CASS Constitution Update 2026

The proposed changes including the introduction of an elected Treasurer, clearer separation of financial responsibilities between the treasurer and the event manager, amendments to the management committee and executive structure, and updates in membership, meaning and voting provisions.

Executive Summary of Changes

- Creation of a Treasurer position.
- Stronger financial controls and payment approval processes.
- Electronic attendance at meetings recognised.
- Vice-President references corrected to consistently reflect the Society's existing two Vice-President structure.
- Modernised Code of Conduct.
- Removal of administrative forms from the Constitution.

Key new provisions

- Treasurer role
- Financial oversight framework
- Enhanced payment controls
- Improved financial reporting and accountability

Clause by Clause Mapping

2024 Clause	2026 Clause	Topic	Change Type	Summary
4	4	Definitions	Amended	Life Member definition modernized and references updated.
5	Removed	Interpretation	Removed	Interpretation clause deleted – not in model
9	8	Altering Constitution	Amended	Transitional repeal provision removed – not in model
16	15	Access to Information	Amended	Procedural fairness and alternative lawful action
24	23	Committee Composition	Amended	Treasurer added; two Vice-Presidents consistently recognise (existing practice clarified)
27	Removed	Annual Committee Fee	Removed	Committee-only fee removed
36	34	President & Vice President	Clarification	Constitution updated to consistently recognise two Vice-Presidents
37	35	Event Manager	Major Amendment	Operational and financial duties clarified and strengthened
New	36	Treasurer	New Clause	Creates Treasurer and financial oversight responsibilities
38	37	Public Officer	Amended	Updated references and filing obligations
44-52	43-51	General Meetings	Amended	Electronic attendance recognised; notice provisions updated; update requests for SGM
48	47	Meeting Notices	Amended	Newspaper advertising requirement Removed – not in model
54	53	Funds & Accounts	Major Amendment	Payment authority and controls strengthened
57	56	Common Seal	Amended	Treasurer added; Event Manager removed as witness