

## **Amendment to CPA Constitution and introduction of new rules**

The Committee has, over the past few years, taken decisions on a number of matters which affect members but it has never formalised those resolutions. It is therefore considered that a set of rules should be adopted to capture those matters of direct relevance to members. At the same time the Committee has undertaken a review of the Constitution to ensure that the new set of proposed rules is consistent with the Constitution. In reviewing the Constitution, the Committee has proposed some amendments to ensure it is up to date and is still fit for purpose.

Attached is a draft of the proposed revised Constitution and proposed new rules.

The main substantive changes to the Constitution proposed are:

- (a) a power to suspend members. Currently the Constitution only allows for the expulsion of members. Grounds for suspension/expulsion are proposed, that is to say where the Committee considers that a member conducts him/herself in an unprofessional way. Currently no grounds exist which is considered to be unsatisfactory;
- (b) the power to establish branches for particular geographic areas. This has been extended to include 'groups of members' to expressly recognise the Young CPA;
- (c) the ability for the Committee to make rules from time to time;
- (d) the ability for the Committee to revise the amounts payable as subscriptions from time to time;
- (e) the ability to increase the Committee membership from ten to twelve members and from two to four co-opted members.

The proposed new rules cover:

- (a) The payment of subscriptions, the current rates and how and when payment should be made and the effect of late or non-payment. These are currently matters dealt with in the Constitution which the Committee consider are more appropriately dealt with in the rules;
- (b) Use of the CPA logo;
- (c) Dealing with the media/press.

Proposed resolution: Members are asked to approve the amendments to the Constitution and adoption of the rules.