Otago and Southland.
3. Deleting clause 27. This clause was inserted to allow an Interim Board when NZDJA was first established and this is no longer required.
4. Renumbering the clauses accordingly and renumbering the clause references. This also includes correcting some historical numbering errors.